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

SACRAMENTO – A day of outdoor recreation and fishing for disabled children will be held at the Brannan Island State Recreation Area in Sacramento County on Saturday, May 13. Event sponsors are the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks), California Conservation Corps (CCC), Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal-Fire) and the “Catch a Special Thrill” C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation.

Thirty children will receive their own fishing rod, reel, and tackle box before heading out on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta waterways to enjoy fishing with top local anglers. They will also learn about boating safety and the preservation of California’s water resources.

After a morning of fishing, the young anglers will be treated to a BBQ luncheon. An awards ceremony will wrap up the day.

The children, from surrounding public and private schools, are referred by local organizations including TriValley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Easter Seals, and other special education departments within the public school system.

Local sponsors include American Land & Leisure, Kiwanis International, Starbucks Coffee, Culligan Water, Steiner Prints, Nugget Markets, and Bass Pro Shops.

State Assemblymember Jim Frazier, District 11, is scheduled to attend the event. Assemblymember Frazier has authored legislation in recent years that benefits children with disabilities.

In 2004, DWR, DPR, DBW, and DFG signed a Memorandum of Agreement to provide a framework to create a partnership between the C.A.S.T. Foundation and the State of

California to expand opportunities for young persons with special needs to use and enjoy public land and water throughout State Water Project recreation facilities.

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.

