

STORMWATER...

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

Call for Abstracts



CASQA 2019 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 6–9, 2019

Monterey Conference Center
Monterey, CA

The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) welcomes your abstract submission for our 2019 Annual Conference being held in Monterey from October 6–9, 2019.

Please visit the [CASQA website](#) for complete abstract submission information.

Important Dates

- Abstract submittal deadline – **Monday, May 20, 2019**
12:00 Noon, PT
- Email notice of selection/non-selection – **July 1, 2019**
(expected)

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“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

JANE GOODALL

Looking back over the last 30 years, it was in 1989 that a few early champions of California’s stormwater community banded together to form the California Stormwater Quality Task Force. The Task Force quickly emerged as the cutting-edge statewide stormwater collaborative organization, bringing together stormwater professionals to help members achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act while improving the efficiency and effectiveness of stormwater management. As the stormwater regulatory arm reach broadened, so did the needs of the California stormwater community. To help meet these growing needs, the Task Force organized and formed the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) in 2002. CASQA continues to be a leader in stormwater and is committed to seeing stormwater managed as a vital component of California’s water resources, to support human and ecological needs, to protect water quality, and to restore our waterways.

Looking forward into the next thirty years and beyond, it is vital to not only be stewards of our waters, but to also be mentors for the next generation that will continue to protect and enhance our waterways for future generations. As an organization, CASQA will foster sustainable solutions to our water quality challenges, incorporating the best science and technologies to promote the health and viability of our natural waters.

Join over 1,100 stormwater practitioners and 60 exhibitors for 3 days of important training and discussions in Monterey, California from October 7–9, 2019 as we both look back and look forward on *Why We Do What We Do*.

Important 2019 Updates to the Abstract Submittal Process

This year we are pleased to announce that we have opened up our abstract submittal process beyond technical presentations and posters, to also include submissions for 3-hour training workshops and 55-minute panels, forums, and roundtable discussions. The Conference Program track teams will review all submissions regardless of type.

There are now two different abstract submittal online form links on the [conference website](#) depending on the type of presentation format for which you are submitting. Definitions of the types are also provided on the website.

To further integrate the conference, we have chosen 11 tracks that will be incorporated in the program for all three days of the conference, regardless of the abstract/session type.

Submission Requirements and Guidelines

To be considered, the abstract (4,000 characters maximum including spaces) must concisely describe the presentation and format proposed. Abstracts must be relevant to the conference theme and the track to which submitted. The abstract itself is the sole basis for selection. Abstracts must meet all CASQA Abstract Submission Requirements.

Abstract submittal will require the completion of the following accompanying information (not included in the 4,000 character limit):

- The title of the abstract
- The type of presentation proposed (e.g. technical presentation or training workshop)
- Proposed conference track(s) (e.g., Sustainability)
- Contact information for the primary presenters
- Name and organization of contributing author(s) for technical presentations and posters
- Speaker biographies (100 words)



The conference program schedule is slightly changed this year and will feature the plenary session and a half day of in-depth training workshops (October 7) and two full days of concurrent presentations (October 8 and 9). The major tracks for all presentation formats are outlined below and are described in more detail on the CASQA website.

Construction and Post-Fire Response

This track will focus on proven strategies to resolve construction issues, innovative BMPs and controls, challenges and solutions to site management and cost controls, resolving monitoring and sampling issues, and dealing with the challenges of linear utilities and overhead best management programs. Additionally, this track will explore innovative post-wildfire response.

Funding and Finance

This track will address stormwater program and infrastructure funding and financing, including asset management, its role in full stormwater program integration, and different funding and financing mechanisms that may be available to the regulated community.

Industrial

This track will highlight all things industrial, such as pollutant source assessments, exceedance response action levels, monitoring, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and Clean Water Act citizen lawsuits.

Legislation, Policy, Permitting, Legal

This track will provide a forum for updates from regulators, discussions of future policy and legislative initiatives, examples of innovative ways that regulatory obligations can be met, and updates from legal experts.

Monitoring, Science, and Data Management

This track will highlight innovations in monitoring, data collection tracking, stormwater geographic information systems (GIS) and emerging science and technologies related to pollutants of concern and advances in watershed planning and modeling.

Municipal Program Implementation

This track will focus on the challenges and solutions to implementing a municipal stormwater program for both Phase I and Phase II agencies and cover emerging issues for municipalities such as post-fire stormwater management response and transient encampments.

Outreach and Education

This track will share experiences creating and implementing innovative stormwater outreach campaigns, building community to foster a sense of stewardship, using social media as an outreach tool, reaching school-age children with programs in/out of the classroom, and measuring effectiveness.

Stormwater Infrastructure and Natural Waterways

This track will highlight examples of physical infrastructure for improving stormwater runoff quality, protection of natural channels from hydromodification, prevention of flood impacts to property, recharge of groundwater supplies, and rainwater harvesting and focus on pilot studies, design lessons learned, operation and maintenance challenges/solutions, and adaptability after installation.

Sustainability

This track will look at sustainable practices, legal requirements, opportunities for collaboration, and programs that connect stormwater and other environmental sectors. Important topics such as water supply, water rights, groundwater recharge, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) planning, energy, watershed management, resiliency planning, and climate change will be discussed.

Total Maximum Daily Loads Development and Implementation

This track will highlight the science that goes into developing TMDLs, the challenges of complying with TMDL-based requirements, and ways in which different parties to a TMDL can come together on implementation.

Trash

This track will incorporate topics relevant to the Trash Amendments, such as full trash capture BMP implementation, monitoring methods, reporting, and demonstrating compliance under Track 2. Related topics will include source identification, effective and sustainable solutions, data comparability, micro-debris, and relationships between trash and other potential pollutants.



Primary Speaker, Panelist, Poster Presenter Information

Please view the [CASQA conference website](#) for specific information including:

- Consent for posting presentation materials on the CASQA website
- Substitution of primary speakers
- Eligibility for the speaker registration discounts
- Registration waiver for speakers attending only the session in which they are speaking

Additional Conference Information

Conference information may be found in the Annual Conference section of the [CASQA website](#):

- **Registration** – Not yet open
- **Hotel Reservations** – Open now
Special conference hotel rates have been arranged at three hotels:
 - Marriott Monterey
 - Portola Hotel & Spa
 - Hotel Abrego

Availability and rates can be viewed at:

<https://mmxreservations.com/fer#/MontereyCVB?pageCode=CASQA2019>

A limited number of State of California or federal employee rate rooms are available and access must be requested following the instructions on the [CASQA website](#).

- **Continuing Education** – Will be confirmed after agenda is posted
- **Agenda** – To be posted July 2019

Please contact CASQA at info@casqa.org or leave a message at (650) 366-1042 for prompt answers to your questions.

Join CASQA CASQA is a non-profit professional member association dedicated to the advancement of stormwater quality management through collaboration, education, implementation guidance, regulatory review, and scientific assessment. Regular or affiliate membership in CASQA is open to organizations and individuals in the stormwater field, whether holders of NPDES permits or not. *If you are not currently a member, by joining now, you can receive substantial reductions on the 2019 conference as well as receiving all the other benefits of membership (newsletters, downloadable products, quarterly meeting discounts, etc.).* CASQA membership provides substantial benefits, even if you are based outside California.

