

STANISLAUS RIVER DAY



MONDAY, AUGUST 28 1978

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• east steps of the state capitol •

FOR ALL
THREATENED
RIVERS AND
WILDERNESS

thank you for coming

AGENDA

10:30 AM Songs by Dick Holstock and Jane Doyle, Nancy Magneson, The Horses Mouth, and Paul Scheuble & friends

11:00 Arrival of Toyon tree with the Walk for the Stanislaus

Welcome - Les Ayers, Warm Springs Dam Task Force

Mark Dubois, Friends of the River

Tom Graff, Environmental Defense Fund

Claudia Ayers, Auburn Dam Study Committee

(Songs)

Brad Welton, FOR

Peter Warshall, writer, watershed expert

Representative from the Walk

12:00 Music by "Biscuits and Gravy"

Senator Omer Rains

John Amodio, Sierra Club

David Kay, California Whitewater Advisory Bd.

* David Brower, Founder and Pres., Friends of the Earth

Alexander Gaguine, FOR

Melinda Wright, Tuolumne County

Huey Johnson, Secretary, Resources Agency

(Representing Governor Brown)

12:40 Planting of tree, and watering with Stanislaus River water (introduced by Senator Behr)

Closing - Senator Peter Behr

1:00 - 1:45 Break, lunch. Watering of tree by everyone

1:45 on WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME LOBBY IN THE LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE AGENCIES FOR THE STANISLAUS AND OTHER RIVERS AND WILDERNESS ISSUES. Orientation by Mark Dubois and John Amodio; breaking into groups - 1:45

* David Brower cannot be present and his remarks will be presented by David Kay.

Stanislaus River Day is in support of all our threatened rivers and wild lands. We are alerting the nation to the climax of a crucial battle - the destruction of the Stanislaus is set to begin in November with the start of filling of the Army Corps' New Melones Dam. The Stanislaus is the most popular wilderness recreation area in history to be faced with complete obliteration. The destruction is needless. Even the state long ago recognized that there are no current or foreseeable uses for most of the water from New Melones, and demanded only partial filling of the reservoir.

We are asking President Carter and Governor Brown to allow filling to go no higher than the old Parrotts Ferry Bridge. Both men supported protection of the Stanislaus in the past. This compromise will give us a reservoir and retain the life and the magnificent beauty of the nine mile canyon upstream. 80,000 people will visit the Stanislaus this year alone, and most are deeply moved by the experience. For thousands of people, the Stanislaus is part of our home and part of our lives.

In planting the toyon at the Capitol we are keeping alive one small piece of life, from the lower canyon which will soon be gone. We want everyone to understand that rivers and all our wild lands are living places. The tree symbolizes the choice of life or death which will soon be made for the upper canyon as well - for all its trees and animals, for the flowing, life-giving river itself, and for all the joy, wonder and peace which it can continue to bring to people's spirits. The tree also stands for our hope and our conviction that with 1200 dams already in California, we must and will decide in favor of life for the Stanislaus above Parrotts Ferry.

Now is the time for us to base our actions on real needs for resources, rather than on greed; to consider the value of the wild places which people cherish; and to determine to protect the rest of the life with which we share the planet.

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COMPLETE FILLING OF NEW MELONES
AS ADVOCATED BY THE ARMY CORPS
& BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WOULD
EXTEND TO HERE.

CAMP 9

FLOOD/POOL UNDER STATE
CONDITIONS WOULD EXTEND
TO HERE.

ROSE
CREEK

NORMAL/POOL UNDER STATE
CONDITIONS WOULD
EXTEND TO HERE.

SOUTH FORK
STANISLAUS

FILLING TO HERE WILL SUPPLY
DOWNSTREAM DEMANDS
AND PRESERVE THE
VALUABLE UPPER
RIVER AND CANYON.

PARROTTS
FERRY BRIDGE



← ANGELS CAMP

HIWAY 49

SONORA →



TOYON
'HETEROMELES
ARBUTIFOLIA'

OLD MELONES
RESERVOIR