

# THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN NEWS

SACRAMENTO CONTACT: Megan Eymann  
916-451-9955  
BAY AREA CONTACT: Tom Huntington  
415-771-0400  
LOS ANGELES CONTACT: Doug Linney  
213-343-6869

February 1980



## LATEST BREAKING EVENTS

**REMINDER:** HR4223 is the bill that 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.

What <sup>we</sup> you have all been wondering...

### THE HEARING

We have been asking you all to be prepared for a public hearing on H.R. 4223 before the Congressional subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs - Congressman Phil Burton, Chairman. We have tried to keep you as informed as we can as to what exactly is going on. For a while it appeared as though the event would happen on January 19th in San Francisco. As you know, it did not.

Where and when the hearing will occur, if it will occur is not now known. We will try to keep you as up to date as possible. A hearing may be called at any time for Sacramento or San Francisco or Washington, D.C. In any case, your testimony is still valuable and important.

If you have not done so already, please write your testimony now. Send it to Chairman Phil Burton. Be sure to state who you are and who you represent, if other than just yourself. Also, state that what you are submitting is testimony as to why the Stanislaus qualifies for Wild and Scenic status. Thank you.

Send to:

Congressman Phil Burton, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Please send copies to:

Senator Alan Cranston  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

and

Your local Congress member  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515



With or without a hearing, the vote on HR 4223 could come as early as March. We must be prepared.

### TOP PRIORITY

The top priority right now for grassroots is to develop telephone trees, telephone bank systems in order to be effective in getting mailgrams, phone calls, etc. out in a hurry. Contact and connect up with the organizer in your area NOW! (see p.5). Be "another link in the chain."

### TOP PRIORITY II

#### ENDORSEMENTS -

Many people have been putting in a lot of work in this aspect of the campaign, and it has been paying off. Endorsements have been rolling in. Some recent additions are the statewide California Rehabilitation Association (thanks to Doug Martin), Mayor Isenberg of Sacramento due to the efforts of Megan Eymann, and HR 4223 has endorsements at the state and national level of the League of Women Voters. FANTASTIC! And there are many more...

## FRIENDS OF THE RIVER



Why don't you try your area for some political endorsements? Talk to your local city council or mayor. They might well be just waiting to be asked! How about local business organizations? And civic groups; YMCA's, churches, a Senior Citizens group. Especially in Clausen's and Lagomarsino's districts (they are on the subcommittee voting on the bill), try to get those groups who are important to the Congress member. The list of endorsements is really growing. Keep up the good work! The more the merrier. ☺ Packets are still available from Tom or Doug in the San Francisco office or Megan or Ronnie in the Sacramento office.

#### WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY

The Wild and Scenic River Study is out! Now that the final product can be seen, Tim Palmer's efforts can really be appreciated. It is a beautiful quality job. Again Tim, much thanks. The printing is great too. Thank you Gradys and Mike! One hundred copies are available at \$10.00 a piece.



Sunday, January 13, the Stanislaus River above New Melones Reservoir was flooding. A group of about 35 intrepid, wet suit clad and perhaps somewhat foolhardy souls rafted from Camp Nine to Parrott's Ferry in a downpour. Estimates of the water level were about 25,000 cfs and rising. The trip was quick (40 minutes), the water big, and the canyon gorgeous. Most of the folks were local Stanislaus boaters and supporters. One exception was a rather tall fellow wearing cutoffs, a sweatshirt and a rather large grin.

#### THE STANISLAUS IN REVIEW

During the night of January 8th it began to rain in the Stanislaus watershed. The rain continued for most of the next 11 days. It was most often not an intermittent, gentle rain, but rather, harddriving and continuous. The warm storms from Hawaii melted snow in the mountains in the Stanislaus watershed and that water, combined with the water coming directly into the river, made the Stanislaus flood.

Normally during this time of year the river is running from about 500-2000 cubic feet per second (cfs) but during that week it went out of control. With rain pouring down, the streets of Vallejo were flooding. People were leaving their houses as water came in. Doors were being blocked off to the stores in Angels Camp. It is said that in 1 hour over 2 inches of rain came down in that little town.

The volume on the Stanislaus kept increasing. On January 12, 3 men in a single raft rowed down the river. It was running about 15,000 cfs by then and rising. There were huge waves and holes and a wide raging current. Well-known rapids and eddies were gone. For long stretches-for most of the river-all of the water was going swiftly downstream, playing with large logs in holes for awhile before spitting them out to continue the rough journey downstream. It was OUTRAGEOUS!

Word of the wild Stanislaus spread fast. By Sunday morning, January 13, there were 13 boatloads of people at put-in ready to take their chances on the "Colorado of the Grand Canyon in the Sierra Nevada foothills." The rain was pouring down. Just when it seemed as if it was going to ease up, it would come down harder than ever.

By the time that the boats left put-in, the river was flowing over 22,000 cfs. The water line was about one vertical foot down on the wall at private put-in, and rising.

The ride on the river from Camp Nine to take-out at Parrott's Ferry was about 40 minutes - if all went smoothly. Most of the boats could have made that time, several did, but not all. There were a couple of flips, one boat flipped twice. One person "swam" quite a distance, for about 10 minutes. The water was COLD, probably 45 - 50 degrees. Hypothermia was close at the time of rescue. There was drama and tension, calmness and craziness, respect, and not just a little excitement.

Our intent here was to write for you a detailed account of the events of that week - specifically of the events of that day, January 13. Emotions were running high and feelings, from the various perspectives, exciting and intense. Several people have written or have begun to write about their experiences. All who have tried so far have found it impossible to keep their stories short enough for this newsletter. One person has taken it upon herself to collect accounts from various people and to put these accounts together in an organized form. We hope to be able to offer you these stories in the future, for it was an amazing event and an amazing time in the life of the Stanislaus.

At 4:00 A.M. on the morning of January 14, the flow peaked at 43,500 cfs coming in at New Melones Dam. That probably means 30-35,000 cfs at Camp 9. The exact number is not known. It is known that during the night the river flowed heavily over the parking lot and the road, for the next morning, trash cans had been tossed around, puddles of water remained and logs lined the paths and parking spots.

That morning, the morning of the 14th, the rain stopped for awhile. The river was still raging at about 17,000 cfs, but without the water coming down increasing the flow, there was a feeling of peace, a feeling of calm. From the wet wildness of the day before, there was serenity and it was still.

This was not to last. In the afternoon the rains began again. The flow was never to reach that peak again, but it continued to run high for several more days.

The excitement of the river trips faded a little as the reality of the rising reservoir took over the thoughts in peoples minds. Before the storm the reservoir was being maintained at about 175,000 acre feet, at about the area of Horseshoe Bend. During the storm the channels in the lower river were being flooded with nothing being let out at the New Melones Dam and the only choice with the situation as it was was to back up water in the reservoir.



On about January 17, the reservoir passed Parrott's Ferry. For the first time in the history of the Stanislaus, the river above the bridge was stilled, an awesome and sad sight for those who care so much for the life of the river.

The reservoir is going down now. It has been for a couple of weeks. As this account is being written on February 6th, there is a cloudless deep blue sky and there are rapids again below the bridge - not far enough, not far below commercial take-out at Parrott's Ferry, but still, back below the bridge where it was never supposed to have passed.

This flood experience has left its mark, in peoples minds as well as on the banks of the Stanislaus. It has faced us directly with the truth. The dam is built. The waters are rising. Last spring 5 new miles of living river were lost. One town, many houses, historical landmarks and archeological sites were buried under millions of gallons of water. Plant and animal life were killed. So far this winter a few more feet have been covered, in a year when it was not supposed to happen. The truth is that it is happening and that for whatever reasons, real or contrived, the forces for filling are strong.

The banks of the river where the flood has been show the effects. In some places there are new sandy beaches, but in others it looks pretty rough. Some trees have been broken or pulled out and left on the shore. Logs are strewn along the banks and others are stuck up in the brown winter arms of other trees high above the present water line. High waterlines are visible with left debris - twigs, leaves and logs.

But life along the river will recover. Spring will come and life will be in evidence on the shores again.

Not so for life in the reservoir. Though the waters may fall, we know they will rise again and again leaving dead the roots of the trees and flowers, leaving destroyed the homes of the wildlife once there.

It is still early February. It is still winter. There is still time for more rains and more floods. And the snows will still melt in the Spring. We do not know what to expect. We do know that there are only nine miles left untouched by the new reservoir. We know that for the love of the Stanislaus it needs to stay that way.

"Stanislaus River so wild and so free..." what are they trying to do to you?

#### FACTS ON 'FLOODS'

During the January storms, some farmers made unfounded claims that their land flooded because the dam was not filled.

In 1962, Congress authorized New Melones Dam and downstream flood protection in the form of a "safe channel" capacity of 8,000 cfs.

During the January 1980 storm when the upper Stanislaus River peaked at 43,500 cfs, ZERO (0) water was being released from New Melones. Despite ALL the water being retained in New Melones, the Lower Stanislaus still peaked at 7,500 cfs.

At no time during the storm was more than 2090 cfs being released from New Melones. The only conclusion that can be drawn from the hydrological facts is that the partially filled New Melones provided an equivalent amount of flood protection when compared to the full reservoir.

A few riparian farmers planted crops on 1500 acres inside the "safe channel." No matter how loudly they may suggest that the partially-filled reservoir was responsible for the flooding, they have known that these acres inside the channelway would be flooded, on the average, once every three years even with a full New Melones Reservoir. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers was given a mandate by Congress to purchase easements within the 8000 cfs safe channelway. If that process had been completed by now - as it should have been, there would not have been complaints of flooding.

The water level in New Melones exceeded 808' elevation, Parrott's Ferry, despite an order by Secretary of Interior Andrus to hold the reservoir at Parrott's Ferry. The 808' order was based on the need to comply with Federal law on historic preservation.

The predominant reason for the violation of Andrus' order rests with Water and Power Resources Service, the old Bureau of Reclamation. This agency operated the dam to maximize storage rather than maximize protection of the Stanislaus River Canyon.

On January 1, 1980, New Melones held 175,000 acre feet - 75,000 acre feet more storage than at a similar time one year earlier. Last year, the reservoir filled to Parrott's Ferry in six quick weeks. No adequate explanations have been provided for this large storage level in light of Secretary Andrus' order.

During the week prior to the storm, WPRS released less water from the reservoir than was coming into the reservoir. As a result of this, there was less storage area available when the storm arrived.

If the reservoir had been operated differently, it is likely that upstream and downstream flooding would have been reduced.





An act to add Section 110 to the Water Code, relating to water.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2164, as introduced, N. Waters (W., P., & W.). New Melones Dam.

Under existing law, there is no provision establishing state policy concerning the filling of the New Melones Dam and Reservoir.

This bill would declare state policy that the New Melones Dam and Reservoir shall be filled to its maximum operating capacity commencing immediately and would prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board from imposing any restrictions on the quantity of water which may be impounded in such reservoir.

This bill has been introduced into the Assembly. It has the signed support of thirty-five members of the state Assembly and sixteen members of the state Senate.

You have read the bill for yourself. You know what it says and what it means.

It needs to be stopped!

Included among the members of the Water committee who are to vote on the bill are Berman, Boatwright, Filante, Mello, Rogers and Kelley. They all need to hear from their constituents. Write now. In your letters request that your assemblyman give you reasons for his stand on this bill. Request a "no" vote. State your reasons for your position.

Also, write to McCarthy. He has signed on to this bill. His voice is important, his position powerful. Let him know what you feel.

The recent editorial in the Sacramento Bee (included here) brings out three main points.

1. The state and federal governments made the proper decisions to delay filling.
2. The claimed flooding due to a partially filled reservoir was unfounded.
3. "The precedent the Waters bill would set - legislatively vetoing a complicated and procedurally correct water rights decision - is a dangerous one."

The storm rages and our battle intensifies.

## Filling New Melones

While few of the special interest groups involved are satisfied with the way the New Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River is being operated, the compromises that the state and federal governments have been implementing deserve support. Both the federal Department of the Interior and the state Water Resources Control Board have agreed to a partial filling of the dam that will preserve the upper river while its status is being debated, yet still provide the flood protection downstream that was originally authorized. The state has promised to reconsider the costs and benefits of filling the dam, but not until irrigation contracts are signed that demonstrate a need for greater water storage behind the dam. The federal government is waiting until various legally required studies of the dam area are completed.

Although New Melones is a federal project, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a path-breaking decision, upheld California's right to impose restrictions on its operations - and, by implication, on all federal water projects within its own borders. It is partly as a result of this ruling that the key questions about New Melones are being settled so slowly. But the decision-making process has also been orderly and fair, and the interim compromise itself is a sensible one. There is, moreover, no pressing need to move any faster.

Many members of the state Legislature, however, are so impatient about filling the dam that they now appear ready to forgo the important state's rights California won

in court and to undo the compromise among interest groups that the state Water Board so carefully constructed. Assemblyman Norman Waters has introduced a bill calling for the immediate filling of the New Melones Dam to its maximum operating capacity and prohibiting the state Water Board from imposing any restrictions on the federal government's operation of the dam. With 50 legislators co-sponsoring the bill, it seems very likely to pass.

Apparently, much of the urgency behind this bill arises out of unfounded claims that the recent Stanislaus River flooding happened because the dam was not filled. According to the state Water Board, virtually the same amount of flooding would have occurred had it been filled and operating as it was designed to be. "Whether the dam was operated at its current level or at its maximum," a spokesman said, "a flow below it of up to 8,000 cubic feet per second was authorized by Congress. The dam was designed and built for that amount of flood protection and no more. Anyone who planted in those areas knew he was taking a risk."

The precedent the Waters bill would set - legislatively vetoing a complicated and procedurally correct water rights decision - is a dangerous one. Neither the flooding nor anything else about New Melones justifies the end run the state Legislature is now trying to make around the Water Board - indeed, around the state's newly won authority over its own resources.

Recently Megan has been spending a lot of time over at the state capitol following up on Assemblyman Gages letter of endorsement for HR 4223 that has been circulated around the legislature. She has also begun lobbying efforts to stop the state assembly bill resolution to fill New Melones. Megan has recently been joined by David Dickson of Vallecito in her efforts. It is great to have his help!

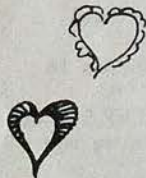
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ( they always are ) to work in the Bay Area office, to lobby in Sacramento, to work with grassroots in targeted districts, whatever your interests and skills there is most likely the job just for you. Volunteer a little or volunteer a lot. Get involved!

## TESTIMONY OF A VOLUNTEER

With thoughts of rivers and concrete passing through my brain, a few hours of time to spend, and a mind for something new, I paid a visit to the San Miguel FOR house. Something like checking up on a \$25 investment I made a year ago, I guess. It was a nice visit and somewhere along the line I asked the innocent question, "Could you use any help?"

I heard the answer, "yes" at least fifty times; but that was only because three people kept repeating it. Maybe there were echoes too. Anyway, within a month, I had helped organize stacks of books into a 'library', represented FOR at a State Senate committee hearing on wild and scenic status for parts of the American River, lent my truck for five days, helped fix the vandalized FOR truck, raked some leaves, and, among a myriad of other things, found good friends.

At FOR they seem to have an unspoken sentiment toward volunteer help - never turn it down, always encourage it, and don't feed it on busywork. I felt I could flow with my interests for the most part.





The doors are open at the house. The atmosphere welcomes. There's some food in the fridge and a place to toss a sleeping bag if you're tired. ...

Recently I visited the Stanislaus River. As I hiked along the water, I felt content that I was helping in some direct way to preserve this place. That felt very good. I also realized that getting to know the people at FOR has helped me know the river and even my own values more fully. ... All in all, a fine return on investment!

Mike Medberry

There has been a lot of good energy around lately. Warren Linney has come in to Sacramento from Davis to approach members of the City Council for endorsements and Kevin Wolf came in to lobby his representatives.

A very special thank you to Cathy Duncan who spent 2 full days at Grady's collating the Wild and Scenic study books for us. Cathy must have walked at least 100 miles, around and around those stacks of pages. Your efforts did not go unnoticed Cathy, THANK YOU. Thank you also to Steve Menicucci and friend for folding all those Headwaters and helping get that mailing on its way.

#### SB 200

This bill on the Peripheral Canal was jammed through the Senate. With the McCarthy-Berman shake-up going on, it just may zoom through the Assembly as well. This package does not have adequate measures to give sane water policy at the present time. If you have time, write to your state representative in opposition to SB 200.

Roxanne Elander spent some time over at the Capitol lobbying against this bill. Thank you Roxanne.

#### DATES TO KNOW

March 28-30 --- Damfighter's Conference --- Washington, D.C.  
May 9, 10 & 11 --- Friends of the Rivers Confluence --- Davis, California

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Many petitions have been sent throughout the state. Now they need to come back in. If you have petitions please get signatures and return them to Sacramento A.S.A.P. The organizers need to know how things are going and they have no way of telling with the petitions still out in the field. Remember, 553,000 valid signatures are required in order for this issue to qualify for the ballot. Get in touch with PCL (Planning and Conservation League), 717 K St., Suite 209, Sacramento, CA. 95814, 916-444-8726 for more petitions. Please do it now!

#### NOTE:

The \$10,000 general operation grant from the Columbia Foundation was to the Friends of the River Foundation.

#### FRIENDS OF THE RIVER CONTACTS AND COORDINATORS --- Keep this list handy!

Friends of the River Main Office 401 San Miguel Way Sacramento, CA. 95819 916-451-9955	Friends of the River Bay Area Office Fort Mason Center, Bldg. 312 San Francisco, CA. 94123 415-771-0400	Doug Linney Los Angeles Office 17758 Willard Reseda, CA. 91335 213-343-6869
Patty Shortcutt Schifferle Washington Office E.P.C. 317 Pennsylvania SE Washington, D.C. 20003	Melinda Wright FOR/Mother Lode P.O. Box 293 Columbia, CA. 95310 209-881-3474	Nancy Reichard FOR/North Coast 1091 H St. Arcata, CA. 95521 707-822-6981
Don Szalay 3943 Bernice Dr. San Diego, CA. 92107 714-226-0072	John Yager 7385 Steinbeck Ave. San Diego, CA. 92122 714-453-6434	Diane Poslosky 4823 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa, CA. 95404 707-544-4360
Kevin Wolf 716 N St. Davis, CA. 95616 916-758-4211	Larry and Reese Meyer 732 L St. Davis, CA. 95616 916-758-4229	District One Vince Haughey 469 Searls Ave. Nevada City, CA. 916-265-5961
Julie Byars Box 536 Fort Bragg, CA. 95437 707-964-4620	Sac. City College Cathy Duncan 5221 Harte Way Sacramento, CA. 95822 916-457-7001	Shelly Marks 1618 King St. Santa Cruz, CA. 95060 408-429-8207
	Roberta Jorther 6524 El Nido #1 Goleta, CA. 93017	Alexander Gaguine 943 Isleta Santa Barbara, CA. 93109 805-966-7679

#### MINI-MOVIE

There are three or four copies of a 5 minute Stanislaus film by Don Briggs available for use. It was quite a year and Don includes numerous aspects of it - flooding, rallies, Roll for the River, ... in this short piece.



## MONEY MONEY MONEY

To all of you who responded to our fundraising letter, thank you very much. F.O.R. is going through especially tough times right now and is in dire need of funds in order to continue operation. Big cutbacks in spending are being made. Some salary checks are being put back in to the operation fund. But your help is needed. Please help if you can. Perhaps you can arrange a creative fundraising event? or a noncreative one? Think about it. If you can do it, please call. Thank you again for all of your support of all kinds.

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### FROM THE MOTHER LODGE

On January 10, Congressman Norman Shumway appeared at a town meeting in Sonora. Not much new, although he has turned against synfuels a bit, but generally, "he's got to go!" As he did several months ago in Columbia, he got to a point in the meeting where he said that he would not answer any more questions about New Melones. He said at one point, "I can handle the New Melones discussion fine in Congress but I can't handle it here."

Chris Walker arranged to have an information table set up and manned for two days outside the cafeteria at the college to increase awareness of the Stanislaus situation.

Environmental Outreach at the College has scheduled a "river education" day on March 3rd. Mark will be there, and there will be some new river slides presented. Mark will hopefully also talk to some local high school classes, and he and all of us have been invited to arrange a program for the Long Barn Oddfellows Lodge.

Called by Gary Genest, a full moon letter writing potluck was held at the ARTA house in Vallecito on January 31. It was a great success! There was good music, good food, good fun and over 36 letters were written to various government officials, especially subcommittee member Don Clausen from the North Coast. Word was out that he wanted to know the opinions of local folks. The 26 participants also enjoyed a special showing of Lady of the Mother Lode.

WPRS MEETING --- On January 16 about 100 people attended a meeting at Columbia College scheduled by the former Bureau of Reclamation designed to inform the public about the operation of New Melones Reservoir. Both sides were represented though more it seemed on the pro river side. There were some lively debates between members of the audience, but a fair amount of the time was spent scrutinizing and attacking WPRS statements. They were not really prepared for the knowledgeable and intelligent questions thrown at them. And, generally, we had lots of fun searching for the truth.

On Sunday, January 13, the Conservation Caucus met. We will have some representatives visit with Democratic Congressional candidate Ann Cerney on Feb. 27th, and will also arrange a talk with Ron Richards, another candidate. The Caucus voted unanimously to endorse HR 4223.

### LOS ANGELES

Along with regular activities, Doug reports two events, both good and both major. First, the Rick Ridgeway fundraiser was held in January and it was excellent. It was a lot of work, but a really good show which the people enjoyed a lot. Fantastic. By the way, also made over \$800.00!

Second bit of news. Craig Wright from Santa Barbara is now working in Los Angeles and Doug is very happy about that.

### SAN DIEGO

A mailing is going out to FOR members in San Diego, an Action Alert requesting letters to Cecil Andrus requesting his support for HR 4223. And other Congressional activity continues. They are still trying to get a meeting with Rep. Burgener. They are going to make sure they talk to him before there is a vote on the bill. With Rep. Wilson too. With school started up again at San Diego State, local mail should be getting thicker. An intern may possibly be hired in this area to help with grass-roots and endorsements.

### DAVIS

The Davis Chapter is as busy as ever and recently sent out their winter newsletter with a whole page of events. Some are as follows:

1. This quarter's water class is well underway. Lecturers have been experts on project needs, on rather scientific aspects of water projects. So far there have been speakers on the Delta and on the Master Drain.

2. Anne Sands, an expert on riparian habitat, gave a slide show and talk. It was an event sponsored by Friends of the River in Davis, but it was open to the public. The presentation was very well received, a very interesting evening. Ms. Sands is on the State Reclamation Board and is a good friend to the cause.

3. Students have been getting a lot of endorsements including that of the student council at Davis.

4. On February 13, there is to be a Tuolumne Debate before the Yolo County Committee of Parks and Recreation. They have been asked to give a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and FOR Davis is trying to get their support for Wild and Scenic status.





## NORTH COAST

Jeannie Larkins reports from the North Coast that they are working hard on getting endorsements for HR 4223. They are also working on Assemblyman Bosco as he is one of the signers of AB 2164, the bill to fill New Melones. The group had a good meeting with Congressman Clausen's aide. We can't give up on Clausen yet. In their discussions with the people in the North Coast area, FOR members are emphasizing conservation awareness - explaining how saving the Stanislaus will help to save the North Coast Rivers.

## SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

The steering committee met as the new semester began. They planned some future fun events like river trips and volleyball along with more hard core politics.

On the 21st there will be a fundraiser at the student center. Musicians will perform and hot apple cider and cookies will be sold. Also, the slide show will be presented to Project Gold, a Senior Citizen group of 275-300 people.

Other events such as a debate and a booth at People's Day in the spring are planned.

## SANTA BARBARA

In Santa Barbara they are "doing tons." The big event coming up is the evening with David Brower and Mark Dubois at U.C.S.B. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, and is titled "Healing the Earth, Environment for a New Decade."

Other activities include giving slide shows and getting endorsements. There has been a phone calling brigade going on to people in Santa Barbara and Ventura who have been down the river, they've been having an Andrus letter drive this week, and there was even a table set up at the Taj Mahal concert. And an editorial appeared in the campus newspaper and work is being done on the Environmental Bill of Rights. Sounds like Gina has made contact with Shortcutt back in Washington and will be helping there.

## STAFF REPORTS

BAY AREA --- Karen is the volunteer coordinator and would like your help for a day, a week, a month, ... Don Briggs is working on his film, on national endorsements, and on fundraising. Dick should have editorial endorsement packets out next week. Major media and targeted district media are being targeted. (Get that?). Talk to Dick if you want to get involved in No. California and to Doug in So. California. Dick is also working on a color poster and brochure. Laurie is working on fundraising along with her administrative duties and Catherine is busy with the upcoming Confluence as well as continual fundraising. Tom is working on political endorsements, getting city council resolutions and Boards of Supervisors on board throughout the Bay Area. Brad has assumed his role as Stanislaus Campaign manager and is extremely busy keeping everyone on their toes. He is the main grassroots contact for all.

SACRAMENTO --- Mark continues his life of meetings, phone calls and paperwork in lobbying efforts for the Stanislaus. This past month has included TV appearances and talking with some members of the California State Legislature. He is presently in Los Angeles for a brief stay to work with Doug on grassroots and to speak on a panel sponsored by the California Water Resources Association. Ronnie, presently with Mark in Los Angeles, continues to work fighting the proposed North Fork Stanislaus project as well as managing the office in Sacramento for the Stanislaus Campaign. She also worked with Rick on the Headwaters mailing. In search of endorsements, Megan spent a week at the Bay office and attended the Democratic Convention in San Francisco. Since returning to Sacramento, she has spent most of her time down at the Capitol. Rick has been busy on several fronts; working with various Department of Interior people to make sure FOR's Kelley & Williams report was analyzed in Andrus' position on wild and scenic status for the Stanislaus; lobbying the State Board of Reclamation to set up a designated floodway on the lower Stanislaus; during and after the January 13 storm, staying in hourly contact with WPRS to make sure the reservoir was kept as low as possible and that the water was brought down as rapidly as possible. His free time was taken up with helping to finish the wild and scenic study, sending out a Headwaters mailing and working for HR 4223. Rick will be leaving April 1st but fortunately his replacement is already doing volunteer work at FOR Sacramento. She is Betty Andrews, a newcomer to California. She has a strong background in research and public policy and will be a great addition to the FOR staff.

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- After lobbying and grassroots activity in California, Shortcutt Patty Schifferle is back in Washington working on National endorsements and in getting positions through the Department of Interior. She had an exciting meeting with Congressman Burton and says he is committed to move on the Stanislaus. It is sure good that he is on our side.

Ah, 'tis the special month for love ... have a Happy Valentine's Day.  
For the Stanislaus,

Carol



Thank you Linda. And Rick. And Megan. And David.