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**DWR Announces Catch a Special Thrill  
for Kids Event at Castaic Lake**

Sacramento -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the CAST for Kids Foundation will sponsor a day of fun and fishing on Saturday, October 6, at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area.

The "Catch a Special Thrill" (CAST) event will run from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the California State University Northridge Aquatic Center on the lower lake. Volunteers will teach 31 disabled and disadvantaged youth how to fish from a boat. Kids will also learn the ethics of fishing and how to care for the lake environment. Volunteers come from state agencies, the CAST foundation and the community.

Many groups and local businesses have helped to make this special event possible. Additional sponsors for the event include, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Police Department, Coffee Stop Drive Thru, Friends of Castaic Lake, Gallion's Corner Market and Gas, Lakeside Marine, Castaic Lions Club, Luv'n Donuts, SunCal, Sun Country Marine, LAUSD-Division of Special Education, City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita Valley Special Olympics, Eagle Claw, PLANO Tackle Systems and local franchises of Lennar Homes, Ralph's Grocery, Starbucks, Sports Chalet, ZEBSCO, and Wal-Mart.

In 2004, DWR, DPR, DBW and DFG signed a Memorandum of Agreement to provide a framework to create a partnership between the CAST Foundation and the State of California. The goal of this partnership is for the state to support the CAST program and expand opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged youth to use and enjoy public land and water throughout State Water Project recreation facilities.

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