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Nature

Preserve Fact Sheet

1. SMUD is establishing a temporary habitat protection area on the Rancho Seco property with two conservation groups, The Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
2. The ultimate goal is to protect the land permanently through establishment of a conservation easement. In addition, the District is pursuing the creation of a wetlands "mitigation bank."
3. The area being set aside is approximately 1200 acres and includes land east of the decommissioned Rancho Seco Nuclear Station and east of the newly constructed Cosumnes Power Plant. It also includes the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). The Rancho Seco Recreation Area is not included in the set-aside.
4. The agreement sets up a 30-month temporary easement for the protection of critical ecological and agricultural resources, including seasonal vernal pools that support threatened and endangered species. Both conservation groups will conduct biological surveys in the area to support creation of a permanent wetlands mitigation bank and easement. The mitigation bank must be approved by state and federal agencies.

5. The Sacramento Valley Conservancy will also assume management of grazing on the land, which the District leases to a cattle rancher.



VERNAL POOL



VERNAL POOL FAIRY SHRIMP



VERNAL POOL TADPOLE SHRIMP

The Nature Conservancy



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