



## Central Valley Monitoring Directory Released (Central Valley Region)

### What is it?

The Central Valley Monitoring Directory is a web-based tool that provides access to program and metadata for existing water quality monitoring efforts in the Central Valley watershed. The directory also allows program managers to enter and update their monitoring information. Currently the monitoring directory has information on 31 programs monitoring at over 1,000 sites. The directory was developed and is maintained by the Aquatic Science Center. Funding for the monitoring directory was provided by the Central Valley Water Board SWAMP and the USEPA.

### Why is it important to the State?

There are multiple monitoring efforts currently underway in Central Valley watersheds, and the directory improves coordination and collaboration among these programs by providing a central location for sharing information about monitoring efforts. This helps state water quality managers identify where monitoring programs overlap and where there is the potential to coordinate in order to maximize resources.

### Why is it important to me?

This directory facilitates the efficient use of state resources by promoting collaboration and reducing duplication of efforts among monitoring programs in the Central Valley. It also performs a service to the monitoring community by providing an opportunity for networking and information exchange for the many Central Valley organizations conducting water quality monitoring. Outreach efforts target citizen monitoring groups to provide training to help them use the directory and input their monitoring programs. The directory helps these groups publicize their monitoring activities and identify other monitoring programs active in their watershed.

### **How will this information be used?**

The Central Valley Monitoring Directory was developed as a tool to help improve the coordination and integration of existing surface water monitoring efforts. The information available in its online portal will be used by the Central Valley Water Board and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to locate information about monitoring efforts in the region, and to improve new and existing monitoring programs. For example, the directory is currently being used to inform the development of the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (See related Delta RMP report [link]).

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