

A Symposium on SEZ Restoration Project Monitoring in the Tahoe Basin: Are we getting the information we need?

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Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, Incline Village, NV



Restoration of Third Creek, Incline Village, NV

The enhancement and restoration of stream environment zones (SEZs) is an integral part of the Tahoe Basin Environmental Improvement Program. Between 1997 and 2007 government agencies have provided more than \$25.6 million for the restoration and enhancement of approximately 739 acres of wetland habitat in the Basin. These restoration investments are motivated by the desire to make changes that restore habitat conditions and ecological functions and improve water quality. Effectiveness monitoring tells us if these changes have occurred as planned and, if supported over the longer term, whether these changes are sustained.

Workshop Objectives:

This workshop will explore the approaches and techniques agencies have used to assess the effectiveness of SEZ restoration projects. The workshop objectives are to:

- Consider past projects and examine the approaches used to assess the effectiveness of SEZ restoration projects, and identify lessons learned
- Learn about assessment techniques from outside the Tahoe Basin, and their strengths and possible weaknesses
- Consider proposed frameworks for planning and monitoring the effectiveness of SEZ restoration projects
- Consider how agencies can account for the changes resulting from SEZ restoration by linking project-level monitoring to methods for tracking basin-wide benefits

Who Should Attend?

Managers and staff of land and resource management agencies, regulatory agencies, local government, and public utility districts, representatives of environmental and business organizations, consultants, scientists, and any interested public.

On-Line Registration:

Please register [here](#) by **November 6, 2009**. Registration is free but required and limited to the first 150 people. For registration information contact Jill Falman at (775) 881-7566 or jcfalman@ucdavis.edu. For workshop content information, contact Zach Hymanson at (775) 881-7561 or redfir@sbcglobal.net or Jonathan Long at (775) 881-7560 x 7482 or jwlong@fs.fed.us. Detailed agenda to follow.

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