

# **Linda Fernandez**

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## **Economic Valuation Techniques**

### **Biography**

Linda Fernandez is Assistant Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics at University of California, Riverside. Her research focuses on economic incentives for public and private protection of water, aquatic habitat, and other environmental resources. Currently, she conducts research on national wetlands policy, incentives to manage offshore fisheries in the presence of offshore oil mining, cost-benefit analyses of fuel alternatives and pollution control on international borders such as the U.S.-Mexico border. She received her PhD from UC Berkeley.

### **Presentation Abstract**

Economic valuation techniques are presented with empirical examples from coastal California and the East Coast. Specific ecosystem functions and values are estimated with explanation of the type of data necessary for the estimation. Additionally, a review of how such values have been used to implement policies to protect aquatic/submerged lands and wetlands is provided.