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Capay Open Space Park Celebrates Grand Opening

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County will be celebrating the successful completion of the initial development for its newest county park – Capay Open Space Park – on August 8 at 9:30 a.m. The 41-acre park, just north of Cache Creek on County Road 85 (15063 County Road 85, Esparto, CA), has been transformed with improvements which include over two miles of walking trails, picnic tables, paved parking lots, permanent public restrooms and future ramp access to Cache Creek. Further, the park has undergone extensive habitat restoration and is now home to over 40 varieties of California native species of vegetation and wildlife.

“The completion of this first phase of development for Capay Open Space Park is the culmination of five years of hard work by many organizations and individuals,” notes Yolo County Parks and Resources Department Director Warren Westrup. “All involved in the planning, funding and construction of this park have been dedicated to providing amazing opportunities for recreation while also restoring and maintaining its natural beauty.”

The land for the Capay Open Space Park was donated to Yolo County in 2004 by Granite Construction, which operates a nearby gravel quarry. Fees associated with the construction and restoration of Capay Open Space Park were paid for by monies designated by voters through Propositions 40 and 50 which fund river parkway, recreation and habitat restoration projects. Additional funding for the park was garnered from fees paid by local gravel producers in support of the Cache Creek Resource Management Plan.

“The universally accessible creek side trails at Capay Open Space Park will provide the public with opportunities for nature study, wildlife viewing, hiking, and direct access to the waters of Cache Creek,” notes Dimitrios Georges, Park Planner for Yolo County. “Additional habitat restoration work this winter will continue the process of restoring the riparian and oak woodland habitat that once dominated the floor of the Sacramento Valley.”

The Yolo County Parks and Resources Department provides the services for the county parks, museum, water resources, and the Cache Creek Area Plan. The department manages and maintains 17 properties totaling 1,823 acres of parks and open space, including three boat ramps and a campground.

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