

# THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN

## NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition of the decade of the Stanislaus Campaign News. We are extremely glad to have you with us as we look forward to a busy and I am sure, exciting, year. It certainly is starting out that way. Read on please.

### LATEST BREAKING EVENTS

#### IMPORTANT

Remember: HR 4223 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.

#### THE BIG EVENT

A public hearing on HR 4223 before the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs - Congressman Phil Burton - Chairman.

#### To Repeat

This is extremely important. It is our chance to make the case for the river which will convince those who, for one reason or another, are not yet convinced, that this river needs (deserves) to be saved.

The key is to identify the values of the canyon. All of the values we can think of. We want to offer as much information as possible and the information should have as broad of a base as possible. The issue of the Stanislaus is a national issue. The reasons that this is so need to be made clear and known.

#### To Continue

By this time we had hoped to be able to give you exact times and dates. We can't. There is a "strong potential" that the hearing will be January 19th. If this happens, it will probably be in San Francisco. If the hearing is not on the 19th, there is a strong possibility that it will be held in Washington, D.C. later in January or possibly in February.

#### ACTION

We must be prepared by January 19. Please Help!

#### FIRST - - - - - TESTIMONY

Think about and write your own testimony. You have a unique experience (Each person's encounter with the river is unique.) and/or some special knowledge to share with others to add to the breadth and depth of the information we present. You may feel that anything you have to say will be covered by someone else. Say it! How you say it will be like no one else and it may be just the way required to touch someone's heart, to change someone's mind.

#### SECOND FIRST - equally as important - - - - - ENDORSEMENTS



## FRIENDS OF THE RIVER



Next issue: a report on Tom Burton.



For the last several issues of the Stanislaus Campaign News, we have been asking for letters of endorsement for the Stanislaus from local groups, clubs, churches, agencies etc. Many people have been putting a lot of energy into this effort. The effort will continue after the hearing, BUT we want to have as many endorsements as possible by the 19th, so, don't put it off any longer. Get those endorsement letters signed now! Your group, your relative's club, your neighbor's, your friends. All of them. Packets are still available from Tom or Doug in the San Francisco office or Megan or Ronnie in the Sacramento office.

Send endorsement letters and a copy of your testimony 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

And please, definitely and immediately, send copies of endorsement letters to:

Friends of the River  
401 San Miguel Way  
Sacramento, CA. 95819

Besides small, local groups, everyone is working on getting the endorsement of larger groups such as archeologists, tax payer groups, small businesses and outdoor outfitters. Your personal contacts are valuable. Can you get a local politician (who will get Howard Jarvis' endorsement), a business person, scout troop, senior citizens group or any other group, influential or not, to endorse Wild and Scenic status?

Thanks to Mark's efforts, the free flowing Stanislaus now has official endorsement of Cal Trout. Thank you Cal Trout.

And the disabled groups are on the move. Having formed the Stanislaus Wilderness Action Committee (SWAC), disabled groups are organizing up and down the state and in joining with F.O.R. to preserve the Stanislaus. They plan a rally before the hearing. Call Gracielle Rossi (415-731-7796) or Bob Metts (209-736-4329) for more information.

Already there are 15-20 endorsements from disabled groups. Special thanks goes to Doug Martin. He has been instrumental in getting endorsements from the Centers for Independent Living. Doug is also working specifically in Congressman Glen Anderson's district trying to get his support for H.R. 4223. Keep it up Doug. And thanks.

#### SEQUENCE AND STRUCTURE

H.R. 4223 is presently in the House subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs. From there it goes to the full House committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. From there to the floor of the House.

In order for the Stanislaus to become a federal Wild and Scenic River, it must pass through each step in the House and then go through the same process in the Senate.

Our battle, as you know, is not an easy one. For many reasons and against many foes, we are fighting uphill.

The Stanislaus may be physically far from you now. But think about the Stanislaus. Think about the river, the canyon, the times you have shared with others there the moments you have spent alone. Close your eyes. Think back. Think ahead? Remember what the Stanislaus has given you, and give to it (maybe again and again) in return.

Please act now. Thank you.

#### STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

At the December 7 meeting of the Stanislaus Steering Committee, the need was recognized for a Stanislaus Campaign Manager. Brad Welton will assume that position when he returns from his vacation back east. It appears, though, that Brad is already on the job. The Bay Office reports papers with plans coming in from New York.

While in the West, Patty Schifferle is the interim manager until Brad's return.

The next full Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting is set for January 10 at 10 AM in Sacramento. (Lunch will be provided)

I know, I know,  
Feinstein F-E-I-N-S-T-E-I-N and desperate D-E-S-P-E-R-A-T-E.

Speaking of desperate, how many of you called Dick last month to help him out? or Laurie? Come on folks, the staff gets such a big boost from such a little amount of help.



#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to Laurie Pavey. Laurie drove down from Corvallis, Oregon and spent five days at the Sacramento office cooking apple pies for our Winter Solstice dinner and working 14 hours a day as a volunteer doing all manner of work on tee shirts, files, memberships, staff egos, etc., etc. A hearty thank you from a grateful Ronnie (who is finally caught up) and staff.

#### GOOD OMEN OF THINGS TO COME

Friends of the River has received its first general operation grant to the tune of \$10,000 from the Columbia Foundation! Congratulations Catherine. Great work.

#### BENEFITS

Martin Litten will be talking and showing his Grand Canyon movie in two benefits for Friends of the River.

March 13 in Davis

March 27 at the College of Marin

More information in the next issue.

#### CONFLUENCE

The dates are set for May 9, 10, and 11. The place is the University of California at Davis. Mark your calendars. Keep it in mind. More information to follow.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Petitions are out and now available through PCL (Planning and Conservation League)

On January 10 a statewide press conference is to be held with Peter Behr in Los Angeles/San Diego and David Brower in San Francisco or Sacramento.

The Environmental Bill of Rights has already been endorsed by more than 55 groups and the number is growing. Now at least 553,000 signatures are required. You should soon be receiving petitions through the mail. Watch for them and then hussle out and get those signatures. YOUR ENERGY AND HELP ARE NEEDED!

If you don't get any petitions or you need more, call PCL (717 K Street, Suite 209, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-444-8726.).

How many of you have already called?

#### WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY

The final report has been completed and is at the printers. Yea! It will be available in the next couple of weeks. A limited edition is being printed and most will be going to governmental agencies etc. Some extra copies will be available through Friends of the River for \$10.00. Contact them if you would like a copy.

The Wild and Scenic Study was initiated and coordinated by Tim Palmer. Tim lives in Pennsylvania but fell in love with the Stanislaus on a trip to California. He has put much time and energy into this very valuable project. All of your work is certainly appreciated Tim. Thank you very much.

#### REGIONAL UPDATES

##### BAY AREA

The first part of December saw many Bay Area volunteers working on the mayor's race to help elect the candidate who supports the Tuolumne River. Congratulations and thank you again to Alvin Greenburg and Tom Huntington for their fine work on the Feinstein campaign.

January events at Fort Mason sponsored by Friends of the River:

Tuesday January 8 - Grassroots organization workshop

Tuesday January 15 - Wild Rivers Slide Show

Tuesday January 22 - Energy for Tomorrow

Sounds good. Try to attend.

##### MOTHER LODGE

New idea! Coming from the Mother Lode we have a "save the Stanislaus" chain letter. It is a great idea to get hundreds of letters written and sent to government officials. Some chapters and individuals have already started them moving. Wouldn't you like to be a part of it all? A positive chain letter experience.

Call F.O.R. Sacramento, or Mother Lode for more information and/or a copy of the letter.

##### NORTH COAST

By Sunday, the students should all be back. School starts Monday. After the vacation, the group on the North Coast should be ready to get back into the campaign to save the Stanislaus.

Already, Nancy reports, a group are steering the chain letter reaction in motion (idea from Mother Lode FOR). Clausen should get lots of mail!

And, if the hearing is held in San Francisco, you can bet on folks from the North Coast coming down.



## SAN DIEGO

Don reports that they have a new activist for the Stanislaus in San Diego. YIPPEE! Her name is Donna Hunter. Already she had taken the film, Lady of the Motherlode, and has shown it to a couple of classes at San Diego City College. Also to friends and family on Christmas day! All right! Keep it up Donna.

As school starts up again, plans are to take the film to classes at UCSD. As we go into 1980, John and Don continue trying to get an appointment with Representative Burgence.

## DAVIS

Here's some news from the Davis chapter about what's going on here.

Congressman Vic Fazio will be in town on January 8 for a town meeting. We will be in the audience in full force and plan on asking quite a few questions on the Stanislaus River and HR 4223.

The Davis chapter is planning a one day educational conference during January (Date to be chosen so as not to interfere with the Burton hearings.). Chapter members and the general public will be invited to hear a number of speakers on all sorts of river and water issues. We decided we needed such a conference because many members felt they weren't really informed on the issues.

We (mostly Kevin Wolf) are working hard on the possibility of a Davis City Council endorsement for Wild and Scenic status for the Stanislaus.

Still working on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to endorse Wild and Scenic status for the Yolumne in response to Stanislaus County's letter to all the countys asking them to do the opposite. The Board of Supervisors referred the matter to the County Water Resources Board and the Parks and Recreation Department. So far the Water Resources Board has voted against Wild and Scenic status.

A water reclamation study group has formed to study the possibilities for Davix. We visited the Davis sewage treatment plant and found they already have plans to expand methane storage facilities and use of reclaimed water, but funding for the plans is lacking, so this may become our aim in the future.

Thats all for now, Guy Baldwin

## LOS ANGELES

The mood is enthusiastic and optimistic in Los Angeles as Doug makes plans for the New Year.

He spent some time at Fort Mason at the beginning of the month attending meetings (and the Birthday party) and touching bases with other members of the San Francisco and Sacramento staff.

During a December trip to L.A., Carol took the slide show to four sixth grade classes in the Southeast part of town and had a great time. The kids listened amazingly well, learned some things and even bought a few bumper stickers. Many wrote letters to their Congressman, asking for his help in saving the Stanislaus. We would like to have Mr. Augustus Hawkins officially on our side.

Doug continues with the "regular business" of organizing. This includes such things as slide shows and attending fairs- one soon to be held in Thousand Oaks, sharing a booth with the Mono Lake Committee and Tree people.

Coming up January 25 is the big fundraiser at University High School. As a benefit for Friends of the River, well known mountain climber, Rick Ridgeway, will be giving a slide and movie presentation on his recent expedition to Antarctica. Thanks Rick!

## SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

The planned Stanislaus presentation at the college happened with great success. The show, with slides and Mark Dubois, easily drew enough people to jam the 65 -70 person capacity room. Quite a stir was caused and the campus FOR chapter wound up presenting the slide show a total of 5 times over 2 days. The chapter ended up with a big fat new mailing list and increased interest in the Stanislaus story.

John Doyle O'Shei, son of Army Corps General Donald O'Shei and student at Sacramento City College, sent regrets that he couldn't attend the showing. He was spending Christmas with his parents in Bethlehem and had to catch a plane that morning. He asked if any of the students had been involved in the "dead tree bit" - the Stanislaus River walk in August of 1978. He said that his dad thought that was a "cool move." He also said that his dad enjoyed the time that that "wierd lady" made them all stand up to sing "America the Beautiful" at a hearing. Wonder who that was ???!

The City College Chapter is now making plans to participate in a work/study opportunity day, Thursday, January 10. They will have a table with literature and will stress the endless opportunities for an FOR volunteer. You learn lots about politics, make contacts, and sometimes "paid" internships even turn up.

They are planning another Stanislaus event - this time using the Lady of the Mother Lode film.

They continually work on letter writing - sometimes just casually hanging out in the cafeteria with letter writing kits in hand waiting for unsuspecting noontime lunchers. People have been writing to Phil Burton and Congressman Matsui.

A debate to present both sides of the Stanislaus issue has been requested by several faculty members. Hopefully that will happen in March.



## SANTA BARBARA

After hiking down Duck Bar Road, five FOR members spent about three days before Christmas camping down at the Stanislaus. Being on the river "energized" all of them and made them more determined than ever to this magical place.

On Saturday night, January 4, a group of Friends of the River people are going to a Sierra Club dinner where Congressman Lagomarsino will be. Of course they will be asking questions about the Stanislaus.

New buttons are being printed by the Santa Barbara chapter to increase awareness of the Stanislaus issue in the area.

Alexander has recently been spending time helping out in the Santa Barbara area. The goal is to increase outreach to conservationists and conservation organizations. Alexander feels good about the organization, energy and the contacts he has made so far in Santa Barbara. He's got time to follow through on ideas that the too busy students have had, plus come up with some of his own - including a flyer specifically for the Santa Barbara area about the Stanislaus and Lagomarsino. He's helping to follow through on contacts with people who have been down the river, interested media, etc., getting articles in local environmentalist newsletters, programs, slide shows, etc., etc.

The big event of the month will be "An Evening with David Brower and Mark Dubois". The date is January 22, the time - 8 PM. The Place is Campbell Hall on UCSB campus. This event is free.

A benefit dinner for Friends of the Earth and Friends of the River is being planned for earlier in the evening. Bob Wilkenson, the Santa Barbara coordinator for Friends of the Earth, is working with Roberta Jortner, of Santa Barbara's Friends of the River chapter, on the dinner and program. Lagomarsino will be invited as a guest, as will Gary Hart, a local assemblyman and a great environmentalist, and other local celebrities.

## STAFF REPORTS

pulling off another successful FOR event (the first Birthday Party) and the good news about the Columbia Foundation grant, Catherine is off on vacation in BAJA. Dick will be back soon from present vacation to the Virgin Islands. Ed is expected back this month from the east coast. Karen, back from Christmas in New York, and Laurie - not back from anywhere - she has been local all vacation, are keeping up with the day to day activities in the office as well as working on their own individual projects. The second week of December saw Diane Feinstein elected as mayor of San Francisco. Tom was then able to leave local politics (and the devotion of so much time to the Tuolumne) for the time being and get back to concentrating on the Stanislaus. Before the hearing he is working especially hard on endorsements. Don Briggs is back on the job working with - you guessed it - his film on the Stanislaus story.

## SACRAMENTO

After many meetings and much travel at the beginning of the month, Mark finally took a vacation. He spent Christmas with his family and then kayaked 110 miles of the Stanislaus. Alexander, working with the Santa Barbara chapter to increase outreach, has been in that area helping to organize Lagomarsino's district with great success. Actually he is lounging in a villa by the sea jogging on the beach, and enjoying Santa Barbara's 80 weather. Ronnie spent time on the North Fork - as usual - and had a Davis FOR meeting at her house that ended with a dip in the solar hot tub. Megan has worked with endorsements and on Matsui this month, and Rick managed to have a two week party at his house while maintaining his usual workload here at the office. Great party Rick! Rich also spent some wonderful time in early December in the high mountains of Colorado skiing and hot tubbing. That man knows how to relax.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

Shortcut took a much needed trip to Hawaii with her family and then returned to California to throw herself full force into the campaign. How long she stays here depends a lot on what happens with the approaching H.R. 4223 hearing.

As we begin 1980 the newspapers are full of stories of war, hatred, and sadness. But the mood among the Friends of the River is positive as we go into this new decade. We have had some good times with family and friends and many have spent some important moments away from the schedules and problems of the cities. Several went to the Stanislaus, and left it anxious and excited with promises to the river. I spent several days on the Fort Bragg coast. The ocean is fantastic! Like the river it renews the spirit and brings back faith in life again. It is with bright promises for the future that we begin this decade. We hope that is the same for you. With hope that the masses will come to more fully appreciate our natural resources, and that the time will come for permanent protection for the Stanislaus, we wish us all a wonderful, happy new year and a world and people at peace.



Carol & Ronnie

When is the hearing? And where? CALL Friends of the River after Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>