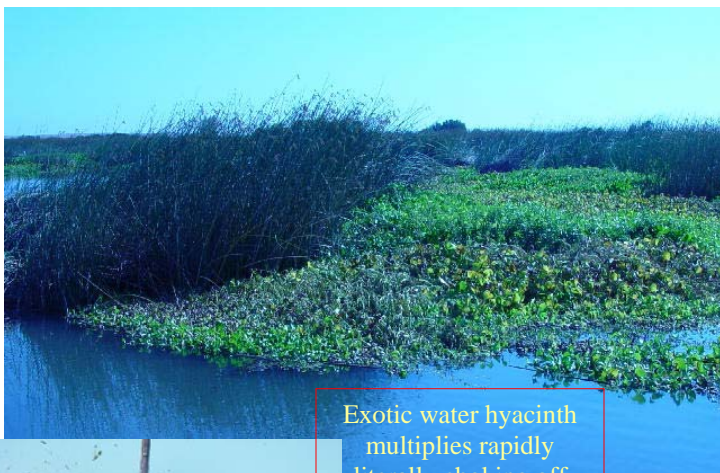


THE DOW WETLANDS: MOTHER NATURE NEEDS A LOT OF HELP TO MAINTAIN A PRINISTINE ENVIRONMENT.

From the spring rains and washout flooding to the summer bloom of the “exotic” plants that literally choke off the open water; there is an enormous volunteer effort and labor of love behind the scenes dedicated to maintaining and developing this Wetlands Preserve for the benefit of all who take the time to visit.

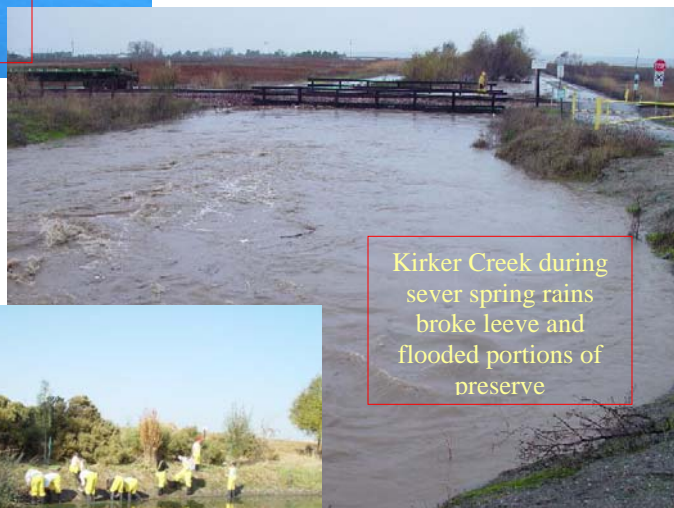
Located near the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers Dow’s 400 acre preserve is a national model for wetlands development, education, and enjoyment.



Exotic water hyacinth multiplies rapidly literally choking off open water for birds



Mechanical “Cookie-Cutter” shown above attempting to cut a path thru the water hyacinth



Kirker Creek during sever spring rains broke levee and flooded portions of preserve



HS Students replanting native flora

So what is it that brings a dedicated team of Dow retirees/employees out to the wetlands nearly each Friday? Simply a love of nature and a dedication to community service.

It is a part of Dow employees’ drive to achieve success with the triple bottom-line i.e. community and environment as well as financial. For more contact KristJensen@dow.com.



Clockwise from upper left corner: 1) River otters on raft; 2) beaver pond w/ Mt Diablo in backgrd; 3) Wetlands biologist Steve Andrews, UC Berkeley, explaining natural cleansing role of wetlands to group of school children during annual Environmental Faire at Dow Wetland Preserve; 4) Teaching and picnic area w/ Dow Pittsburg, CA plant in backgrd; 5) View looking north across expanse of Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers to Solano County.



At the Dow Wetlands Preserve– Not even the smallest participant is unimportant!

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