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Cache Creek Conservancy, Sacramento Tree Foundation and Center for Land-Based Learning Plant Trees at Yolo County's Cache Creek Nature Preserve

(Woodland, CA) – Yesterday, the Cache Creek Conservancy, the Sacramento Tree Foundation and the Center for Land-Based Learning partnered to plant 200 native trees and shrubs on the grounds of Yolo County's Cache Creek Nature Preserve. Follow up instruction on tree identification, monitoring techniques and how to use handheld GPS devices will be provided in February.

“This collaborative project illustrates the potential for local students to play a central role in positive work for the environment, while learning about career opportunities,” said Yolo County Supervisor Duane Chamberlain.

The Cache Creek Conservancy, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the restoration of the lower Cache Creek corridor, manages the Cache Creek Nature Preserve which is owned by Yolo County. The conservancy coordinated the tree planting and maintains all plantings for a period of three years.

The Sacramento Tree Foundation, whose mission is to grow healthy, livable communities in the Sacramento region by building the best regional urban forest in the nation, provided the native trees and shrubs and assisted with the planting, including instructional demonstrations. The foundation will assist with the educational program in February.

The Center for Land-Based Learning is dedicated to creating the next generation of farmers and teaching youth about the importance of agriculture and watershed conservation. The center's SLEWS (Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship) program teaches high school students about habitat restoration and protection while working on active projects. By including students in habitat restoration, SLEWS addresses the need for healthier land and more wildlife habitat, and instills conservation and stewardship values in high school students.

Yolo County's Cache Creek Nature Preserve is open to the public 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A weekend open day is held on the third Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information about these programs, contact:

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Note: Picture of planting attached.