

# **Volunteer and attend the ESA/SER Joint Annual Meeting for Free**

## **August 5–10, 2007 San José, California**

### **Ecological restoration in a changing world**

How do we set goals for ecological restoration, and how can we address its success? Insights from paleoecology, long-term studies, and ecological modeling all show ecological systems to be fundamentally dynamic, with trajectories of change that may not be easily predictable. Even without considering human effects on ecosystems, there is no simple definable baseline; the “natural state” is a moving target. The picture is complicated further by the persistent and increasing effects of anthropogenic climate change and the long history of human land use. New scientific insights call for more sophisticated consideration of the goals and standards of restoration and, perhaps, of conservation of natural systems generally. What ecosystem attributes are to be restored, conserved, or preserved? How should these priorities be informed by ecological research? How can we assess the effectiveness of restoration?

### **Scientific Program Features:**

The scientific program, chaired by ESA Program Chair Kerry Woods and SER Program Chair Bill Halvorson, will include:

Plenaries • Symposia • Special Sessions • Organized Oral Sessions  
Contributed Oral Sessions • Poster Presentations • Workshops

A variety of scientific field trips in the San José region are being arranged by the Local Host Chair, Rachel O'Malley, and the Local Host Committee.

Student Volunteers are needed to provide a broad range of onsite meeting support. In exchange for 14 hours of service, each will receive a full refund of meeting registration fees after the meeting.

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