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Justin Kilgore of Tulare County reads one of the informational panels at the new kiosk.

Informational signs highlight updated river kiosk

Times have changed for the Trinity River, and an informational kiosk at the Trinity River Fish Hatchery had become outdated and faded.

Last Thursday people who work with the river gathered to celebrate the renovation of the Trinity River Interpretive Kiosk, which now has 12 information panels and has been reorganized so as not to block the view of the river. A

bench has been added, and there are informational panels for the fish viewing area and overlooking the Lewiston Dam as well.

Trinity River Restoration Program Executive Director Doug Schleusner noted that the old kiosk was "out of date, weathered and mostly illegible."

Schleusner said the project had been a goal for some time, but it got done after Diana Clifton, the realty specialist for the restoration program, decided to take it on.

Schleusner said the original kiosk was constructed in the mid-90s. The new photos and information illustrate the river's past, present and what is planned for the future.

Many visitors view the kiosk and hatchery each year, including school children, congressional staff members and visitors from out of town.

Schleusner commended Clifton, and certificates of appreciation went to members of the core design team, including Josh Allen who works for the county, Sheri Harral of the Bureau of Reclamation. Leslie Hunt with the Hoopa Valley Tribe, Mike Odle of the U.S. Forest Service and Dana Wullenwaber of the state Department of Fish and game.