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### **Construction of a Salmon Restoration Project Will Close The Kapusta Open Space Area in Redding Through Mid-December**

Beginning on Thursday, November 17th, the City of Redding Kapusta Open Space, located at the end of Latona Road off Highway 273, will be closed for the construction of a Salmon Restoration Project. The project is expected to be complete by Saturday, December 31st.

The Kapusta 1B Side Channel Project is one of many projects funded under a \$10 million grant under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act to restore fish habitat for critically endangered winter-run chinook salmon. Over a five-year period, the grant will help restore 47.3 acres of juvenile salmon habitat and 4.3 acres of spawning habitat in various locations along the upper Sacramento River.

“Restoring the salmonid fish habitat has many environmental, economic, and recreational benefits for our region,” says Sacramento River Forum Project Biologist Aurelia Gonzalez.

The project incorporates a 2,150 ft-long side channel connected to the Sacramento River for fish habitat, which will resemble past side-channel projects, including Nur Pon Open Space, Lake California, and Anderson River Park. The design is specifically focused on restoring juvenile fish habitat for critically endangered winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) but will also provide the hydraulic and structural characteristics suitable for various salmonid species throughout the year.

“The new fish channel project at Kapusta Open Space will not only improve the natural habitat for the salmon and other wildlife but create more recreational opportunities for community members with the addition of new water access points and informal trails. It’s an exciting addition to our park system and our city,” says Travis Menne, Community Projects Manager with the City of Redding.

The Salmon Restoration Project is a joint effort between the US Bureau of Reclamation and the US Fish and Wildlife Service through a cooperative agreement with Chico State Enterprises, the nonprofit auxiliary of California State University, Chico, and project partners, including Sacramento River Forum, California Department of Water Resources, River Partners, the Yurok Tribe, and Tussing Ecological Sciences.

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