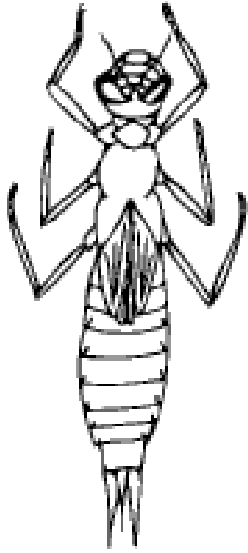


Bioassessment season is here!



The Contra Costa County Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program is gearing up for the 2009 Bioassessment season! Each year, volunteers wade into local creeks across our county, collecting aquatic insects to assess water quality and biological habitat. Monitoring the diversity and abundance of these benthic macroinvertebrates helps to determine the biological integrity and overall health of our watersheds. Bioassessment surveys provide volunteers and regulators a cost-effective method to monitor water quality over time, identify possible pollutant sources, and focus restoration efforts.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we will be holding half-day training sessions on April 4th (Saturday) and April 5th (Sunday). Even if you have volunteered before, there will be something for everyone! Interested individuals need only attend one day. Advanced registration is required for the trainings and for sample dates. The deadline for registration is March 25th. Registration forms are available online at: <http://cocowaterweb.org/get-involved/monitoring/bioassessment>. Please

contact Michelle Luebke at mlueb@cd.cccounty.us or 925-335-1315 for more information.

Hope to see you in the creeks!

