

## 2024 RIPARIAN RESTORATION CONFERENCE

# RESTORATION FOR THE FUTURE:

*Promoting resilience in our rivers and communities*

RIVERSEDGE WEST'S BIENNIAL CONFERENCE  
MARCH 5 -7, 2024 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### JOIN US FOR OUR 21ST RIPARIAN RESTORATION CONFERENCE

RiversEdge West invites you to share your work with the riparian restoration community at our 21st Riparian Restoration Conference (RRC) — one of the leading riparian restoration conferences in the West.

The proposed topic(s) should address the theme of the conference, **Restoration for the Future: promoting resilience in our rivers and communities**. How can we support climate resilience in riparian restoration work? How can we ensure that restoration work has lasting impacts that benefit both ecological and human communities? The topic(s) should be novel, timely, and interesting to a broad range of riparian restoration land managers and/or scientists. Applications that incorporate innovative approaches, community engagement, applied science, best management practices, analyses of riparian restoration, and/or lessons learned are strongly encouraged.

### POTENTIAL TOPICS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

#### CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

*How can we adapt restoration responses such that they are more likely to be successful in a rapidly changing climate? What tools, experiences, and monitoring can we use to develop climate-adapted stream and riparian restoration?*

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*How has involvement from local community members and entities impacted restoration work? What challenges and successes have come from community engagement in restoration? How can we ensure that our work supports our local communities? How can we successfully engage with people in our communities?*

#### RESTORATION DETAILS

*What restoration techniques are proving effective or ineffective? How are you timing weed treatments and plantings? What pre and post restoration data monitoring are you collecting and why?*

#### WILDLIFE & RESTORATION

*Does restoration create quality aquatic and riparian habitat for wildlife? As we look to the future, what are the key challenges and opportunities for restoring riparian and aquatic habitat? What are our goals for ecological communities in and around rivers?*

#### REVEGETATION

*What native riparian plants are you finding to be the most successful in your restoration projects or research? E.g. sourcing, successes, failures, alternatives, genetics of effective cultivars.*

#### LESSONS LEARNED & FAILED PROJECTS

*What have we learned from past riparian restoration experiences? It is much easier to discuss successes but we may learn even more from our failures. What worked and what did not? What could have been done better? We want to hear about those lessons and experiences.*

#### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MONITORING

*What technology/tools/guides/research is out there to make restoration tactics and monitoring of results more efficient and effective?*

#### DIVERSE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

*How do you engage First Nations, ranchers, farmers, businesses, community leaders, and/or elected officials throughout the life of your project and beyond?*

#### POLICY, LEGISLATION & FUNDING

*What policy and legislation is needed to better support restoration in the West? What is missing?*

ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 1, 2023.  
ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2024.

# ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Email your abstract(s) in a Word Document to [Ncook@Riversedgewest.org](mailto:Ncook@Riversedgewest.org)  
by October 1st following the abstract template below:

## Title

Size 12 Calibri font, bold, centered, title case (e.g. Capitalize the First Letter of Each Word)

## Author Name<sup>1\*</sup>, Author Name<sup>2</sup>

Size 11 Calibri font, centered. Note the presenting author(s) with an asterisk after their last name, all authors should be accompanied with a superscript linking to their contact information in the subsequent line. For multi-author abstracts, place an asterisk only next to the person(s) who will be presenting. First and last name required, no middle initial.

## Affiliations

Size 10 Calibri font, justified left. State the Organization/Company Name, City/Town, State/Province, Country; Email Address  
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## Abstract Content

Size 11 Calibri font, justified left.

Please begin with a concise statement of the topic and end with a substantive conclusion about what major takeaways attendees will learn from this presentation or session.

- Please italicize Latin species names.
- Spell out acronyms.
- If you are suggesting a session topic, include potential speakers, affiliations, and contact information for each presenter

## Abstract Type

Please indicate: 1) whether you would like this considered for an oral or poster presentation (or both), and; 2) what session topics best suit your presentation.

# EXAMPLE

Title of Conference Presentation, Session, or Poster

First Last Name<sup>1\*</sup>, First Last Name<sup>2</sup>, and First Last Name<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Organization/Company Name, City/Town, State/Province, Country; Email Address

<sup>2</sup>Organization/Company Name, City/Town, State/Province, Country; Email Address

<sup>3</sup>Organization/Company Name, City/Town, State/Province, Country; Email Address

Abstract content here.

\*Denote presentation type (oral/poster), format (PowerPoint, field demonstration, site tour), and appropriate session topics.

## MORE INFORMATION

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Please do not submit an abstract if you are not confident that you will be able to attend the conference (or present virtually) and make the presentation. Cancellations impose a serious burden on the Conference Committee and negatively impact the overall quality of the program. If your presentation has been accepted but extenuating circumstances prevent you from presenting in-person or virtually, we ask that you attempt to find another individual to make the presentation and notify us of this change as soon as possible. If your abstract is accepted, you will receive additional information regarding presentation logistics and guidelines.

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TERMS

All presenters are required to register for the conference before January 15, 2024; acceptance of an abstract does not imply funding for registration or travel. Upon confirmation of participation, abstracts will be published on the conference web page unless otherwise noted.

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Most oral presentations will be 20 minutes in length (15 minutes for your presentation with 5 minutes for questions). Please note that the length of each presentation is subject to change.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations are strongly encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions and active participation of co-authors. There will be a dedicated poster session on Wednesday, March 6th in addition to the posters being displayed throughout the duration of the conference. The abstract deadline for poster presentations is January 1, 2024.

### SYMPOSIA

Symposia are comprised of a series of presentations that address aspects of a single topic. Organizers can request sessions that are 5 or 10 talks in duration. Each talk is 20-minutes. Symposia may include panel discussions as part of their session. Symposia are scheduled to run concurrently with other conference sessions. Attendance is open to all conference registrants. You may suggest your preferred format (e.g. multiple presentations surrounding a specific theme, panel discussion, workshop) for symposia/session structure.

### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel discussions are a forum for interactive discussion of a topic among a panel of experts and an interested audience. Typically, a panel of four to eight speakers makes introductory remarks. The audience is then invited to make comments and question the panel. Panel discussions are scheduled for 100 minutes and will run concurrently with other conference sessions. Attendance is open to all conference registrants.