

Mid-Pacific Region Touts Reclamation's Mission to Hundreds of High School Juniors at Sacramento Job Fair

On Oct. 10-11, the Mid-Pacific Region participated with 150 other exhibitors in "CareerGPS 2012" at Cal Expo (the State Fairgrounds) in Sacramento, Calif. Mark Curney and Syndi Luong from the Central California Area Office and Yolanda Beard and Yumi Sakakibara from the Human Resources Division staffed the Bureau of Reclamation booth.



Tamu Richards and Mark Curney discuss the benefits of working for Reclamation.

The job fair offered approximately 6,500 Sacramento-area high school students the opportunity to explore several industry sectors, including Energy, Environment and Innovation; Healthcare and Biosciences; Finance, Business and Public Service; and Reclamation's sector – Construction, Architecture and Engineering.

Mark, Syndi, Yolanda and Yumi met with hundreds of students, telling them what Reclamation does, discussing the many career fields the Region offers and explaining how its 1,000 employees work together in Calif., Nev. and Ore. to accomplish Reclamation's mission to provide flood control, hydroelectric power and water supply for people, agriculture, business, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation and water quality needs.

Three of the students they met at CareerGPS include:

- Tamu Richards who attends Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy in Elk Gove. In the 10th grade, Tamu's favorite subject is science. She's interested in engineering but also thinks being a lawyer might be a good career.
- Friends Samiem Hassan and Nicholas Novelli who are in the 11th grade at River City High School in West Sacramento. Both young men are interested in careers in science and engineering, and Nicholas hopes to pursue his dream as a Navy officer (although he also likes the idea of being a park ranger, and Samiem stated that he too loves nature and animals).



Samiem Hassan (left) and Nicholas Novelli talk about their possible futures with Mark Curney.



Yolanda Beard (left) and Yumi Sakakibara share information on career opportunities with several students.

The job fair was hosted by LEED – Linking Education and Economic Development. Founded 19 years ago by a coalition of business, education, community and government leaders, LEED's goal is to develop and support educational resources to meet workforce needs and economic objectives in the Sacramento area. Affiliated with the Sacramento Metro Chamber, LEED advances its mission by focusing on three core areas: Workforce Demand, Education Innovation, and Career Exploration.

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