

Long-Term Stewardship of Wetland Mitigation Sites

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Two-hour audio Web broadcast

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Land trusts and other conservation organizations often take over the long-term stewardship responsibilities for wetlands, streams, and other aquatic resources that are restored, enhanced, created, or preserved as compensatory mitigation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Before taking on such responsibility, these organizations should be well armed with the skills necessary to navigate the Section 404 program. This Webcast will discuss the basics of the Section 404 program as well as the basics of compensatory mitigation, including mitigation policy, mitigation methods, and mitigation mechanisms. Speakers will also provide an overview of the roles and risks of becoming involved in mitigation. Finally, speakers will provide a review of methods to evaluate stewardship tasks, calculate an adequate long-term stewardship endowment, and guarantee long-term funding.

Instructors:

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Rebecca Kihlslinger is a Science and Policy Analyst at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC. Dr. Kihlslinger has an extensive background in marine research and has published on the effects of hatchery rearing practices on salmon development and the behavior of marine animals including bat rays and steelhead trout.

Deborah Rogers, Center for Natural Lands Management

Deborah Rogers is the Director of Conservation Science for the Center for Natural Lands Management, a nonprofit based in California. Dr. Rogers' research has focused on the genetic diversity of native plant species and better understanding how to conserve that diversity to support adaptation and species longevity. She also founded and directs the Monterey Pine Forest Ecology Cooperative, a nonpolitical forum for transferring scientific information to management and regulation of coastal California forest ecosystems. Her expertise on these topics has been valued internationally and she is an Associate Editor of the *Native Plants Journal*.



The Watershed Academy

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Questions?

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