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January Meeting:

Wed., 1/11, 7:00 p.m.

Shepard Garden &
Arts Center

McKinley Park

3330 McKinley Blvd.,
Sacramento 95816

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*Our chapter meetings
are free and open
to the public.*

Wildflower seeds, books and
Sacramento Valley Chapter
t-shirts are available
for purchase at meetings.
Refreshments provided!



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JANUARY PRESENTATION:

A Native Plant Nursery Restored

How a Shuttered Nursery Rose from the Ashes of Budget Cutbacks

Rich Marovich

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Former CalFIRE Deputy Director, Stephen Jones (left)
and Rich Marovich

The L.A. Moran Reforestation Center in Davis is home to the only state-run seed bank in California and formerly produced 400,000 conifer seedlings per year for reforestation projects throughout California. While seed bank operations continue today, in 2003, the container seedling program was shut down due to state budget cuts.

Rich Marovich of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating

Committee (LPCCC) will recount how the unique and innovative partnership between LPCCC, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFIRE), and the Putah Creek Council brought life back to the facility. LPCCC manages the nursery that specializes in native riparian plants, while the Putah Creek Council organizes community volunteer events to collect and process seeds and cuttings, and to transplant nursery stock. Community volunteers also plant the nursery stock in restoration sites along Putah Creek from Winters to Davis. For more information on nursery and field events, see: www.putahcreekcouncil.org. For photos, see: www.watershedportal.net/gallery/lpccc.

Rich Marovich is a Putah Creek Streamkeeper, a position created in 2000 by a landmark settlement agreement over water flows in Putah Creek. He oversees monitoring and restoration projects on thirty miles of Putah Creek from Monticello Dam at Lake Berryessa to the Yolo Bypass. Rich graduated from U.C. Davis in 1978 with B.S. in Environmental Horticulture.

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The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.