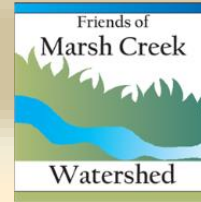




Giving the Natives a Chance Upper Sand Creek Basin



Date: March 8, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Upper Sand Creek Basin
6600 Deer Valley Road,
Antioch, CA



The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed need your help to bring the native plants home to the Upper Sand Creek Basin. Join us on March 8th from 9:00 to 12:00 to plant native trees and shrubs. The ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 10:00 and will be attended by Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho, and representatives from the cities of Antioch, Oakley, and Brentwood.

The festivities will include:

- The placement of a time capsule to commemorate the completion of the basin,
- Tours to familiarize members of the community with the features of the basin,
- The planting of native plants in the basin.



With community help we will enhance the natural setting of the 10 acres of restored wetlands with plants that were gathered from the site prior to construction and propagated in the District's Volunteer Restoration Nursery. Over the past two years district volunteers have salvaged seed and plant materials from the project site for this nursery effort.



These species include valley oak, blue oak, California sagebrush, California rose, California mugwort, elderberry, willow, California buckeye, and cottonwood. There are over 400 native plants ready to go back to their home. In addition to the plants, thousands of acorns and California buckeye seeds have been collected and are ready to be planted. Community members are invited to join us and help return these native plants to their home.

The District is committed to providing community flood protection facilities while protecting environmental resources. We look forward to joining with the community in this important restoration effort.

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