



## LOS ANGELES RIVER REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM STATE OF THE WATERSHED REPORT

### What is it?

The Los Angeles River Regional Monitoring Program (LARRMP) was initiated in 2007 as a collaborative effort between the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) and local stakeholders. The Council for Watershed Health oversees management of the program, interpretation of monitoring data, and production of annual reports. In 2012, the Council initiated planning for production of a five-year State of the Watershed Report, scheduled for release in mid-2013. The Council also plans to hold a Symposium in the fall of 2013 to provide local stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss the key findings of the five-year report.



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### Why is it important?

The five-year report will assess the condition of streams in the watershed, focusing primarily on whether it is safe to swim, whether locally caught fish are safe to eat, and whether the watershed supports healthy aquatic ecosystems.

### How will this information be used?

The comprehensive monitoring program results are used by state and local agencies, city managers, and local scientists to assess the condition of surface waters in the watershed, including potential impacts from regulated discharges and other sources of pollution and human activities. In addition to informing the public about the health of its watershed, the monitoring results help

identify areas where additional monitoring or special studies are needed. The results also help managers to focus limited resources on solving the most critical water quality problems in the watershed.

For additional information about the LARRMP, please visit the [Council for Watershed Health website](#).

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