

## California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and Monitoring Council Coordinator Jon Marshack from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session **Introducing the New My Water Quality Web Portal “Are Our Stream and River Ecosystems Healthy?”**. The webinar will be on Thursday, June 28, 2012 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please call and login 15 minutes early, see the instructions below to join the webinar. To fully participate you will need to log in via computer to see the presentation and phone in to hear the presentation.

### **“Are Our Stream and River Ecosystems Healthy?” Water Quality Portal**

Streams and rivers perform numerous functions and provide important services to society. They are the source of much of the water supply for California’s cities, farms, and industries. At the same time, they provide essential habitat for fish and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species as well as commercially important species. The attractiveness of our streams and rivers make them the focus of many recreational activities. They are an important component of the California landscape.

In 2006, the California legislature mandated coordination of water quality monitoring and assessment activities among organizations, both inside and outside California government, and delivery of this information to decision makers and the public via the internet. The Monitoring Council was formed in 2007 by cooperative agreement between the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Agency for this purpose. In 2009, the Monitoring Council released its first two internet portals, *Is it Safe to Swim in Our Waters?* and *Is it Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish from Our Waters?* In 2010 the California Wetlands portal was added. The California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council) has now unveiled its fourth My Water Quality internet portal to connect decision makers and the public with water quality and ecosystem health information. The theme of this new portal is “Are Our Stream and River Ecosystems Healthy?”

The new California Streams and Rivers Portal includes interactive maps and monitoring data that focus on the location, extent and health of the state’s streams and rivers. A novel home page graphic provides insight into the myriad of factors that make a healthy stream. The goal is to make this information as timely and user-friendly as possible.

After its public release in mid-June, view the new portal from California’s *My Water Quality* website, **[www.CaWaterQuality.net](http://www.CaWaterQuality.net)**, under “Are Our Aquatic Ecosystems Healthy?”

### **Jon Marshack**

Jon Marshack has worked for the State of California’s Water Boards since 1981 and has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biochemistry from UCLA and UC Davis and a Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from UCLA. Currently Jon is a Staff Environmental Scientist for the SWRCB’s Office of Information Management and Analysis where he serves as Coordinator for the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. [www.waterboards.ca.gov/mywaterquality/monitoring\\_council](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/mywaterquality/monitoring_council)

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### **Meeting Information**

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Topic: CWQMCN Webinar: Introducing the New Water Quality Portal "Are Our Stream and River Ecosystems Healthy?"

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2012

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

Meeting Number: 742 171 984

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**Collaboration Network at:**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/monitoring\\_council/collaboration\\_network/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.shtml)

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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