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Friends of the River
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San Francisco, CA 94123



"THE STANISLAUS, OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS"

saturday october 4 fort mason center bldg. C
san francisco

ADMISSION FREE -
DONATIONS APPRECIATED

(ENTER AT MARINA BOULEVARD AND BUCHANAN STREET)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Breakfast (\$1.50)
- 10:50 Welcome from Friends of the River
- 11:00 Stanislaus River Canyon: Recent developments and current campaign (Mark Dubois, Brad Welton, Doug Linney). Questions.
- 11:45 National impact and importance of Stanislaus issue
- 12:00 Environmental candidates and issues in November (David Gardiner, California League of Conservation Voters)
- 12:30 PM Lunch at Marina Green (\$1.50) Bring kites and frisbees.
- 1:45 Environmental platforms of presidential candidates - presented by representatives from Carter, Reagan, Commoner and Anderson campaigns. Audience questions.
- 2:45 Workshop introduction: Grassroots involvement in selected campaigns
- 3:00 Workshops on organizing by F.O.R. and League of Conservation voters staffs
- 4:30 Proposition 8, and the proposed transfer of the State Wild Rivers into the National Wild Rivers System (Jonas Minton, Department of Water Resources)
- 5:00-6:00 Fun slides and films by Don Briggs, photographer extraordinaire, or, run to the beach (2½ miles round trip) and swim in S.F. Bay (bring running shoes and swim suits)
- Dinner on the town
- 7:30-9:30 Square Dance

SETBACK FOR THE STANISLAUS, BUT WE'RE STILL IN THE FIGHT !

On September 17, an amendment to remove the Stanislaus from the Omnibus Wild Rivers Bill (HR 8096, which replaced HR 4223) passed in the House Interior Committee. The vote was 20-19. The river suffered a setback. We perhaps miscalculated the intense lobbying efforts on the committee by agribusiness, water agencies, utilities and powerful Congress members from both parties, yet we still almost won. We intend to keep fighting.

Congressmen Clausen and Lagomarsino both voted against protecting the river. Clausen in fact helped lead the opposition.

The rest of the bill - with 18 rivers included - has now passed in the full House, and its chances look good in the Senate. Passage will greatly enlarge the National Wild Rivers System, and make the lower American River (through Sacramento) California's third National Wild River.

We are planning the next steps for the Stanislaus, and we want your ideas. We are strongly considering further Congressional action - possibly as soon as January. The committee lineup should be better then, although such an effort would certainly be made more difficult if the reservoir is beginning to fill again from winter rains. But when you lose 20-19, they can't tell you that you can't come back to play again!

Elections are also coming up, and Friends of the River urges river supporters to get involved in them. A great many races will affect the Stanislaus and other issues of concern to all of us. F.O.R. is organizing to support several worthy candidates - call us if you are interested in helping or finding out more. Prop 8 also needs your help: passage would provide constitutional protection for the north coast rivers and the Delta.

The October 4 conference will be a great time for sharing our community and spirits, and also planning and putting plans to work for our rivers. Thanks for all your past help - let's stay together and keep fighting!

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