

## **California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:**

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network, Karl C. Jacobs and Mark Pranger from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session on Using the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). The webinar will be on October 21 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please see the instructions below to join the webinar.

### **Using the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN)**

This Webinar will focus on the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). CEDEN is designed to facilitate the integration and sharing of data collected by many different participants involved in California's water and environmental resources. This webinar is designed to provide a brief introduction to what CEDEN is, resources that are available for submitting data to CEDEN, and a brief tutorial on how to use the CEDEN Advanced query tool to extract data from CEDEN. [www.ceden.org](http://www.ceden.org)

#### **Karl C. Jacobs:**

Karl C. Jacobs works as a technical manager for CEDEN and is a Senior Information Systems Analyst with the California State Water Board, Office of Information Management and Analysis. Karl received his BA from the University of California San Diego, and an MS from California State University Sacramento. Karl has had extensive experience developing and implementing distributed biological information systems, database managements systems including database design, database engine implementation and development of user interfaces for biologist and engineers. Karl's past experience includes development of relational database systems that feature the integration of diverse data types such as fisheries, plankton, benthic, water quality meteorological, toxins, GIS, time series and hydrodynamic data; as well as developing binary (HEC/DSS) databases that store and retrieve time series: meteorological, water quality and hydrodynamic data.

#### **Mark Pranger:**

Mark Pranger works as a data administrator for the Marine Pollutions Studies Laboratory at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. He currently works on database development and data integration for the State Water Board SWAMP program, and both managing and developing the Moss Landing CEDEN Regional Data Center. Mark received his MS in Marine Sciences from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Mark's past experience includes environmental sampling of surface water, sediment and tissue; chemist and laboratory manager for a trace metal clean laboratory. He has also developed computer applications that increased efficiency and reliability of data transfers.

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### **Topic: Using the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN)**

Date: Thursday October 21, 2010

Time: 11:30 am, Pacific Daylight Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

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Materials (if available), including presentations and recordings of past webinars, will be posted on the CWQMCN website and 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.

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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 US Environmental Protection Agency to launch a monthly conference call to support the activities of regional monitoring programs.

The Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network will begin as a voluntary monthly conference call that members of the monitoring community can participate in as topics meet their interests. The conference call format and content will vary in response to input from participants. 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.