

San Joaquin River Restoration Tour

(Field Trip)

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The San Joaquin River was the focus of one of the most contentious legal battles in California water history related to providing instream flows for fish. A 2006 settlement between the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Friant Water Users Authority led to creation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

This two-day, one-night tour explores the challenges and controversies related to the settlement and restoration activities, especially in a year of extreme drought. The tour is co-sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region, CH2M Hill, ESA and Turlock Irrigation District.

Speakers from key governmental agencies and stakeholder groups will explain the restoration program's goals, its progress and challenges, and its implementation in a time of extreme drought.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Central Valley Project operations
- Fishery restoration goals, current program activities and timeline
- Flood management planning and seepage issues
- Construction of fish screens and fish ladders
- Agricultural diversions and bypass control structures
- Interim flows and impacts to agricultural lands
- Various agency roles in restoration
- How water allocations have been affected by the drought

Tentative stops include:

- Friant Dam
- Skaggs Bridge
- Chowchilla Bifurcation and Canal
- Mendota Pool
- Sack Dam
- Sand Slough Control Structure
- Merced National Wildlife Refuge
- Hills Ferry Barrier on the Merced River

This fast-paced tour will begin and end at the Holiday Inn Fresno-Airport at 5090 E Clinton Way beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5. After traveling from Fresno downstream to areas of the river that are part of the settlement activities, tour participants will stay overnight in Los Banos. The second day the tour will continue down the San Joaquin River to the confluence of the Merced River before returning to the Holiday Inn at approximately 6 p.m. on Friday, November 6.

Early bird registration – \$525 for single occupancy or \$475 each for double occupancy (two people sharing a room) until October 5. After that, prices will increase to \$555 and \$505, respectively. Registration fee includes all tour meals, hotel accommodations on November 5, tour transportation, bus snacks and drinks and materials. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Fresno.

All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings. Substitutions are allowed through Nov. 2.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at www.watereducation.org/tour/san-joaquin-river-restoration-tour-2015

or call Dan Scott at the Water Education Foundation 916-444-6240 with any questions