



USDA-CSREES
National Water Conference
Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop
Sparks, NV
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Putting it All Together – Using Data to Tell the Story
Agenda

Description:

Well designed monitoring programs have clear goals for their data – whether it's building a solid water quality database for future trend analysis or documenting a pollution source in the watershed. And while state agencies' monitoring goals are typically to assess and report on a water body's health, volunteer monitors tend to be more interested in 'protecting' or 'improving', or just 'making a difference' in their favorite waterbody – in other words – they are action oriented. Therefore, many volunteer monitoring programs spend a significant amount of time and effort trying to get decision makers, stakeholders and the general public aware of the condition of those waterbodies and to take action. Presenting complex water quality information in an effective, relevant way that stimulates interest and action will be the focus of this interactive workshop.

- 8:00 AM Welcome and introductions (Linda Green)
- 8:10 AM What's the Score? Developing Metrics and Indices (Linda Green)
- 8:40 AM Presenting Data Effectively (Elizabeth Herron)
- 9:10 AM From the Trenches – Tips and Tools for Effective Presentations (Kris Stepenuck)
- 9:40 AM Facilitated Discussion – What works? What doesn't work? What tools, training or other resources are needed to help volunteer monitoring programs get their information out?