



# An Ecological Framework for Reviewing Compensatory Mitigation: How Interests in Property May Affect Mitigation Projects

**Compensatory Mitigation Webinars Series** 



### WEBINAR AGENDA

### Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)

#### Presentations (1.5 hours)

- Understanding and Addressing Real Property Interests for Successful Site Protection and Financial Assurances
  - Paul Loftus, District Counsel for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District (30 minutes)
- How Water Rights Drive Aquatic Resource Mitigation in the West
  - Kara Hellige, Senior Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Durango Colorado Regulatory Office for the Sacramento District (30 minutes)
- Factors Affecting Cost and Feasibility of Mitigation Projects
  - Robin Bedenbaugh, Wetland Restoration Ecologist and Senior Project Manager with RES (30 minutes)

**Questions/Discussion** (20 minutes)



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- Compensatory Mitigation Webinar 9: An Ecological Framework for Reviewing Compensatory Mitigation: How interests in property may affect mitigation projects - 2/20/20
- Wetland Regulatory Capacity Building Webinar: Introduction to Wetland Program Plans (2/21/20)





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### Today's Presenters







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### Moderator: Marla J. Stelk Association of State Wetland Managers



# Goal of This Webinar

To address how other interests in property (easements, liens, licenses, and rights like water, mineral and timber) may affect a project's likelihood of success.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to identify potential conflicting property interests.
- Understand how property interests may affect a compensatory mitigation project.
- Learn about potential approaches to address property interests.



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### **Questions/Discussion**

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