

WATER QUALITY MONITORING EFFORTS AND RESOURCES IN OUR REGION

Arcade Creek - Mira Loma High, creeks as outdoor classroom - part of International Baccalaureate Program <http://www.arcadecreekproject.org/> This award-winning program has been ongoing for many years.

Minnesota Creek - Waldorf High starting up a program in 2008/2009.

Strawberry Creek - Calvine High - ongoing creek studies program that includes WQ testing twice yearly

<http://www.egusd.net/calvine/Activities/WWMD1008/index.htm>

<http://www.egusd.k12.ca.us/calvine/Activities/0804Splash/splash08.html>

<http://www.egusd.k12.ca.us/calvine/Activities/07wwmd/index.htm>

<http://www.egusd.k12.ca.us/calvine/Activities/Splash07/splash07.html>

South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)

<http://www.syrcl.org/whatwedo/whatwedo-riverscience.asp>

This is the most active citizen monitoring program currently ongoing in the region.

Laguna Creek Watershed Council <http://www.lagunacreek.org/>

Executive Director, Greg Suba, would like to start a volunteer monitoring program.

\$10,000 to \$15,000 would be needed to start such a program.

Department of Water Resources Sacramento County Stormwater Quality

<http://www.sactostormwater.org/>

The Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership Monitoring Program conducts monitoring activities to assess and characterize the impacts of urban runoff discharges, identify sources of pollution, and assess the overall health of local creeks and rivers. For more information about the Partnership's monitoring program, please visit

www.sacramentostormwater.org/SSQP/monitoring.asp

World Water Monitoring Day is a month-long program that begins every year on September 18. Basic water quality testing can be done by all ages.

<http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/>

Globe: <http://www.globe.gov/r> is an international program.

They also have a program specific to watersheds.

<http://www.globe.gov/projects/watersheds>

This program does not currently include water quality testing.

Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP): This is a California state program. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/

Anne Littlejohn at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is the local SWAMP contact person. ALittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council membership includes citizen monitors, none from the Sacramento area.

The Watershed Education Summit <http://www.watershedsummit.org/> is a great example of a successful event/annual monitoring campout up in El Dorado County.

U. S. Forest Service makes its technical manual available on-line at http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/publications/water_resources/sci/techguide-v5-08-2005-a.pdf This manual contains a wealth of information that can be used by educators that are developing or upgrading a creek studies program. Protocols and data sheets can be modified to the appropriate level.

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/

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http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/index.cfm

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