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**Watershed Management Workshop
Focuses on San Joaquin River**

FRESNO -- Cooperating with the academic world to advance understanding of water and watershed issues, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is co-sponsoring a January 22-26 class at California State University, Fresno entitled, "Working at a Watershed Level."

The watershed management course will feature presentations on watershed ecology, field trips, case studies, and discussions of the hot topics of water quality and quantity.

The San Joaquin River will be the focus of the class, which was developed by a consortium of federal and state agencies, local governments and private organizations to improve watershed training.

"We're very excited about bringing people together to talk about the San Joaquin," said Kevin Faulkenberry, a DWR engineer. "The goal is to get everyone up to speed on the current state of the river and what future trends look like so we can tailor our cooperative planning and management program accordingly."

In addition to Faulkenberry, DWR personnel actively supporting the workshop course include Deputy Director Jonas Minton and Paula Landis, Chief of the Department's San Joaquin District in Fresno and a graduate of California State University, Fresno. Minton will participate in a panel discussion entitled, "Watershed Planning: Problems and Opportunities."

In addition to DWR, sponsors of the class include the San Joaquin River Management Program, San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and California State University, Fresno.

The course is designed as an introductory-level training program for watershed group coordinators and members, agency staff, consultants and others addressing watershed issues and carries one unit of college credit. For more information, call the CSU Fresno Geology Department at (559) 278 3086 or visit the workshop Web site at <http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/workshop/index.html>

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