

# State of California EPA Designated Ecoregions

This map is to be used to identify the appropriate time period (the index period) to conduct bioassessment sampling (benthic macroinvertebrate) for construction site compliance. Index periods are used to standardize sampling during the most stable flow periods of the year to minimize variation in the biological communities being sampled. These index periods differ in different regions of the state. The index periods defined here are derived from Omernik Level III Ecoregions developed by the USEPA.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INDEX PERIODS (DATE RANGES) ARE DRAFT ESTIMATES**

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- May-July
- June-August
- June-September
- Regional Board Values

