



Youth Enjoy the Outdoors with Family at the Whole Earth and Watershed Festival

The sixth annual Whole Earth and Watershed Festival was held in Redding, Calif. on February 28, with 119 exhibits dedicated to sustainability and the environment. This was a celebration of Earth Day and Watershed Awareness Month focusing on the environment, family and the youth.

Reclamation's Northern California Area Office booth highlighted the benefits of Shasta Dam, water conservation, the water cycle and the Central Valley Project. Designed to educate the public about Reclamation and its mission, a fun board game (Plinko) gave participants an opportunity to answer a question, learn new facts and win a "Use Water Wisely" prize.



Reclamation's booth played games to teach about conservation, water and the dam.



Two youth showing off their fresh green beans they got from the farmers market.

The festival had something for everyone. Exhibitors included government agencies, businesses, educational organizations, community groups and local non-profits with great hands-on activities and lots of give-aways. Many of the booths focused on the youth with educational activities and awesome prizes from local businesses and organizations.

There was live music throughout the day on two stages with the talented musicians from Redding School of the Arts. Great food from several local restaurants was enjoyed by everyone throughout the day and many families took advantage of the Shasta Growers Farmers' Market to purchase fresh produce.

Family Biking Day closed off certain streets for the day to vehicle traffic, only allowing bikes, skateboards, pedestrians and any other non-motorized entity to encourage using alternative transportation to the event, get outside and exercise as a family.