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Adaptive management workshops

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The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project's Public Participation team (PPT) is holding three upcoming Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM) "Best Practices" workshops.

The workshops will be held:

★ 1-4 p.m., Feb. 14

★ 1-4 p.m., March 14

★ 1-4 p.m., April 18

All meetings will be held at the Yosemite Gateway Realtors' office, 4029 Junction Drive, in Oakhurst. Because of the many public lands management efforts happening, the team is offering these workshops to share what it's learned from five years of collaborative efforts. These workshops will serve as a chance to review the many tools and skills the team has found useful in their work as well as providing an opportunity to hear what has worked, or not worked for others, thereby consolidating the facilitation skills within the many groups involved in working together in this area.

Dr. Kim Rodrigues, Academic Personnel Executive Director from the UC Cooperative Extension office in Davis, will be present to help build a common language to support adaptive management, share tools to prevent problems and provide interventions to support success when challenges arise. Rodrigues' doctoral thesis was at the core of the development of SNAMP's public participation efforts and she has been their lead facilitator. PPT and UC Cooperative Extension have developed training modules for all levels of natural resource management staff and stakeholders interested in developing these skills.

The workshops will be three hours long and will cover topics such as stakeholder analysis, agenda building, listening as an ally, the decision making process, identifying constraints, reconciling differences and reducing conflicts. Participants will get a chance to discuss concepts, share experiences, practice methods and refine the skills needed to pursue effective adaptive management.

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