



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS Annual Conference

April 22-23, 2009

The Pines Conference Center
Bass Lake, California

Building Partnerships to Leverage Technical & Financial Resources

Successful Partnerships and Important Lessons to Share

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RETURNING THIS YEAR ! CPESC and CPSWQ TRAINING and EXAMS

Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ) Training Sessions are being offered on Wednesday, April 22. CPESC and CPSWQ Exams are offered on Thursday morning, April 23.

2 hours of CPESC and CPSWQ Professional Development Units (PDU) offered.

Room Reservations Information

Make your room reservations at *The Pines Conference Center at Bass Lake* by calling 1-(800) 350-7463 or (559) 642-3121 or via Fax: (559) 642-3902. A block of rooms will be set aside for SWCS. When calling for reservations, identify yourself as being with the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The SWCS group room rate is **\$94.00** plus tax for Single Chalets with one king bed or Double Chalets with two queen beds. We suggest you book your lodging at *The Pines* no later than April 13th.

The Pines Chalets provide two-story convenience and comfort with kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, cable TV, linens, cookware and dishes. Most have fireplaces. All 84 Chalets have private decks with picnic tables and small barbecues.

Central California Location

Nestled in the Sierra National Forest at a sparkling clear 3,400 feet in elevation, *The Pines Conference Center at Bass Lake* is only an hour's drive from Fresno and just 14 miles from the entrance to Yosemite National Park. The Pines Conference Center is located east of Madera near Oakhurst just off Highway 41. From Madera go east on Highway 145 and then north on Highway 41. From Fresno, go north on Highway 41.

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Preliminary Agenda

April 22 – Wednesday 40th Anniversary of EARTH DAY

8:00 am Registration; Poster and Exhibit set-up

TRACK 1 - CPESC & CPSWQ EXAMS

8:30 am CPESC Training (all day)

Instructor: David Franklin, CPESC, Western Chapter IECA, Sacramento, CA

8:30 am CPSWQ Training (all day)

Instructor: Eric Berntsen, CPSWQ, Western Chapter IECA, Sacramento, CA



TRACK 2 – PLENARY SESSIONS

Lunch and Keynote Speaker

12:00-1:15 pm Welcome – Lisa Hokholt, President - CA-NV Chapter SWCS

Keynote Address “Power Partnering”

Gayle Norman, Deputy State Conservationist - California NRCS

1:15–1:30 pm BREAK

Plenary Sessions 1 - Successful Partnerships: Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Erik Beardsley, President-Elect, CA-NV Chapter SWCS

1:30-2:20pm Successful Partnerships: Lessons Learned Panel Series:

THE KINSMAN FLAT WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Kinsman Flat Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project is a project of the State of California’s Department of Fish & Game and managed in partnership with the Coarsegold Resource Conservation District to reverse the trends of habitat decline and to mitigate effects of long-term fire suppression. This 512-acre oak and pine woodland near North Fork provides winter range and habitat for bear, mountain lion and badger, among many other wildlife species and their associated ecosystems. Cost-share assistance, donations and technical assistance for this project were provided by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, DFG, California Deer Association, CRCD, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Presenters/Panel Members

Tom Wheeler, President – Coarsegold RCD

Rob Roy, District Conservationist – NRCS Madera Service Center

Tim Kroeker, Biologist – California Department of Fish and Game

TBA, National Wild Turkey Federation

Plenary Session 2 - Successful Partnerships: Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Dave Rose, Director – CA-NV Chapter SWCS

2:20-3:10pm ***DIVERSIFYING CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS IN NON-TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES***

Members of the California NRCS Civil Rights Committee will showcase ways in which NRCS leads and supports strategies for insuring that conservation assistance is provided by a diverse workforce and delivered to its diverse clientele throughout California. Learn who may have specialized expertise and resources to share so that you can more successfully reach and work with non-traditional customers. The panel discussion will showcase successes and challenges and encourage interactive audience learning.

Presenters/Panel Members:

Selected Members of California NRCS Civil Rights Committee

Lisa Hokholt, California NRCS State Outreach Coordinator

3:10-3:30pm **Break**

Plenary Session 3 - Successful Partnerships: Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Bill Daily, Director - CA-NV Chapter SWCS

3:30-4:20pm ***CLEAR LAKE SAGE GROUSE RESTORATION PROJECT***

Partnerships between U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, California Department of Fish and Game, U.C. Cooperative Extension, and private entities have transformed a task that would be otherwise impossible into a comprehensive and practical landscape-level planning approach that is resulting in effective conservation of the Greater Sage Grouse, a candidate endangered species. A conservation area encompassing about 200,000 acres of private and public lands incorporates an array of grazing management and other practices to enhance wildlife habitat and rangeland health.

Presenters/Panel Members:

Peter Townley, Klamath Basin Watershed Team Leader – NRCS Yreka Watershed Office

Patty Gerald, Biologist – Siskiyou National Forest

Marc Horney, Rangeland Management Specialist – NRCS Yreka Watershed Office

Plenary Session 4 – Successful Partnerships: Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Mark Steffek, Coordinator – North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development Program

4:20-5:10pm ***THE ARAUJO DAM REMOVAL PROJECT***

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A partnership between ranchers and conservationists has brought to reality a plan some two decades in the making - removal of a small dam on the Shasta River, historically one of the Klamath Basin's most productive spawning and rearing grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon, trout, and steelhead. California's Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources, along with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, local ranchers and others teamed up to design and install in-stream rock and weir structures and associated pipelines and pumping plants to provide the area's irrigation needs while enhancing water quality and seasonal upstream and downstream fish passage.

Presenters/Panel Members:

Amy Hansen, Project Manager - Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Peter Townley, Klamath Basin Watershed Team Leader – NRCS Yreka Field Office

6:00-7:00 pm Networking Reception with Poster Judging and Exhibit Viewing

Please join us for networking, meeting new friends, and building or strengthening your partnerships!

7:00-9:00 pm Awards Program, Networking and Officer Installation Dinner

- Scholarship and Awards Presentations
- Installation of SWCS Chapter Officers and Executive Council Directors
 - **CA-NV Chapter SWCS Business Meeting**

April 23 – Thursday

7:00-8:30 am SWCS Chapter Executive Council and Committee Chairs Breakfast

TRACK 1 - CPESC & CPSWQ EXAMS

Proctor: Eric Berntsen, CPESC & CPSWQ, Western Chapter International Erosion Control Association

8:30 am EXAMS - Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) & Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ)

11:30 am Break for Lunch

12:30 pm EXAMS - CPESC & CPSWQ - Continued

2:00 pm Conclusion of Exam Period

April 23 – Thursday

TRACK 2 – PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary Session 5 - Successful Partnerships Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Andrea Casey, District Conservationist – NRCS Colusa Service Center

9:00-10:15am ***MOU Between National Association of Conservation Districts, National Association of State Foresters, NRCS and the US Forest Service:
EXAMINING AND OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION***

Presenters:

Dave Martin, US Forest Service - Bass Lake District Ranger

Rob Roy, District Conservationist – NRCS Madera Service Center

TBA, National Association of State Foresters

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10:15-10:30am **Break**

Plenary Session 6 - Successful Partnerships Lessons Learned Panel Series:

Moderator: Lisa Hokholt, Past-President, CA-NV Chapter SWCS

10:30-11:45am ***LEADERSHIP ROUND-UP***

***SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS THAT CAN “MAKE OR BREAK”
PARTNERSHIPS***

Presenters:

Gayle Norman, Deputy State Conservationist - California NRCS

Ken Trott, Acting Director - Office of Agriculture & Environmental
Stewardship, California Department of Food & Agriculture

Tom Wheeler, President - Coarsegold RCD

California NRCS Assistant State Conservationists for Field Operations
(Areas 1 – 4)

11:45 am **Conference Summary and Adjournment**

Erik Beardsley, President, CA-NV Chapter SWCS

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REGISTRATION

Name: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State & ZIP: _____
 Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fees:	Pre-registered*	After April 8	Student
Please CIRCLE the appropriate amounts			
SWCS Member	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$75.00
Non-SWCS Member	\$175.00	\$200.00	100.00

Conference registration includes the Wednesday Luncheon, Social Session, & Dinner

Other Fees:	Pre-registered*	After April 8	Student
Wed Luncheon**	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Wed Dinner **	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Wed CPESC or CPSWQ Training & Thurs Exam ***	\$240.00	\$275.00	\$100.00
Thurs Exams Only ****	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

* For Registrations received by April 8, 2009 ** For Registrant's Guest(s) or for a Student

*** This is a separate charge from the conference registration – conference registration not required.
 Includes Training Workbook and Wednesday Luncheon.

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Registration Fee -----→ \$	Do you plan to take the CPESC training? ____ Y/N Do you plan to take the CPESC Exam? ____ Y/N Do you plan to take the CPSWQ training? ____ Y/N Do you plan to take the CPSWQ Exam? ____ Y/N
Other Fee -----→ \$	
TOTAL -----→ \$	

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