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DWR's Edmonston Pumping Plant Will Host Kid's Fishing Event on May 8

About 150 grade school youngsters from Bakersfield will enjoy a special fishing event on Thursday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., courtesy of the Department of Water Resources.

DWR's Edmonston Pumping Plant will be the scene of "Hooked On Fishing," an event designed to teach kids how to fish and use water safely for recreation.

Third- and fourth-grade students from three Bakersfield elementary schools will be special guests. Schools participating are Almondale, Rio Bravo and Centennial.

"DWR's 'Hooked on Fishing' is a neat opportunity for these youngsters to learn how to fish and to become water safe, skills they can use this summer," said Tom Madden, event host and DWR tour guide at the Edmonston Pumping Plant.

Activities will include: catch and release fishing, instruction on how to safely bait a hook, handle fish and tie knots, as well as water safety. Also, lunch and refreshments provided by the local business community, will be served.

"DWR's 'Hooked on Fishing' encourages children to engage safely in wholesome outdoor activities and to play safely in water," said Madden. The event is one of many scheduled during May by DWR as part of "Water Awareness Month".

The Edmonston Pumping Plant, located at the foot of the Tehachapi Mountains, is the largest pumping facility in the State Water Project. The plant lifts water from the California Aqueduct nearly 2,000 feet up and over the Tehachapis into Southern California.

Water Awareness Month reminds California residents of the importance of water in our daily lives.

Water is essential to California's quality of life, economy and environment.

Water Awareness Month dramatizes the need for careful management of California's water resources. Water supplies are a finite resource and precipitation is uncertain from year to year. Water needs continue to grow.

DWR operates the State Water Project, largest State-built multipurpose water project in the nation. The water project delivers water to many areas of need, supplying water for agriculture as well as cities.

At the Edmonston Visitors Center, you can view pictures, graphic wall displays and videos of the State Water Project. To visit the center and tour the plant, appointments are required. For more information on the visitors center, call (805) 858-5509.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs. The State Water Project provides water to two-thirds of California's population.

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