

California Riparian Systems Conference Proceedings Due

"Protection, Restoration, and Management for the 1990s" was the title of the second in a series of California Riparian Systems conferences, held in late September 1988 at U/Cal, Davis, and attended by more than 800. Numerous familiar faces from the 1981 conference and many new ones as well, all reflected the enthusiasm for riparian concerns that continues to grow in the West.

Emphasis this time was on helping resource managers understand how these habitats function as systems, and on bringing people up to date on efforts in California and the West to restore riparian environments where they have been lost. Urban streams caught much attention, as did the protection and restoration of habitat for a number of threatened and endangered animals that live in the riparian zone.

Participants showed special interest in a session relating channel geomorphology to riparian conditions and in a pair of sessions dealing with the effects of diversion from mountain streams on riparian systems. Other sessions included managing riparian systems in forested lands and on rangeland streams and integrating public and private interests.

The NPS Rivers and Trails Technical Assistance Program in the Western Region was among the more than 20 conference sponsors.

About 100 of the papers will be published in the Proceedings, due in early 1989, in the General Technical Reports series of the Pacific Southwest Forest and

Range Experiment Station, USFS, Berkeley. Address requests for copies to Dana Abell, Technical Coordinator; Information Services Section. USFS-PSW, PO Box 245, Berkeley, CA 94701. The first printing will be distributed free. Riparian publications go fast, so an early request is recommended.

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