



Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program Data Integration and Healthy Watershed Assessments

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- CEDEN
- EPA Waters
- EPA WQX
- USGS NWIS
- NWQMC Water Quality Data Portal



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Data Repositories with associated analytical tools

EcoAtlas for wetlands and other data





Geotracker GAMA for groundwater data

Data assessment and mapping



CWQMC "My Water Quality" Data Portal provides question driven assessments in map, graph and text format.



Our Vision for the Central Coast...

Healthy Watersheds





By 2025:

Healthy Aquatic Habitat - 80% of aquatic habitat is healthy; remaining 20% exhibit positive trends in key parameters

Proper Land Management - 80% of land is managed to maintain proper watershed functions; remaining 20% exhibit positive trends in key parameters

Clean Groundwater- 80 percent of ground water is clean, and the remaining 20 percent will exhibit positive trends in key parameters



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305LHB	Llagas Creek at Highway 152	D	45			
305LLA	Llagas Creek at Bloomfield Avenue	D	58			
305LUC	Llagas Creek at Luchessa Avenue-Southside Drive	С	66			
305MON	Llagas Creek at Monterey Rd	С	66]		
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"Report Card" provides index scores for different data types and access to individual analyte scores. It also provides wiki space for written assessments by staff.



Report Card connects to CCAMP Data Navigator to access data, maps, graphs, summary stats, trend analysis and other statistical tools



Scoring Approach

- Adapted from Canadian Water Quality Index (CCME)
- Requires a threshold
- Magnitude and exceedance components
- Follows report card paradigm

A+	Combined score over 95								
Α	90	to	100						
В	80	to	90						
С	65	to	80						
D	45	to	65						
F	1	to	45						

Outstanding (A+) designation for "Blue Water Streams" that have an overall Index score of 95 or higher.

Scoring at site/analyte level....



Combining Measures into an Aquatic Life Index

Sub-Indices

- Conventional Analytes
- Toxicity
- Biostimulatory Risk
- Metals
- Organic Chemicals
- Biology (bugs, algae)
- Habitat

Integrating Site level data into a spatial assessment of whole watersheds

- Measured data overlaid on modeled data to adjust scoring
- Site scores (including change scores) are attributed to upstream reaches
- Land Use boundaries define spatial extent of scoring

Modeled data from California's Healthy Watersheds (CADMUS) Assessment

FIGURE 35. INSTREAM BIOLOGICAL CONDITION INDEX SCORES.

CADMUS Stream Health Index in the Central Coast Region, using report card coloring paradigm

Central Coast Aquatic Life Index scores and CADMUS Stream Health

Modeled Stream Health vs. Central Coast Aquatic Life Index (from measured data)

Central Coast Aquatic Life Index

Site scores are modifying upstream reaches, overlaid on California HSP "Stream Health" data layer

This versatile tool provides "big picture" assessment and detailed supporting information, on the desktop, to support smart decision-making An Application You Can Use Today: EPA's Recovery Potential Scoring Spreadsheet allows you to select from hundreds of indicators to create Ecological, Stressor, and Social metrics at a HUC12 watershed basis. Additional indicators can be added from locally collected data.

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Recovery Potential provides a way to assess ability to implement protection and/or recovery for streams and watersheds

Stressor Index

To support the Open Data Initiative:

- Build tools with compatibility with other systems in mind
- Provide data transfer tools to move data into a <u>standard format</u> to facilitate tool development
- Focus on high priority applications in support of Water Board programs and decision-making (303(d), 305(b), enforcement, TMDL attainment, etc.). Design with the end in mind!

From our website: Nitrate in the Monterey Area

From our website: Nitrate in the Monterey Area (note arrow icons denoting change).

Change Point Analysis defines probable change points in a time series of data

In this case, a treatment plant upgrade went online in May, 2007

Apply MEQ scoring to data on each side of Change Point to grade (color) two sections of arrow icon

We have found Change Point Analysis to be more useful than traditional trend analysis and are relying on it as our primary change scoring approach.

One Way to Aggregate Change Across Multiple Measures

MEQ Grading Key100 to90

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B	90 to	80	
С	80 to	65	
D	65 to	40	
F	45 to	1	

Before period:Mean (78 + 59 + 85 + 22 + 73 + 88) = 68After period:Mean (41 + 46 + 67 + 41 + 73 + 88) = 59

At the level of the index, the site is getting worse

Report Card Scores for Hydrologic Unit areas

Percent of Hydrologic Unit areas showing improvement (green) or degradation (red) in health scores.

AQUATIC LIFE GOAL: 80% of aquatic habitat is healthy; remaining 20% exhibit positive trends in key parameters

INTEGRATION OF:

I. Multiple data types into a report card assessment of "healthy aquatic habitat"

III. Trends in analytes, indices and spatial areas

II. Site level data and modeled data into a spatial assessment of whole watersheds