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Managing Water in the West

The AMERICAN RIVER WATER EDUCATION CENTER *At Folsom Dam*

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American River Water Education Center

The history and headwaters of the American River Watershed are explored through interactive exhibits which focus on this integral part of California's waterworks. Find out where the American River actually starts. Discover just how much water is needed to make a pair of jeans or grow a tomato. Water management and conservation are critical issues today and are stressed with fun 'hands on' demonstration areas and displays. A section on Folsom Dam explains why it was built, it's dynamic history over the past 50+ years and the dam's many uses.

Water Wise Garden

Come and enjoy our newly planted water-efficient xeriscape garden. Native species, low water use and drought tolerant trees, flowers and grasses are just some of the attractions featured in the center's landscape design. Best management practices are used and displayed. The American River Parkway Bike Trail sits adjacent to the grounds. Garden tours are also available upon request.

Programs

Free group programs at the American River Water Education Center are available by reservation. Learn about the American River watershed, water conservation and Folsom Dam during a session at the sand table, hanging out in our 'house', or by taking a walk thru the canyon. Your program may include a tour of the center, a session in the schoolhouse, a presentation on Folsom Dam and powerplant with a glimpse of the dam.

Please schedule as early as possible. The classroom at the Water Education Center is also available for group meetings and gatherings. Special program times may be available. Programs are tailored to fit individual group types. School programs that correlate to California standards by grade level are offered. Water related programs are also offered to scout and church groups, clubs, visiting public and any other type group that wants to learn more about one of our most precious resources — water.

The mission of the American River Water Education Center is to increase the publics knowledge of the American River watershed - both the natural features and human interactions within the watershed. Emphasis is placed on increasing the publics understanding of the water cycle and watersheds, and on how individuals can actively participate in resource conservation and on Folsom Dams multiple roles in meeting the needs of urban, industrial, agricultural and natural systems.