



Cosumnes Floodplain Mitigation Bank After the Flood: A Review of 7 years of Natural Process and Horticultural Restoration *A half-day fieldtrip led by Westervelt staff*

As of mid-April, Lake Comanche is at 69% capacity and releasing 3900 cfs. Part of the Mokelumne River is still flowing across New Hope Road (our access road) and through our front gate. This condition will remain unchanged until Comanche reservoir stops releasing water to make room for snow melt. We can still get onto the Cosumnes Bank but it does mean driving through 8 inches of water to get to our gate on Grizzly Slough. We will have to play it by ear, but it is a really good lesson in restoration planning in the floodplain because our project was designed to accommodate an upstream breach just like what happened.

Tour begins at the south end of the property with an overview of the project and its history that lasts about 30 min w/Q&A. Then we will load into vehicles or a hay ride and do a driving tour along the Mokelumne River, stopping at several sites to look at preserved valley oak forest, planted native grass and woody riparian restoration sites, natural process restoration sites, then out to our levee breach.

Maximum number of people: 15

What to bring and be prepared for: Sturdy shoes, hat, long-sleeve shirt and pants (mosquitoes), mosquito repellent (we will also supply some for everyone's use). Bring binoculars if you are interested in doing some birding.



Photos showing the site in its current state courtesy Westervelt.

The fieldtrip begins at 8:00am on the south end of the property. Depending on weather & ground conditions, the tour will extend no later than 11:00am.

Parking is limited; a signup sheet for carpooling will be available at the conference. A map and directions will be provided at the conference.

Please note that it has been a season of heavy rain and tour details, such as the hay ride, are subject to ground conditions.