Discussion Questions

Challenges to Ecosystem Restoration

Discuss these questions with a friend, or record your own thoughts in your science journal.

1. Of the different impacts to California's water supply listed by Larry Smith, which do you think are the most important and why?

2. Many of the causes of watershed damage are a result of human activities that otherwise benefit society--for example, mining can bring economic benefits to a region and urban development creates places for a growing population to live.

   Pick one of the environmental threats Larry Smith describes. How do you think this threat could be diminished while still offering the societal benefit created by the cause of the threat?