



Yosemite Science Forum – Research Related to the Merced River

May 13, 2011: Science Forum II

Yosemite Lodge – Garden Terrace

The purpose of this spring Science Forum is to report status update or results of the scientific studies that were commissioned to address specific issues pertaining to the Merced River Plan. This will serve as a follow-up to the Science Forum that occurred on December 3, 2010.

Merced River – Science Forum II		9:00am – 2:00pm
9:00am – 9:20	Welcome and thoughts about the role of science & Introduction of Moderator	Joe Meyer Division Chief, Resources Management and Science (RMS)
9:20-9:40	<u>Status Update:</u> Comprehensive Geologic Hazard and Risk Assessment	Greg Stock Geologist, RMS Division
9:40-10:00	Water Supply Impacts Assessments for Yosemite Valley and Wawona	Jim Roche Hydrologist, RMS Division
10:00-10:20	Yosemite Valley Merced River Condition Assessments	Jim Roche Hydrologist, RMS Division
10:20-10:30	<u>BREAK</u>	
10:30-10:50	A Preliminary Assessment of Meadow Conditions in the Merced River Corridor	Liz Ballenger Ecologist, RMS Division
10:50-11:10	Special Status Plant Species in the Merced River Corridor	Alison Colwell Botanist, RMS Division
11:10-11:30	Wildlife Special Status Species	Steve Thompson Wildlife Biologist, RMS Division
11:30am – 12:30pm	<u>LUNCH</u>	
12:30-12:50	Historic Resource Survey for El Portal	Dave Humphrey Historical Landscape Architect, RMS Division
12:50-1:10	Baseline Data Collection in the Three Archeological Districts of the Merced River Corridor	Emily Darko Archeologist, RMS Division
1:10-1:15	<u>BREAK</u>	
1:15-1:35	Integrating Transportation and Visitor Use Research	Henrietta DeGroot RMS Division
1:35-1:55	Modeling Transportation and Visitor Use Components	Henrietta DeGroot RMS Division
1:55	Wrap-up, and preview of upcoming planning milestones	Kathleen Morse Division Chief, Planning