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Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Anne Littlejohn and Calvin Yang from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session "Monitoring Directories- Demonstration of the Central Valley Monitoring Directory". The webinar will be on Thursday, February 17 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please login 15 minutes early, see the instructions below to join the webinar.

Monitoring Directories- Demonstration of the Central Valley Monitoring Directory
Anne Littlejohn is an Environmental Scientist with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, working in the Agriculture and Surface Water Assessment Unit. Calvin Yang is a Project Assistant with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and has worked at the Regional Board for the last 4 years in the Agriculture and Surface Water Assessment Unit.

This webinar will provide a demonstration of the newly revised Central Valley Monitoring Directory, which is now available to the public at www.centralvalleymonitoring.org. The monitoring directory is a web-based tool developed to help improve the coordination and integration of existing surface water monitoring efforts. The monitoring directory provides access to program details and metadata for current water quality monitoring efforts in the Central Valley watershed (Delta, San Joaquin River, Sacramento River and Tulare Lake Basins). Currently, the monitoring directory has information on 31 programs monitoring at 1,088 sites.

Features that will be covered in the webinar include:
-An interactive map for searching and viewing of monitoring locations and program information.
-Tabbed basin summary tables of programs, agencies, parameters, and sites that interact with the map and are also available to download in Excel format.
-Individual program pages that identify the lead agency and partners; provide links to available contacts, monitoring plans, and data products; and summarize program details (objectives, duration, funding) and metadata (sampling sites, frequency, parameters).
-Password-protected domains as a convenient tool for program managers to enter and update monitoring information.
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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/monitoring_council/collab oration_network/index.shtml

Materials (if available), including past webinars will be posted on the website. The recorded webinars and associated materials are located under 'Monthly Webinars'.

We hope to use this web page to help you network with each other and with the larger monitoring community. So, feel free to give us your ideas on how to make it better. New participants can join the webinar listserv by signing up on the web at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. Enter your email address and name, place a check mark next to "Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network - Webinar Sessions", then click the "subscribe" button.

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Many of us in the water quality monitoring community have been looking for a California forum for sharing our ideas, successes and common concerns. In response to that need, the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is partnering with the Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, the Nonpoint Source Program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to launch a monthly conference call to support the activities of regional monitoring programs.

The Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network began as a voluntary monthly conference call that members of the monitoring community participated in and discussed topics meeting their interests. The conference call format and content varied in response to input from participants and subsequently changed to a Webinar format. Sessions are planned to share technical and support tools for monitoring, assessment and reporting; to encourage discussion on common concerns like information management; and to provide a forum for networking.

It is envisioned that the Collaboration network will help support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.