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DWR ANNOUNCES CATCH A SPECIAL THRILL FOR KIDS EVENT AT CASTAIC LAKE

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR), in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation will sponsor a C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids event on Saturday, October 7 at Castaic Lake.

The event will run from 9 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. with 27 youth participating. Additional sponsors for the event include County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Santa Clarita, Castaic Lake Water Agency, The Friends of Castaic Lake, Suncal, Lennar, Sun Country Marine, Lakeside Marine, Castaic Boat and Marine, Ralph's Market, Lyons Club, Coffee Stop, Eagle Claw, Zebco, and Plano.

The C.A.S.T. Foundation was formed in 1991, and this year is hosting outreach events in 21 states that join adults who love to fish with hundreds of disabled and disadvantaged children. The C.A.S.T. for Kids volunteers help these special young people enjoy a day of outdoor adventure by giving individual fishing lessons. Festivities also include crafts and games, entertainment and prizes. Staff and volunteers from state agencies, C.A.S.T. and the community also teach lessons on boating safety, anglers' ethics and natural resources.

In 2004, DWR, DPR, DBW and DFG signed a Memorandum of Agreement to provide a framework to create a partnership between the C.A.S.T. Foundation and the State of California. The goal of this partnership is for the state to support the C.A.S.T. program and expand opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged youth to use and enjoy public land and water throughout State Water Project recreation facilities.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

