

## 2012 PROGRESS REPORT

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### Healthy Streams Partnership (HSP)

#### **HSP Mission**

The Healthy Streams Partnership (HSP) is devoted to monitoring and assessing the quality of California's stream and river ecosystems and bringing the resulting information to decision makers and the public via the Internet. A major intent of the HSP is to promote the protection of California's healthy streams and the restoration of threatened and impaired streams by informing resource management perspectives, decisions and actions.

#### **HSP Accomplishments in 2012**

In 2012 the HSP:

- Launched the [Healthy Streams Portal](#) to present information about the extent and condition of California's stream and river ecosystem resources. The portal makes information from statewide monitoring programs such as the [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#)'s Bioassessment and Stream Pollution Trends Monitoring Programs available to other agency water quality and resource protection programs.
- Participated in the USEPA's [Healthy Watershed Initiative](#) (HWI) California Project. USEPA is funding a multi-metric assessment to identify California's healthy watersheds. Data and project guidance are being provided by California's Healthy Streams Partnership. When completed, the results of this effort will be made available through the Healthy Streams Portal.
- Coordinated with the Central Coast and San Diego Regional Water Boards in their efforts to begin developing indices of overall stream and river condition and displaying their regional monitoring data in a report card format.

#### **Plans for 2013**

In 2013, the HSP plans to:

- Continue to improve and update the Healthy Streams Portal with new and pertinent information.
- Display the results of the HWI project in California on the Healthy Streams Portal.
- Apply the results of the HWI to support related efforts such as the development of a statewide [biological objectives policy](#).
- Continue to support development of regional watershed report cards and encourage integration of regional efforts into a statewide approach.
- Work with other agencies and programs to identify partnership opportunities and implement collaborative projects.
- Participate in the multi-workgroup effort to evaluate the [California Aquatic Resources Inventory](#) (CARI) map and mapping standards.