

# UNVEILING OF BUSHY LAKE & AMERICAN RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MATERIAL

Public invited to September 23<sup>rd</sup> unveiling and guided walks at Bushy Lake

## A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOR

The Sacramento State-Sacramento County partnership has produced and will make available to the public a brochure, trail guide and eight leaflets that focus on the unique environment attributes of Bushy Lake and the Lower American River. The topics include:

- Restoration Ecology & Fire Resilient Landscapes
- Ethnobotany
- Special Animals
- Water Education
- Wetlands
- Aquatic Life
- Climate Change & Carbon Sequestration in Soils
- Water Budget



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## BUSHY LAKE RESTORATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

### The Importance of Bushy Lake

Bushy Lake, sits between the American River and Cal Expo. Despite being damaged in wildfires, the area is home to a number of native species, including western pond turtles, denning river otters, and many different kinds of birds. Through a contract with the Sacramento County Parks Department, Sacramento State professor Michelle Stevens and the University's Department of Environmental Studies have conducted the Bushy Lake Restoration and Environmental Education Project.

### The Project

The wide-ranging project includes the restoration of both wetland and riparian habitat, ecological monitoring, and an environmental education program. Sacramento State faculty and students engaged in high impact studies that included designing and implementing experimental restoration strategies and adaptive habitat management. Publically accessible leaflets, brochures and a trail guide will allow teachers, citizen scientists, and outdoor enthusiasts the ability to see and better understand the natural resources that Bushy Lake offers.

### Unveiling Event Details

On Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am the educational material will be unveiled at an event in the American River Parkway, adjacent to Bushy Lake.

- **Date:** Friday September 23, 2016
- **Time:** 9:00 am unveiling event, with guided tours all morning until noon
- **Location:** Bushy Lake, located in the American River Parkway, behind Cal Expo Gate 12, enter at the end of Ethan Way
- **RSVP:** [cflowers@csus.edu](mailto:cflowers@csus.edu) or (916) 454-9067

Representatives from a number of other environmental education and American River conservation organizations will also be on hand to share with the public their efforts to protect and preserve the Lower American River.

Refreshments will be provided.