

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.



INDEX PERIODS (DATE RANGES)

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- May-July
- Central Valley Sacramento June-August
- Modoc June-September; North Coast June-August; Sierras June-September
- Regional Board Values

