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Sacramento Region Celebrates California Arbor Day In a Big Way

Sacramento, California, February 22, 2008 -- Join the regional effort to plant 5 million trees throughout our region. Partners in the Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint initiative will celebrate California Arbor Day by holding educational and tree planting activities throughout the Sacramento region. Attached, find a brief list of some activities sponsored by each city.

California Arbor Day is a great time to get outdoors and get involved with your local urban forest group to plant cool, leafy shade trees in your area. More trees means cleaner air and water and cooler temperatures during Sacramento's hot, dry summers.

City of Sacramento: Friday, March 7th

Join us at Cesar Chavez Park in downtown Sacramento for a ceremonial planting. The planting fun begins at noon. For more information, contact the Sacramento Tree Foundation (916) 924-8733, or the City of Sacramento at (916) 808-1339.

Sacramento Tree Foundation: Friday, March 7th

The nonprofit Sacramento Tree Foundation will hold an open house and 26th anniversary celebration in honor of California Arbor day. Friday, March 7th, 2008 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm At our new office 191 Lathrop Way, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95815. Be sure to arrive by 5:00 pm for a special announcement by Executive Director Ray Tretheway!

Yolo County and the City of Woodland: Sat, March 15th

The City of Woodland and Yolo County in partnership with the Yolo County Historical Museum are hosting a large Arbor Day celebration. Interested volunteers should arrive at 9:30 am to plant trees. Garden and museum tours, a plant sale, tree seminars, food, games, live music, and education booths run from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. For more information, contact (530) 669-7976.

City of Elk Grove: Sat, March 8th

The City of Elk Grove will work with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to plant 150 native oaks along Elk Grove Creek, south of Laguna Boulevard to Laguna Springs Drive. Activities begin at 8:30 am. These new trees will shade community walking and biking paths, replace native trees lost to development, clean the air, and provide valuable habitat. To volunteer, or learn more, call the Sacramento Tree Foundation (916) 924-8733.

City of Folsom: Wed, March 12th

The Students of Sutter Middle School will join the City of Folsom to plant over 40 trees on their school grounds. For more information, contact Ken Menzer, Folsom City Arborist at (916) 355-7281.

Town of Loomis: Sat, March 8th

From 10:00 am-3:00 pm there will be interactive demonstrations, prizes and drawings for free trees, garden tours, and composting lessons at the Unique Backyard at Valley Rock. There will be a public planting in the morning. Contact Vicky Bartish at (916) 652-8609 for more information.

City of Live Oak: Friday, March 7th

Join the City of Live Oak in a tree planting from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm at the Corner of Highway 99 and Pennington Road. The city will also be recognizing local 5th grade classes participating in an Arbor Day poster contest. Come for an awards ceremony and tree dedication at Live Oak Middle School. For more info, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at (530) 695-2112.

City of Marysville: Friday, March 7th

The City of Marysville will be hosting a ceremonial tree planting at Circle Park. Come volunteer to help plant trees. Contact Angela Spain at (530) 749-3958 for more information.

In addition, the following jurisdictions have pledged to pass a formal proclamation honoring California Arbor Day:

City of Citrus Heights

The Town of Loomis

The City of Wheatland

The City of Live Oak

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