

SWAMP webinars series

What is it?

SWAMP launched a series of Internet accessible trainings (a.k.a. webinars) to increase awareness of the tools and resources available to staff and stakeholders. Anyone with access to Internet access can participate. Webinar presenters deliver material to audiences throughout the state without leaving their office. In 2009, SWAMP delivered eight webinars, which have been recorded for future use. Additionally, PowerPoint presentations containing the pertinent material delivered during the webinars are created and posted on the SWAMP website making the information available for viewing by a larger audience.

Why is it important to the State?

Many of the initial webinars have been about the SWAMP tools that are available to inform monitoring programs and grant-funded project managers on how to partner with SWAMP, how to make their projects SWAMP comparable, how to meet SWAMP comparability requirements for grant projects, which data formats to use, and where to send the data once it is ready to be included with other monitoring efforts occurring in the State to allow for stronger (more data rich) assessments—all important aspects of being collaborative with other groups and frugal with the limited funds for water quality monitoring. The webinars are able to reach a large number of individuals, plus being able to make the presentation available for viewing to those who were not able to participate in the live seminar further extends the outreach effort and the efficient transfer of information and use of funds.

Why is it important to me?

For individuals or groups conducting monitoring, the webinars provide another type of assistance to help prepare a project that can provide high quality, comparable, and compatible data.

How will the information be used?

The eight webinars produced in 2009 will be used to increase awareness of tools and resources available through SWAMP. The topics of these webinars was SWAMP Comparable Program Guidance, Quality Assurance/Control Comparability, Comparability – Data Management Overview, SWAMP and MLML Website Navigation, A New Tool for Water Quality Assessment – Algae as Bioindicators, Contaminants in Fish from California Lakes and Reservoirs, “My Water Quality” Internet Portals, and Invasive Species Management for Water Quality Monitors.

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