



The Calaveras River Watershed Management Program

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The Calaveras County Water District (CCWD), in cooperation with Stockton East Water District (SEWD), is currently conducting Phase II of the Calaveras River Watershed Management Program (CRWMP). Phase I, which was funded by a Prop 204 grant, included a field assessment, stakeholder/technical advisory group formation and completion of the plan. Phase I was completed in April 2002.

Phase II, Baseline Water Quality Monitoring, is being funded by a CALFED Prop 13 grant and is currently underway. Our consultant, Tetra Tech, Inc., began sampling 25 sites on the upper and lower Calaveras in late May 2003 and will continue to sample for one year. Phase II also includes citizen monitoring training, which is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2003.

Both CCWD and SEWD have proposals pending for implementation of Phase III of the plan. CCWD will concentrate our efforts in the upper watershed - primarily above New Hogan Reservoir. It is likely that SEWD will concentrate on the lower Calaveras. There is an overlap area in Calaveras County that extends from New Hogan Dam to the Calaveras/San Joaquin County line. Extensive fishery studies are currently being conducted through a collaborative effort by SEWD, CCWD, DWR, State Fish & Game, and USFWS in the area from New Hogan Dam to the confluence of the Calaveras and San Joaquin Rivers.

At the conclusion of Phase I of the CRWMP, CCWD & SEWD produced three informative 3' x 5' "storyboards," which chronicle the formation of the CRWMP. The storyboard titles describe their purpose:

Board 1: "Working Together to Manage Our Resources"

Board 2: "Collaboration Success: Development of a Watershed Management Plan Through Stakeholder Involvement"

Board 3: "Looking to the Future - Where Do We Go From Here?"

Electronic files of the CRWMP Phase I, the monitoring plan for Phase II, and .pdf file representations of the storyboards are available on CD.

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