

Forum Workshop

Who's Watching the San Joaquin River

Coordinating Water Monitoring on the San Joaquin River

February 14, 2012, 9 am - 4 pm

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358
Sponsored by CURES, EPA Region 9
in conjunction with the Central Valley Water Board

Purpose of Forum Workshop

- To showcase water monitoring and assessment on the San Joaquin River;
- Gain input on "Strawman Proposal for a San Joaquin River Regional Monitoring Program." *Participants are encouraged to review the Strawman Proposal prior to the Forum.*

9:00 -9:10 am **Welcome/ introduction**

Coordinating a Regional Surface Water Monitoring Program
Overview of Strawman Proposal

Parry Klassen
CURES

9:10 - 9:30 **Opening Remarks and Keynote**

EPA Region 9

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Alexis Strauss
Director, Water Division
Pamela Creedon
Executive Officer

9:30-10:30 **Regional Monitoring, Data Management and Assessment**

State Water Resources Control Board

Programs on the SJR, data management

Watershed Assessments by US Geological Survey

Moderated questions; comments on questions
Additional panelist

Karen Larsen
Deputy Director, OIMA

Joe Domagalski
USGS

Nigel Quinn
UC Berkeley

10:30-10:50 **Break; View Posters**

10:50- 12:00 **Federal and State Activities on the San Joaquin River**

US Bureau of Reclamation; SJR Restoration Program

Monitoring and assessment in the restoration reaches

California Department of Water Resources

Managing river flows for water users and the environment

Moderated questions; comments on questions
Additional panelist

Ali Forsythe
Program Manager
Chris Eacock
Monitoring Manager

Ernie Taylor
Regional Coordinator

TBD

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Lunch

Afternoon Sessions

1:15-2:30 **Watershed Compliance Efforts: Conducting Monitoring, Reporting, Using Data**

Grassland Basin Drainers

A comprehensive look at selenium: 15 years later

Joseph McGahan
Drainage Coordinator

San Joaquin River Irrigated Lands Watershed Coalitions

Farm discharges into the SJR and what's being done

Parry Klassen
East San Joaquin
Water Quality Coalition

VAMP: Vernalis Adaptive Management Program

SJR tributaries and coordinated flows for fish

Dennis Westcott
Program Manager

Moderated questions; comments on questions

Additional panelist

TBD

2:30- 3:30 **Insights from Experience**

Panel discussion (previous speakers) on what we've heard; defining next steps

Institutional cooperation; long term funding;

connections with existing programs

Brock Bernstein,
Facilitator

3:30 – 4 pm Audience input and facilitator's closing observations. Thanks from CURES, EPA