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ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

CASQA 2021 Virtual Conference
October 26–27, 2021

The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation, poster, panel, or training workshop to be considered for inclusion in the 2021 CASQA Conference.

Please visit the CASQA website for complete abstract submission information.

Important Dates

- **June 14, 2021**
  12:00 Noon, PT
  Abstract submittal deadline

- **Week of August 2, 2021**
  Email notice of acceptance/rejection

www.casqa.org

Call for Abstracts
Abstract Submittal Process

The Call for Abstracts is open to 20-minute technical presentations, posters, 60-minute panel discussions, and 2-hour or 3-hour training workshops, based on the five abstract submission categories described on the following page. Definitions of each presentation/session type are provided on the CASQA website Abstract Submittal page. All sessions will be conducted live and will not be pre-recorded.

There are two different abstract submittal form links, one for technical presentations and posters, the other for panels and training workshops.

Submission Requirements and Guidelines

To be considered, the abstract must concisely describe the presentation and format proposed. Abstracts must be relevant to the conference theme and the category/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 maximum, including spaces):

- The title of the presentation, poster, panel, or training workshop
- The type of presentation proposed (e.g. technical presentation or training workshop)
- Proposed conference category (e.g., Program Implementation)
- Name, job title, organization, and contact information for the submitter, the moderator (panels and training workshops), and all the panelists and/or speakers
- Name and organization of contributing author(s) for technical presentations and posters

“Resilience is not bouncing back from adversity, but bouncing through it.” – LARAE QUY

Now, more than ever, resilience is vital as we deal with a changing climate and more extreme wildfires, floods and droughts, recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and shifting governmental priorities, among other issues. For stormwater management, there are so many necessary ingredients in the mix to attain sustainability—we need forward thinking policies, appropriate and achievable permits, environmentally sound solutions, sufficient funding, good science, public awareness and support, collaboration on improved solutions, and opportunities, like the CASQA conference, to share all our best ideas and lessons learned. Join us, submit your abstracts, and share your knowledge and experience as part of the 2021 CASQA Conference program—we look forward to hearing from you!

– TANYA BILEZIKJIAN AND SHARON GOSSELIN
2021 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS
Track Development

Track development for the 2021 CASQA Conference will be different from prior years. Abstracts are encouraged to be submitted under the four Guiding Principles of the CASQA Vision for Sustainable Stormwater Management, along with an additional category for topics that may expand beyond the four main categories. The intent is to create a more inclusive call for abstracts, without limiting topics due to pre-determined track themes.

After the close of the abstract submittal period, tracks will be developed based on the submissions. We want to hear about your ideas and interesting projects related to stormwater, regardless of whether they explicitly tie to an abstract submission category.

Abstract Submission Categories

1. Program Implementation
   This category is focused on projects and programs that use stormwater as a resource, protect water quality and beneficial uses, and efficiently minimize pollution. Topics may be related, but are not limited to, municipal, industrial, or construction programs; monitoring; BMP design and implementation; trash; source control; planning; or any other element of stormwater program implementation.

2. Permits, Regulations, and Legislation
   This category is focused on stormwater permits, regulations, and legislation needed to focus on effectiveness and desired outcomes that support sustainable stormwater management. Topics may include, but are not limited to, permit renewals; 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.

3. Public Education
   This category is focused on public awareness and understanding required to support sustainable stormwater management. Topics may include, but are not limited to, sharing experiences creating and implementing innovative stormwater outreach campaigns; building a stewardship ethic in communities; using social media as an outreach tool; reaching school-age children with programs in or out of the classroom; and measuring effectiveness.

4. Funding
   This category is focused on financial investment required to achieve sustainable stormwater management. Topics may include, but are not limited to, stormwater program infrastructure funding and financing, both public and private; and asset management.

5. Additional Topics
   This category is intended to capture topics outside of the four Guiding Principles of the CASQA Vision for Sustainable Stormwater. Examples include, but are not limited to, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); scientific studies; new technologies; emerging contaminants; data management/GIS; and modeling.
Primary Speaker, Panelist, and Poster Presenter Information

Please view the CASQA website for specific information including:

- The maximum number of speakers or panelists
- Consent and specifications for posting presentation materials on the CASQA website
- Substitution of primary speakers
- Eligibility for a speaker/panelist registration discount

Additional Conference Information

- Registration Opening Dates
  - General Attendee: June 2021
  - Speaker/Panelist/Poster Presenter: Early August following speaker notifications
- Continuing Education – Will be confirmed after agenda is posted
- Agenda – Will be posted August 2021

Join fellow stormwater practitioners and exhibitors for two days of important virtual training and discussions from October 26–27, 2021, as we look forward with this year’s theme:

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