



## MALIBU CREEK REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM

### What is it?

Planning is underway to develop a comprehensive regional monitoring program (MCRMP) to assess the condition of the Malibu Creek Watershed. This will be a collaborative effort between the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) and local stakeholders. We hope to initiate the MCRMP in 2013.

### Why is it important?

Many local stakeholders already conduct monitoring programs within the Malibu Creek Watershed; however, these monitoring programs are not well coordinated, resulting in duplicative efforts and inefficient use of limited monitoring resources. In addition, some key monitoring components are not being addressed effectively, such as whether it is safe to swim and whether locally caught fish are safe to eat. Based on the success of regional monitoring programs in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds, development of a comprehensive monitoring program for the Malibu Creek Watershed would better inform the public about the health of its watershed and provide critical information to managers required to solve existing water quality problems.

### How will this information be used?

State and local agencies, city managers, and local scientists are expected to use the monitoring results to assess the condition of surface waters in the watershed, better regulate permitted discharges and other sources of pollution, and identify areas where additional monitoring or special studies are needed.

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