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From Landfill to Cherished Dog Park: Grand Opening of New Dog Park at Sutter's Landing Regional Park

Sacramento, California, May 21, 2009—Councilmember Steve Cohn invites residents and the media to attend the **Grand Opening of Sutter's Landing Regional Park – Dog Park**. Once the site of a landfill, part of the site has now been transformed into a spacious 3-acre dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs. In line with the City's goal to become more sustainable, the Dog Park boasts many sustainable features. All of Sacramento is welcome to attend as a site that was once thought to be of little recreational value to residents is transformed into a valued community asset.

The Dog Park project was funded by Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Program funds, which were issued by the City several years ago before the current economic recession.

The grand opening of Sutter's Landing Regional Park – Dog Park will take place this **Saturday, May 23rd**, from **10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Sutter's Landing Regional Park** is located at **20 28th Street**.

"The conversion of the City landfill to a regional park has been one of my top priorities on the Council," said Councilmember Cohn who represents District 3. "For the first time since Sutter's historic boat landing site became a landfill close to 100 years ago, trees and landscaping are now taking root. The addition of this new dog park will allow the community to continue to see Sutter's Landing Park in a whole new light."

The Dog Park's features are as follows:

- **3-Acres of Land**
- **Off-leash**
- **5 Foot-high Perimeter Fencing**
- **Baffel Gates**
- **Shade Trees**
- **Dog Drinking Fountain**
- **Shade Canopies**
- **Parking Lot**

In addition, the Dog Park has no turf; instead, it is covered with decomposed granite and recycled mulch. Unlike turf, decomposed granite does not need to be watered. Mulch saves water by preserving soil moisture around the base of the park's many shade trees. Both of these features will help save thousands of gallons of water each year.

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