

SWAMP Safe-to-Swim Study, Labor Day 2008

What is it?

This report presents the findings of a study to assess whether local Central Valley swimming holes are safe to swim in during a popular recreation weekend. The study uses E. coli as a pathogen indicator and presents results from before, during, and after Labor Day weekend, 2008.

Why is it important to the State?

These results provide an assessment of whether Central Valley swimming holes support recreation beneficial uses. The report provides information on local streams, creeks, and rivers that has been used to target follow-up monitoring and bacteria source identification studies.

Why is it important to me?

Using E. coli as a pathogen indicator, the Central Valley Water Board field staff was able to provide information to 21 interested watershed groups as to whether there was any indication that it was not safe to swim in their local streams, creeks and rivers. All the information has been provided to the local departments of public health.

How will this information be used?

This study was designed to assess whether the swimming holes on the streams, creeks, and rivers of the Central Valley are supporting the recreation beneficial use. The information was used to focus a follow-up study in each watershed of concern during June 2009 and is also being used to target monitoring in a bacteria source identification study.



To learn more about this project click [here](#).

Photograph of American River at Sunrise Blvd.