

# THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN NEWS

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## LATEST BREAKING EVENTS

### IMPORTANT!!!

H.R. 4223 would put the Stanislaus from Camp Nine to Parrott's Ferry and parts of Rose Creek and The South Fork of the Stanislaus into the Federal Wild and Scenic River System. This is what we want. This is what we are fighting for.

The word from Washington is that a public hearing on H.R. 4223 is being scheduled for the end of January in San Francisco. This is the hearing to be held before the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs. Congressman Phil Burton, chairman of the subcommittee, will be there. Other congressmen may also be there, or they will send members of their staffs.

This hearing is extremely important. This is the time for us to present our case for the Stanislaus louder and stronger than it has ever been presented before. Shortcutt says that Phil Burton "cares for us because of our honesty and genuine love for a place and our belief in this democratic system." We need expert, technical testimony, but we need to touch the heart of Congressman Burton and the others as well. This is a public hearing and anyone may testify. But, quoting Alexander, "more than on any occasion in the past, F.O.R. wants to put together an extremely tight and compelling presentation - factually, politically and emotionally."

We can't give you an exact date, place or time yet but be thinking now about what you would like to say. If you can't attend the hearing, you will still be able to submit written testimony. Call Mark for more details and coordination.

### GRASSROOTS TARGETING

H.R. 4223 is in the House of Representatives subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs. We have the support of the Subcommittee Chairman Phil Burton. Other key California congressmen on the subcommittee are: Jerry M. Patterson, District 38 whose areas include Orange, Buena Park, Westminster and Santa Ana; Robert J. Lagomarsino, District 19 which includes Santa Barbara and parts of San Luis Obispo and Ventura; and, Don H. Clausen, District 2 including Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake Mendocino, Napa and part of Sonoma.

The support of these men for H.R. 4223 is very important. There has been continuous political activity for the Stanislaus going on in each of these districts. With hearings coming up and the bill needing to pass out of subcommittee, the Clausen, Lagomarsino, and Patterson districts are being targeted for increased activity.

Some F.O.R. staff and volunteers are going to be traveling to each of the districts to generate additional support. There is going to be a methodical outreach to all who have been down the river. If you know people in these districts, get in touch with them and have them write to their congressman their concern for the Stanislaus. In order to support us, they need to know that it is an issue their constituents care about. Phil Burton's office was "astounded" by the amount of mail their office received in support of the Stanislaus this past summer. Let's astound the rest of these Congressmen!

### CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE

This is a crucial time in the fight for the Stanislaus River Canyon. "Again?" you say, or "As always." True, but with each passing day and week and month, our tasks are getting more specific as we must figure out strategies we believe best to help us realize our goal - getting the Stanislaus into the Federal Wild and Scenic River System.

Toward this end the Stanislaus Steering Committee has been meeting for the past several months planning and actualizing strategies. At the November meeting staff members agreed to turn in outlines of their jobs including how each fits in to the overall Stanislaus campaign. The December meeting is in San Francisco on the 7th. The first meeting of the new year for the Stanislaus Steering committee will be January 10 in Sacramento at 10 A.M. Call for more information if you wish to attend. Now special attention is being given to the internal structure of F.O.R. Processes and priorities are being figured out for the year.

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SIEZE THE TIME!! Don't just let it pass on by.

Opportunities for travel as a Friends of the River Volunteer.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As you all know, Shortcutt Patty Schifferle has been lobbying hard in Washington for over a year in the cause of our free flowing rivers. With hearings on the Stanislaus planned for January and voting coming up in the next few months, Patty can use help. Take the chance to be an active part of the Washington experience. This is not a money making proposition, but Friends of the River is trying to cover expenses. Jennifer Jennings is getting a larger place so to have more space for company. The position starts in mid-January and means a minimum 3 month commitment. If this sounds like the perfect job for you, call Mark for more information.

CALIFORNIA - Begin as an apprentice organizer. Grassroots targeting. Travel with and be trained by an F.O.R. staffer. Travel to different areas of the state to motivate, inspire, lead, help out folks in various Congressional districts. You will meet some great people. Future places to stay when you are on the road!? Time commitment, two weeks to five months. Call Mark or Alexander for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Final wording for the petition for the Environmental Bill of Rights has come out from the Attorney General's office. 553,000 signatures are required within 150 days. We want to have 750,000 within that time period. We can do it working together. Contact the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) for petitions.

David Abelson is the Executive Director. Tell him we sent you.

Write; 717 K Street, Suite 209, Sacramento, CA. 95814, or

Call: 916-444-8726, or go on by if you are in the area.

Take a minute and do it now! Respond. It is our future. Thank you.

NOTE NAME CHANGE

The Bureau of Reclamation is now The Water and Power Resources Service.

THANKS

Mary Regan, an activist for the disabled, traveled from Berkeley to join Shortcutt in Washington lobbying efforts in October. She spoke with Senator Cranston and Congress members about the Stanislaus being a unique wilderness access for the disabled. She is now writing articles on disabled access for various newsletters and magazines. Thank you Mary. And we hope you enjoyed your trip.

Does anyone know anyone who wants to be a chief organizer for a concert for F.O.R.?

CONGRATULATIONS

Jennifer Jennings, a mainstay of Friends of the River for many years, has Passed the Bar. YA HOO!! Another lawyer for our side. Jenny has been in Washington, D.C. for the past few months working for the Federal Trade Commission and, of course, in lobbying efforts for the rivers. Thank you Jenny. And Congratulations. We are all very happy for you.



CLARIFICATION

The successful American River Clean-Up in October was handled mostly by California State University, Sacramento students with Harry Franey doing much of the coordination with other good people on campus.

CORRECTION - there always seems to be at least one

At the State Water Resources Control Board Hearing on October 19 in Sacramento, wilderness access was discussed by Rick Spittler of E.T.C. Melinda Wright from the Mother Lode area brought up the problem of access to the river other than by boat if the canyon were to be flooded passed Parrott's Ferry.



## VALLEY VISIT

As was reported in the last issue of the S.C.N., David Dickson, Mark Dubois and Rick Hardie spent the 5 days from October 30-November 3 visiting folks in the valley. They were joined for a day or two during the week by Gracielle Rossi, Susan Brooks, Melinda Wright and Carol Nelson.

David Dickson was responsible for organizing the visit and what follows is his report.

### Communication with Friends of New Melones

**Purpose:** To establish a dialogue between us and them. By doing this we hope to diffuse the polarity that has come to exist, to identify issues, to meet them, to learn about them and their concerns, and to allow them to learn about us and our concerns.

**Action taken:** Meetings have been held with at least fifteen pro-dam people most of whom live and farm on the lower river from Lake Tullock to the San Joaquin.

For the most part the meetings were friendly and open. We all got to know each other a little bit and we all learned from each other. We found that on the whole we agreed on more issues than we disagreed on. Most of the disagreement centered on New Melones.

The issues we identified were:

Flood control  
Fisheries  
Water Quality  
Recreation

"New water"

Drought reserve

Power generation

We feel that these are sufficiently covered at a reservoir level of 808'

We seem to have basic differences of values on these.

We also floated the lower Stanislaus near Oakdale. Our thanks to Thorne Gray for this. We found ourselves in awe of the river's life and beauty. We were also amazed at the amount of beer cans and worm cartons we found.

**Future plans:** An informal meeting between John Hertle and two other F.O.N.M. people and Mark and two other F.O.R. people. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the process of communication and to discuss setting up a more formal meeting sometime in the future to discuss issues.

Topics we would like to discuss.

- 1) Define positions - find similarities and differences
- 2) Discuss which issues we might get together on
- 3) Discuss possible compromises
- 4) Define inaccurate rhetoric on both sides and hopefully agree to stop using it.

The possibility of forming a Friends of the River chapter in Oakdale or Modesto to concern itself largely with protection of the lower river was also discussed.

## THANKSGIVING THANKS

Thanks to E.T.C. - especially Tim and Susan we hear - for a lovely Thanksgiving celebration at the Stanislaus. It was beautiful.

## IT ALL ADDS UP

Ronnie and Mark went to Stockton's 20-40 club, a young businessmen's service organization. The meeting was held in a bar and was attended by about 10 men - most or all involved in real estate. Ronnie reports that Mark handled himself well in adverse conditions. They were approached by a few men after the meeting who said that Mark had made them think of new things and some had changed their minds about the river. Three out of ten isn't bad!

This is what grassroots is all about! One step at a time.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Most of you are undoubtedly aware of the fact that Christmas will be here soon. It is a good time for getting in touch with those folks you have been meaning to write to for days, weeks, months ... like your government officials. Why not choose a few of your favorites to send a card to with a nice little message attached. A thank you to Cecil Andrus or Phil Burton or Huey Johnson or your local Congressman. How about to Don Edwards? Or you could send a little update and information to Senator Cranston or one of the several other Congressmen who have yet to "see the light" so to speak. Perhaps you have an extra snapshot of the Stanislaus to send along.

So hurry! Avoid the last minute rush and make sure your cards arrive on time!





## NEEDS - DESPARATE

Desparate Dick over there in the Bay office needs assistance. Please help him if you can.

1) There is a poster in the making. We are looking for The Perfect Photograph. It is the photograph which will convince people who have never seen the Stanislaus that it is truly Heaven on Earth. We know that photograph must be out there. Do you have it?

2) Copy-writers for brochures, a poster, a public service announcement...

3) a graphic artist

4) People with contacts in media, i.e. those who know managers and members of editorial boards of T.V., radio and newspapers.

If you can help, come forward and speak to Dick. This is your chance for fame and fortune. Would you believe fame? You are guaranteed credit for all you do.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Plans for the Spring Confluence are underway. This year it is to be held in Davis. The Davis chapter of Friends of the River is excited about having it at the campus and is ready to help. How about you? Call Catherine in the Bay office to see what is going on.

## FUNDRAISING

A year long fundraising campaign is being planned as well as Big Events. Laurie needs volunteer help. She has a wide range of specific tasks that need to be done in the overall campaign as well as for single events. Surprise Laurie and give her a call.

### Upcoming events -

- Rivers of the World Film Festival
- Spring Run-Off

Also - buy a Sierra Club Calendar from Friends of the River. They are very nice calendars and F.O.R. gets a cut.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Chapter Newsletter has begun, as of last month, the first copy of which was sent out to approximately 170 people. It was written by Craig Wright and Gina Cuclis--they did a fantastic job of it too!

Gina writes that one member of their group, Jeff, has had an article about the Stanislaus and F.O.R. printed in the local Sierra Club chapter's newsletter, creating even more publicity for Santa Barbara's F.O.R. chapter.

Other than that, projects were continued throughout November. Arrangements have been made to bring David Brower, president of Friends of the Earth, to the university to speak on January 22. Mark Dubois will be speaking too. The event, co-sponsored by Friends of the Earth, will be held in the university's main hall.

Gina's planning to be very busy this winter. She'll be in Washington, D.C. doing an internship with the Environmental Protection Agency, working in their public awareness office.

Busy as these people are, they always find time to have fun. They finished off the academic quarter with a potluck dinner.

Before her departure for the east coast, Gina wanted to leave this personal note:

"Many thanks to all those who have been active in our local F.O.R. chapter and I wish them all good luck while I'm gone."

### LOS ANGELES

Several districts are now being focused upon in the effort to get support for the Stanislaus Campaign. Heavily targeted districts include Glenn Anderson (Carson, parts of Torrance and Long Beach), and Lagomarsino.

Doug Martin's heading up the campaign to get endorsements from disabled groups, and endorsement packets are now available to anyone who knows of a group that is willing to endorse the Stanislaus bill.

A broad coalition is being sought, including unions, civic groups and environmental groups. The American Cetacean Society is one group that has just endorsed the bill.

"The key to an expanded awareness in L.A. of this issue," says Doug, "is the grassroots organizing." He says community groups are now forming in the Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Pasadena areas. Hopes are that they'll soon form in Ventura and Orange Counties too.

Doug breaks down the effort into three parts:

- 1) getting organizational endorsements
- 2) holding fundraisers
- 3) continued educational outreach and letter writing

"When everyone takes just a small piece of a project," says Doug, "we become a very effective organization. I greatly encourage all of you to make the effort to attend a community meeting closest to you and find out how you can help."



### Coming Events:

January 25 - Slide and movie presentation by Rick Ridgeway - benefit for Friends of the River. Rick is a well-known mountain climber. His presentation will be on his recent expedition to Antarctica. Mid-January- Celebrity yard sale. We need everyone to contribute something.



### BAY AREA

#### The Mayors Race

As a result of the extraordinary effort of Al Greenburg of the Sierra Club and the continuing work of Bob Hackamack on economic studies on the Tuolumne, Mayor Finestein wrote a letter in support of Wild and Scenic Status for the Tuolumne River. Al was instrumental in getting the mayor to write the Public Utilities Commission asking them to withdraw their requests for permits for development on the Tuolumne River.

Friends of the River has gotten involved in the mayor's race in San Francisco in a number of ways. Volunteers have put in a number of hours at campaign headquarters. F.O.R. did a mailer to their San Francisco members and noted Mayor Finestein's stand on the Tuolumne and other environmental issues.

The election is on Tuesday, December 11 and F.O.R. hopes to get volunteers to help get out the vote. F.O.R. put out a press release to some 75 Bay Area media contacts regarding the mayor's support of protection of the Tuolumne.

#### Meetings

Tom met with Jadine Nielsen of Senator Cranston's office. He has also met with Marcy Helms of Don Edwards office and Dean Monroe of Norman Mineta's office. Tom felt that all of the meetings went well. He did say however that Thank yous should be sent to Don Edwards for his work for the Stanislaus. Marcy said he was getting more negative response for his efforts than positive. That's not the way it should be. Please let him know how you feel.

#### Workshop

Tom attended a workshop of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service on Phase I of their river inventory. They have taken videotapes of a number of river areas in California from a helicopter. These are available out of the Federal Building in San Francisco. It is important that HCRS is encouraged to include the South Fork of the American and other river areas in their survey by January 11. Contact Tom for more details.

#### Endorsements

Endorsements are still being sought. More are needed. Packets are available. Contact Tom or Doug Shields.

Friends of the River participated in the Mono Lake Exhibit with David Brower and Huey Johnson at Fort Mason. 200 people attended this successful event sponsored by the Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth and the Mono Lake Committee.

### SANTA CRUZ/SAN LORENZO

Mark and Tom spent November 11-13 in this Northern California area spreading the message of the Stanislaus through meetings, speeches and media events. It seems like there is good energy there for a new chapter of Friends of the River!



### DAVIS

The holidays are coming but Davis doesn't let that stop them from planning for the next school quarter. A new water rights class is already planned for the winter quarter. The fall quarter class ended with Bob Hagen, well-known professor in the Land, Air & Water Resources Department at UC Davis, leading the discussion at the final class meeting.

Guy Baldwin says their chapter is already beginning to organize for F.O.R.'s annual Confluence coming up in spring, since the event will be held on the UC Davis campus. This year, the subject will be agriculture, dealing with environmental aspects.

A water reclamation study group has been set up to explore the possibilities of water reclamation in Davis, with the possibility of recommendations being made to the city council.

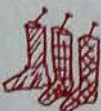
Two events coming up to take note of:

DECEMBER 14 - Peter Mueller-Beilschmidt from a local farm irrigation management service will talk about the way local farmers are irrigating, ways they might improve, and related topics. The talk will follow a potluck to be held at:  
716 N Street  
Davis, CA



For more information on this, call Guy or Kevin Wolf at (916) 758-4211

JANUARY 19 - Planning Educational Workshop, for Davis F.O.R. members to learn more about different aspects of water issues. Members will each study a different facet and speak on it.





## SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE CHAPTER

Hard core chapter people Jim Morgan, Holly Buckner, Cathy Duncan and Fred Rinne have been working hard on publicizing their December 13 showing of the Stanislaus Slide Show. Many S.C.C. faculty members have been letting them come to their classrooms and speak to classes for 3 or 4 minutes about the issue and announce the show. They are hoping that the audience at the event will include student John Doyle O'Shei, son of Col. (now General) O'Shei who has engaged chapter members in many lunchroom debates. Project Gold, a senior citizens group that meets at the college daily for lunch programs on varying subjects will be seeing the show in February.

Chapter members have also been working on getting more people to write to Congressman Matsui who is still somewhat under-barraged. Campus consciousness about the Stanislaus River is rising - the music students who performed at the Alpine West Benefit Sale keep asking us to let them do a benefit for F.O.R. Another hard rock group, Titanic, headed by a student, wants to do an F.O.R. benefit. Gwendolyn Davison is making a 5 X 5 foot batik banner with the F.O.R. logo on it.

## NORTH COAST

The highlight of the month for the North Coast Chapter of Friends of the River had to be the visit of Mark Dubois. There was a TV interview including a short Don Briggs' film of the Stanislaus, and radio and news interviews as well. At Humboldt State, Mark spoke to a crowd of 150. They even paid 50¢ each to listen to him. A reception followed.

Talks continued --- at College of the Redwoods, with Friends of Del Norte Co., with local eco-activists.

And the eating continued --- a potluck, a breakfast ...

There was even a float down the Smith River. Sounds like a successful visit all around.

## MOTHER LODGE

There was a meeting at the Columbia College Campus. The Mother Lode Chapter is trying now to get together with the members of the 14th District Conservation Caucus. They are working on finding a place to meet.

Mike Harami and a friend Mick, David Boyd, Marty McDonnell, Melinda Wright and Carol Nelson went to a meeting of the Future Farmers of America in Oakdale last week to present the Friends of the River side of the New Melones situation. Some parents were present as well.

In her talk, Melinda tried to dispel myths regarding New Melones while Michael spoke of local impacts. Presentation of the slide show was followed by a question and answer period. There were some good individual conversations between the visitors and some of the students and the teacher at the conclusion of the program.

Overall the mood was cordial but there is a lot of educating to do. Members of the audience, bar 1 or 2, had never seen the canyon which is threatened and it is hoped that some at least will accept the offer of a river trip in the Spring.

## DISTRICT ONE

As reported in the November 17 Grass Valley-Nevada City Union, "Nevada County Environmental Council members have endorsed legislation designed to protect portions of the Stanislaus River by designation it a National Wild and Scenic River." They sent a letter to Rep. Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson urging him to support H.R. 4223. I think we all agree with NCEC Chairwoman Eve Hall who said, "The more we look at New Melones, the less necessary it seems to be."

## SAN DIEGO

Communicating with Congressman Clair Burgener is turning out to be a little harder than Don Szalay and John Yager had expected. John says that Rep. Burgener has refused to discuss the Stanislaus Campaign with him or anyone else. Sensing that Burgener might be more receptive to a local issue, John approached him with the Santa Margarita River issue and the proposed dam sites there, but so far, attempts to reach the Congressman have been unsuccessful.

John and about 30 other people now know a lot more about the two proposed Santa Margarita dams than they once did, after taking a tour through the camp.

One dam would be built in Camp Pendleton, utilizing water from the river. The other would be built north of Fallbrook, using water coming out of pipelines from northern California and Colorado.

The projected price for all this? Well, right now the estimated figure of \$120 to \$140 million is considered a very modest estimate.

The tour of Camp Pendleton was put on by the State Water Commission. The emphasis was to show people how well the natural habitat is cared for, since the camp is probably the last coastal area left untouched, according to John. He says that the federal government has had plans to build these dams for at least 50 years. He adds an interesting fact about the size of the Santa Margarita River, saying it's actually more of a creek. "In the widest spot, it's not more than 10 feet across," he says, "and about two feet deep."

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As for the Stanislaus River, John and Don haven't given up, but due to a short, rather negative letter, they've decided to wait until they meet with Burgener is person to bring up H.R. 4223 again.

#### STAFF REPORTS



##### Sacramento

Among other things, Alexander has been concentrating on fund-raising which included penning a great fund-raising letter just sent out this month. So far the response has been very good. He also gave a radio interview in Davis this week. Ronnie has just spent her first month with F.O.R. and is busy organizing the Sacramento office, as well as becoming familiar with F.O.R. A special project this month has been organizing in the mountain community for another push on the North Fork project. In addition to Sacramento work, Mark has been on the road attending an outfitter's conference in Jackson Hole, and speaking in Santa Cruz and on the North Coast. Megan has been working on a grassroots outline, and trying to get endorsements. She is also gearing up to organize Sacramento energy to lobby Matsui. Rick is presently off in Colorado, but has been exceedingly pressed trying to fill in the gaps (GAPS) that Tom Burton has left behind. In a detailed outline, he described all the pieces that this entails for the Stanislaus campaign. As of this writing, Tom Burton is nowhere to be seen. Guess he figured that with Andrus giving the river some time and the SWRCB not making any more decisions at this time, he could finally get away. Next issue we will try to tell you what he did/where he went before resuming his life as a student. Vicki has officially quit her position at F.O.R. ready to take an overload of courses next term at Sac ST. Good luck Vicki on finishing up. I miss your help already as I type this. *ch*

##### Washington, D.C.

Patty remains busy in Washington. A large part of her time is spent meeting with government officials and their staffs and then communicating what she sees happening in Washington to the folks in California. A lot of thought now is being focused on the anticipated hearing on 4223 in San Francisco in January. Shortcutt is coming to California December 11 and plans to remain here until after the January hearing. Jenny is coming back December 20 but only for a week before she must head back to the Capitol city.

##### San Francisco

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Karyn Taylor is the new office manager and volunteer coordinator in the San Francisco office. She is busy learning the system and it looks like she will be a real good person for the job. She has been helping a number of the staff in different ways in helping things to go more smoothly. Welcome Karyn.  
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Brad left at the beginning of December for the East (U.S.) on a much deserved vacation to see family and friends. The Bay Area office held a going-away-hurry back party for Brad before he left. We all wish to publicly give him a BIG thanks for his recent work for Friends of the River. One of his best and most significant efforts has been the coordinating of other lawyers. Tens of thousands of dollars in excellent legal work has been donated due to Brad's efforts. Thank you Brad. Have a wonderful vacation. We look forward to you returning and "sinking (your) total being into some phase of the Stan. Campaign." Laurie has been spending her time with budgeting, and preparing the fundraising campaigns. (See FUNDRAISING). Catherine has submitted a 3 year general support proposal to the Columbia Foundation and now is waiting to hear the results of her efforts. Catherine is also working on plans for the Spring Confluence. Dick is needy. He needs help. (See "NEEDS-DESPERATE"). Tom sure keeps busy with meetings, programs and campaigns. (See BAY AREA REPORTS).



May you experience the beauty of nature and the spirit of Christmas during this season and all through the coming year.

We wish you joy, and we wish you peace

to be shared over all the world.  
With thanks for your messages & support in 1979,  
Until the new year,  
Chris, Megan & Carol

