

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

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and Department of Fish and Game's Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory's Peter Ode from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session "Ecological Condition Assessments of California's Perennial Wadeable Streams: Highlights from the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program's Perennial Streams Assessment (PSA)". The webinar will be on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please call and login 15 minutes early, see the instructions below to join the webinar.

### **Ecological Condition Assessments of California's Perennial Wadeable Streams: Highlights from the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program's Perennial Streams Assessment (PSA)**

In 2011, SWAMP's Perennial Streams Assessment (PSA) conducted the State Water Board's 12<sup>th</sup> continuous year of probability (statistical) monitoring of California's perennial, wadeable streams. To date, the program has collected biological data (invertebrates, algae) and associated chemical and habitat data from approximately 850 randomly selected sites statewide. These surveys have produced a wealth of data that can and should be used to inform many decisions made by California's water resource agencies.

This presentation will highlight some of the most significant results from the first eight years of PSA and demonstrate ways that these data can go beyond 305(b) and 303(d) applications to significantly improve California's water quality programs. The results presented in this summary represent just a fraction of the potential uses of data generated by these ongoing surveys. As the data set becomes more robust, it will continue to support multiple uses for years to come. We will also present a series of analyses and products planned for the coming year.

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### **Peter Ode**

Peter Ode moved to California in 1995 after completing his graduate work in stream insect ecology and has worked to advance the use of biological indicators in California's water quality agencies ever since. He began working at the Department of Fish and Game's Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory in 1995 (part of the Department's Water Pollution Control Laboratory, WPCL) and now serves as director of the WPCL. Since 2006, he has served as Bioassessment Coordinator for the State Water Board's SWAMP program and also serves as the State's technical lead for the development of statewide biological objectives for perennial streams.

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

We hope to use this webpage 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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