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DWR Announces ‘Catch A Special Thrill’ for Kids Event at Brannan Island SRA

SACRAMENTO – Disabled and disadvantaged young persons will enjoy a day of Delta fishing and recreation on Saturday, May 31 under sponsorship of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and other agencies.

Co-sponsored by the “Catch A Special Thrill” (C.A.S.T.) for Kids Foundation, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 40 children will boat onto Delta waters for a morning of fishing with top local anglers after receiving their own fishing rods, reels and tackle boxes. A BBQ luncheon and awards ceremony will follow at Brannan Island State Recreation Area in Sacramento County.

In addition to recreation, C.A.S.T. events teach disabled and disadvantaged children and young adults about boating safety and the preservation of natural resources.

Saturday’s participants from nearby schools were referred by local organizations including Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and Easter Seals.

Local sponsors include American Land & Leisure, California Conservation Corps, Kiwanis International, Raley’s, Starbucks, Nestle Waters, Walmart, Steiner Prints, and Bass Pro Shops.

Assemblyman Jim Frazier (District 11) is scheduled to attend Saturday’s C.A.S.T. event.

The national C.A.S.T. program in California expands opportunities for young persons with special needs to use and enjoy State Water Project recreation facilities.

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