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18th Annual California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup Meeting

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California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup

to bring together all entities involved in bioassessment in California, disseminate information on implementing biocriteria and providing a forum for scientific review of protocols used to develop biocriteria in California



California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup

Develop consistent, sound methodological approaches to aquatic bioassessment by:

- (a) defining and testing sets of procedures for sampling aquatic communities;
- (b) establishing reference conditions;
- (c) developing quality assurance and quality control procedures; and
- (d) advancing analytical procedures, such as effective use of appropriate metrics and indices



California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup

- 1994 Established as a forum to communicate and exchange information
- 1995 Finalization of the California Stream Bioassessment Procedures (CSBP)
- 1996 Formulate the process for developing biocriteria in California
- 1997-1999 Provided a forum for updating attendees on bioassessment and gave examples of current projects
- 2000- 20010 Changed format from 3 day workgroup to 2 day platform presentation and panel discussion



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**Now that we are moving to Biological Objectives
and most of the original goals have been reached
the CABW meeting should return to working groups
to discuss and resolve outstanding issues
and provide a training opportunity
for all entities involved with bioassessment**

2011 CABW Meeting



Updates on the SWAMP Statewide Bioassessment Monitoring

**Session 1 – Aquatic Invertebrate and Benthic Algae
Sampling and Physical Habitat Data Collection**

Session 2 – Algae Bioassessment Tools and Implementation

**Session 3 – Aquatic Invertebrate Laboratory Procedures
and Expectations**

Session 4 – Bioassessment Data Entry and Output

**Session 5 – Ambient and Point-Source Bioassessment Data
Interpretation**

Future CABW Meeting



Continue to have updates on SWAMP and bioassessment policy issues

Establish breakout working groups

2011 Session Topics could be workgroups issues

Formulate resolutions or research topics

Develop communication system to disseminate information

There will be a discussion about this at the end of day 2

and, this year's meeting will become a training video

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