

THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN

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ANDRUS ORDERS MELONES GATES SHUT



BROWN VETOES AB 2164, FOCUS OF THE STANISLAUS FIGHT GOES BACK TO CONGRESS

Reminder: 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.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Call your Congress member. Ask him to work for the passage of HR 4223. But whether he supports us or not at this time, ask that he contact Secretary Andrus immediately and urge the gates at New Melones to be opened, at least until Congress has a chance to act on the pending legislation. As Representative Fortney Stark (D-Oakland) said, "...if he fills the reservoir, the damage will be permanent and the area can never be reclaimed."

PHONE: (202) 224-3121 (Capitol switchboard in Washington.) Before 8:00 A.M. (our time), 3 minutes costs less than \$1.00.

LATEST BREAKING EVENTS



The Situation Regarding ANDRUS:

The water in New Melones Reservoir is rising. It has reached the level of elevation 808 and is passing Parrott's Ferry Bridge. (Due to snowpack, the maximum level the reservoir can reach this year is 825 - 837.)

Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus has been quoted as saying that he favors preserving the river, but his actions lately lend doubt to this statement. On June 6, Secretary Andrus ordered the gates closed at New Melones Dam and the water level raised in the reservoir up to the 818 foot level. In making his decision, Andrus said that "The archaeologists have done the necessary mitigation work well above that mark." He said that he was raising the impoundment level of the reservoir in order to help protect the region against possible electric power shortages by late summer. His third point concerned HR 4223. He said, "I do not want to inundate a white-water canyon if there is a serious chance that new Stanislaus River legislation will emerge from this Congress, but if there is not, I must follow the mandate of existing law."

Point by point FOR responses are as follows:

Andrus' staff has told him that the archaeological work done in the Stanislaus River Canyon was comprehensive and complete. The President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer both protested that it was inadequate. Friends of the River along with the Sierra Club, Society for California Archaeology, Environmental Defense Fund, and other groups filed a lawsuit on Friday, June 13, against the Department of Interior, in Federal District Court, to stop the raising of the reservoir level. One of the claims in this suit is that the archeological work done in the Stanislaus Canyon was not thorough, nor was it adequately done. (See "Environmentalists Go To Court").

Regarding Andrus' statements on power, heads of the State Public Utility Commission and the State Energy Commission said Andrus was wrong. In a letter sent to Andrus from San Francisco, PUC Chairman John Bryson said the state's power reserve should be about 6.3 percent, not the 1.8 percent Andrus presented to the California Congressional delegation.

State Energy Commission Chairman Rusty Schweickart sent a telegram to California congressmen saying the amount of additional electricity potential from New Melones "is insignificant" in comparison to available generating capacity and backup measures--such as sharing power between utilities. "The filling of New Melones is a water-rights and environmental issue, not an energy issue," he said.

On the issue of Congressional support, on June 13, Secretary Andrus was asked by 22 U.S. Congress members (via a letter presented by Parks and Insular Affairs subcommittee chairman Phil Burton,) to open the dam gates. The majority leaders of both the subcommittee, and the full committee on Interior and Insular Affairs assured Andrus that HR 4223 will be heard in Congress. Apparently this is not enough assurance for Mr. Andrus that "there will be serious floor action in both Senate and House this year upon the proposal to designate the river segment containing the canyon as a wild or scenic river." At this time, he plans to keep letting the waters rise.

Please call now urging your Representative in Congress to put pressure on Andrus to open the gates. It takes just a moment of your time. Thank you.

UPDATE ON THE BILL - HR 4223

Congressman Phil Burton, chairman of the subcommittee on Parks and Insular affairs announced Thursday, May 29 on a radio broadcast that he plans on passing legislation through both subcommittee and committee to protect the Stanislaus River Canyon. This action is expected to occur within the next 4 weeks. Now the opposition knows exactly what is going on and now more than ever Congressman Burton and your own representative in Congress need to know what their constituents feel. We need their support and they need ours. Things are moving up and down the state (See "Lobbying Visits..."). Make sure you are a part of it and spread the word. Get those people you have been hesitant to ask (your family, your closest friends, your business partner!) to act immediately. Read the enclosed Action Alert for ways to respond.

The Situation Regarding the State Legislature and AB 2164

On June 11, Governor Brown vetoed AB 2164, Norm Water's bill to fill up New Melones. This veto is a great victory for the public, for the State, for New Melones Dam (which at the level of a moderate reservoir provides greater benefits), and for the Stanislaus River, the second most popular whitewater in the nation, and the deepest limestone canyon on the West Coast.

In spite of intensified lobbying efforts on behalf of the Stanislaus, on May 29 the state Senate passed AB 2164 by a vote of 26-6. This vote came following passage on April 10 in the Assembly by a vote of 44-32. It does not appear, however that Mr. Waters will be able to garner the votes needed for a veto override.

AB 2164 was a blatant attempt to torpedo HR 4223 the bill in Congress to preserve the upper Stanislaus Canyon. Because of Brown's veto, the focus of the Melones controversy shifts back to Congress and the consideration of HR 4223.

Many thanks to the people who traveled to the Capitol in Sacramento to help re-educate the legislature in river awareness. The task is not an easy one but it proved worthwhile when legislators changed their minds--convinced in the cause of the river.

UPDATE ON THE RIVER FLOWS

In a "normal" year, the peak snowmelt into the Stanislaus River occurs during the last week of May or first week of June. Such is not the case this year. Due to varied and unseasonably cold weather, there is still much snow above waiting to come down. Following several hot days in the 90's during the week of May 18, the river rose to more than 7600 cubic feet per second (cfs). But by that Friday night a cold spell had arrived, it was snowing at about 3,000 feet and the river flow quickly decreased to about 3,000 cfs where it stayed more or less for about 3 weeks. This has been good for the river as releases continued downstream and the reservoir continued to drop. Now it appears that summer has finally come to the Stanislaus. Hot days are back and the river is on the rise again. It is great to see that water coming down, but not to see the reservoir on the rise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Environmentalists Go To Court -

On June 13th, environmentalists and archeologists went to court to request a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) which would direct Secretary of Interior Andrus to hold the reservoir at its present level. Thousands of people have written and called their Congress member urging support of this action. Plaintiffs in this case are the Environmental Defense Fund, Society for California Archeology, Friends of the River, Environmental Traveling Companions, and California for Preservation Action.



Grounds for the T.R.O. are threefold: 1) Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Water and Power Resources Service (WPRS) must define the service area for irrigation before the reservoir can be stored. Seventeen years after dam authorization, this service area has still not been defined. 2) According to the Historic Preservation Act, WPRS was required to conduct studies of the more than 600 archeological sites in the Stanislaus canyon. These studies have not been completed to the satisfaction of the State Historic Preservation Officer or the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. 3) Under the California Water Code, the State Water Board must approve WPRS plan for operation of the dam before the reservoir is stored. The Control Board has not approved of the operation.

Violations of Federal and State laws must be stopped.

Fighting for Fish -

The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service predicts that, in the long run, the present release from New Melones Dam might "severely" harm downstream trout and salmon fisheries.

A minimum flow of 100 cfs in the lower Stanislaus is necessary to maintain downstream fisheries. That minimum flow is also required by the authorization for New Melones Dam. Yet at present, the release from New Melones Dam for fisheries is only 10 cfs.

Under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the operator of the dam, the Federal Water and Power Resources Service (WPRS), is supposed to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service before altering the flow. The Fish and Wildlife Service is presently encouraging WPRS to significantly increase the release from New Melones Dam.

BEST FRIENDS OF THE DAM --- BFOD

Update Report: Best Friends of the Dam had its first rally at the capitol on May 28th. Kevin Wolf headed up the program which was attended by about 50 people and KXTV Channel 10. The highlight of the morning was a demonstration of flood control using two bathtubs to represent a moderate reservoir and a massive one. Bailing buckets of water were used to bring on the warm winter rains. They were emptied into the tubs showing how a partially filled reservoir provided better flood control. After the rally, everyone attended a meeting with Gray Davis from the governor's office. He was attentive, asked thoughtful, intelligent questions and was encouraging that the Waters' bill (AB 2164) would be vetoed by Governor Brown.

Patricia Chambers

Background - BFOD was formed a few weeks ago by concerned taxpayers who want the best use of the New Melones Dam. They define best use as best flood control, best assured net production of electricity, best downstream fisheries, and best way to stop the Federal Bureaucracy from bungling away more tax dollars. They demand no filling above Parrott's Ferry until contracts are signed that pay for the project.

SWAC --- STANISLAUS WILDERNESS ACTION COMMITTEE

Members of SWAC hit Washington with wheelchairs and all and made a major impression. A dozen people spent up to two weeks educating members of congress about disabled access to wilderness as well as other Stanislaus issues.

MAXIMIZING POLITICAL ACTION FROM RAFTING TRIPS

The commercial river guides of all of the companies running trips on the Stanislaus are continuing to get their passengers to write letters during their river trips. The response is growing daily as the guides are becoming more sophisticated in their knowledge of the economical and political issues as well as in activating the passengers.

The letter writing campaign has already spread to the American with many guides there linking the potential damming of that river with the New Melones Reservoir. Right now we are trying to spread the Stanislaus letter writing to the King, Kern, Eel, Tuolumne and every river around. If you work on one of these rivers or know someone who does, get your pens, paper, envelopes and Congressional zipcode lists and keep the letters and the rivers flowing.

NOTE: Recently one guide on a Tuolumne trip talked to a passenger about the Stanislaus. The passenger went home and informed his Congressman about the issue and as a result HR 4223 gained a new co-sponsor --- from Massachusetts! YAHOO! NOTE #2: A guide came off a Stanislaus trip and reports that of the people on his trip, 4 who own businesses will endorse the bill. Two of those businesses are contributors to Senator Cranston's reelection campaign. Also, the president of an electrical union local will get his local to endorse the bill. FANTASTIC!

AUDUBON - MAY 1980

For those of you who have not already done so, be sure to get your copy of the May 1980 issue of Audubon magazine. It contains an excellent article by John Mitchell entitled "Friend vs. Friend" on the Stanislaus controversy. The National Audubon Society has sent copies to the members of the California Congressional delegation along with the suggestion that they ought to get involved and help out in the fight to save this precious river resource. Many thanks to Audubon for their efforts on behalf of the Stanislaus.

MAY 29 LOBBYING VISITS A GREAT SUCCESS --- FOLLOW-UP VISITS IN PROGRESS

A diverse group of fifty people visited the Santa Rosa office of United States Congressman Don Clausen at 4:30 P.M. on May 29 asking for his support of HR 4223. Pro-Stanislaus delegations were simultaneously visiting the local offices of U.S. Congressmembers in 17 cities across the state, and 7 other visits occurred within days of May 29.

After a pre-meeting on the lawn of the federal building, bringing everyone up to date on the latest Stanislaus developments and on the approach to Clausen, a group photo was taken and the group filed up to Clausen's office.

After introductions, Clausen's aide Pete Settles listened carefully as Ann Dwyer, John Fari-son, Vic Jenkins and others ably explained our position on the river, the dam and the necessity for controlling massive water development before the dam builders get their hands on the states' last dammable rivers on the North Coast, the area Mr. Clausen represents. Mr. Settles made no promises, saying the political implications of the vote were so important that Mr. Clausen would probably not make up his mind, or at least not announce his decision, until the day of his vote in the National Parks Subcommittee.

The afternoon's activities ended with a cup of wine or cider back out in front of the build-
ing and an agreement to return to Clausen's office on June 12 for follow-up.

One of the requests made at all of the meetings was for an appointment with the Congress member himself. But in Davis the FOR chapter was able to see their representative, Vic Fazio, on the first try. Mr. Fazio indicated that he would probably support the Stanislaus if it were included with an omnibus bill of wild river proposals from across the nation. Such a package is being put together now.

At Congressman Ron Dellums' office in Oakland, a group of more than 20 Stanislaus supporters were praised by aide Keith Carson for their organizing efforts. He said that Dellums fully sup-ported our struggle and wanted to know what more he could do.

Congressional aides in Washington DC told FOR's Jennifer Jennings that they were impressed by the groups of people and the streams of letters coming in supporting the Stanislaus.

This is the list of cities where visits were held, followed by the local Congressman's name and some of the lobbying visit organizers:

Eureka	Don Clausen	Jeannie Larkins, Mary Kelly
Santa Rosa	Don Clausen	Barbara Cave
San Raphael	John Burton	Kathy Meyer
San Francisco	Phil Burton	Michele Winter
Davis	Vic Fazio	Warren Linney
Sacramento	Robert Matsui	Jim Morgan, Nancy Dougherty
Roseville	Harold Johnson	Vince Haughey
Stockton	Norm Shumway	George Wendt, Melinda Wright
Pleasant Hill	George Miller	Peter Jones
Oakland	Ron Dellums	Cathy Creager, Karyn Taylor
Oakland	Pete Stark	Ken Dawdy
San Mateo	Bill Royer	Sue Ryan
Palo Alto	Pete McCloskey	Jenny Shore, Dan Stinchcomb
Santa Cruz	Leon Panetta	Shelly Marks
Monterey	Leon Panetta	Vickie Robinson
San Luis Obispo	Leon Panetta	Carl Hovanitz
Santa Maria	Robert Lagomarsino	Sheila Holenda
Santa Barbara	Robert Lagomarsino	Jeff Schloss, Pete Gross
Ventura	Robert Lagomarsino	Randy Keys
Woodland Hills	Barry Goldwater, Jr.	Lance Coury, Valerie Olson, Lori Grey
Van Nuys	James Corman	Joanne Fleischer, Mike Bradbury
Long Beach	Dan Lungren	Andy Sninsky
Glendale	Carlos J. Moorhead	Mary Perkins, Gayle Adams, John Steele, Jami Robel
Whittier	Wayne Grisham	Marge Magnuson

Most of the participants in these meetings found them enjoyable and energizing, and felt they were effective in this election year in getting the Congress members' further attention on this issue at the very least. Thanks to all who took this opportunity to directly influence the out-
come of HR 4223. Please contact any of the FOR-offices if you can either attend or help organize future Congressional visits. (Note: group photos from all the lobbying visits will appear in the next Headwaters, if the photographers submit them to the Bay Area FOR office.)

Alexander Gaguine

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

NORTH COAST

One of many examples of someone taking initiative in futhering the Stanislaus Campaign is Julie Byars Melville who responded to the F.O.R. Action Alert by making up and distributing a flyer of her own encouraging telegrams on June 9. She also made about 50 calls to river sym-
pathizers in the Fort Bragg area asking for letters and telegrams to Representative Don Clausen in support of HR 4223. All right!

EAST BAY

The East Bay Chapter is really moving now. Two new coordinators, Cathy Creager and Paula Bautista are working in conjunction with Bay office staffer, Karyn Taylor. They had a very successful visit to Representative Dellums' office and are ready to start up regular phone banks.



ACTION ALERT

Mid-June 1980

Upper Stanislaus River Canyon vs. enlarging the New Melones Reservoir.

If you have ever been there, if you have ever cared, help us now.

We believe that if you count the people who strongly feel that the upper Stanislaus River Canyon should be protected, and those who want to use the area to enlarge New Melones Reservoir, that a great majority favors allowing the continued existence of the last remaining miles of river canyon. Friends of the River has called for a public outpouring of support - the largest ever for a place which people love. And we challenge the proponents of an enlarged reservoir to show that even half as many citizens will come to the support of their position.

Update

It has been a wild two weeks in the campaign for the life of the Stanislaus River Canyon. A chronology of some of the key events follows:

May 29: Hundreds of river supporters, in over 20 cities, visit the local offices of their U.S. Congress members and ask them to support H.R. 4223.

The State Senate in Sacramento passes a bill calling for massive enlargement of the reservoir.

June 5: Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus orders the further filling of the reservoir, but holds back on the decision of whether to stop at Parrott's Ferry or fill beyond that point.

A fifteen-member, pro-river lobbying team leaves California for Washington.

June 11: Governor Brown vetoes the state legislature's "Fill the dam" bill, and it fails to become law.

June 12: Second round of lobbying visits by Stanislaus supporters to California offices of U.S. Congress members.

June 13: Twenty-two U.S. Congress members ask Secretary Andrus to open dam gates. House Interior Committee leaders assure Andrus that H.R. 4223 will be heard in Congress.

Sierra Club, Friends of the River, Society for California Archeology, Environmental Defense Fund, and other groups sue the Department of Interior in Federal District Court to stop raising of the reservoir level.

Week of June 16: Cecil Andrus is deciding whether or not to continue filling the reservoir and flooding the canyon above Parrott's Ferry.

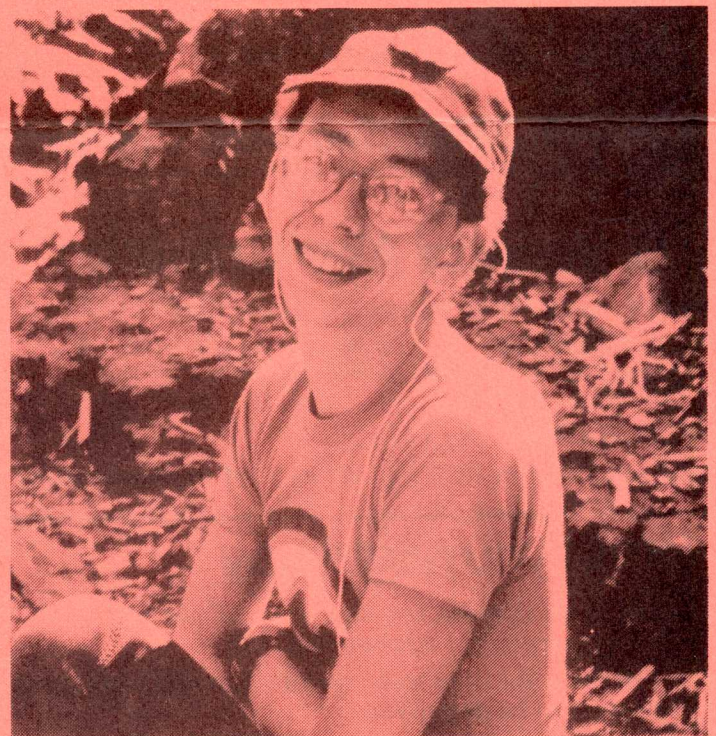
For this reason, it is imperative that you contact your Congress member and Senator Cranston immediately demanding "No flooding above Parrott's Ferry."

Friday June 27 - Statewide Lobbying Day

There will be organized visits to Congressional offices all over California, and massive communication to Congress in Washington. (The visits may be set for other dates in some areas.) Join us.

HR4223

The bill in the U.S. Congress in Washington which will protect the Stanislaus River, from Camp Nine to Parrott's Ferry, as a National Wild and Scenic River, while allowing storage of a moderate reservoir behind New Melones Dam.



Call Friends of the River, collect, if necessary - if you can help!

We'll put you in contact with your local coordinator.

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F.O.R. Los Angeles: (213) 343-6869
17758 Willard, Reseda, CA 91335

You Can Help

It is still a hard, uphill fight, but the number of people working for the river and for H.R. 4223, is truly amazing and growing daily. We can win it – and are beginning an even bigger push to get more Congressional support for H.R. 4223.*

Letters, Telegrams, Phone Calls, Visits

WRITE, or better yet, VISIT, PHONE or SEND TELEGRAMS to your Congress member and Alan Cranston.

This is especially important if you live in one of the crucial Congressional districts listed at bottom right.

Your U.S. Congress member

WRITE: Representative _____, House Office Building, Washinton, D.C. 20515

PHONE: (202) 224-3121 (Capitol switchboard in Washington.) Before 8:00 a.m. (our time), 3 minutes costs less than \$1.00.

VISIT or PHONE: His** local California office. Call your town or city hall for your representative's name, local address and phone number.

Either visit with an organized Friends of the River group made up of your neighbors, or drop in on your own.

TELEGRAM: Call Western Union. You can give a concise, 15 word "Public Opinion Message" over the phone which will be delivered to your Congress member in Washington the next morning – and \$2.50 will be charged to your phone bill.

U.S. Senator Alan Cranston

WRITE: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

PHONE or VISIT: San Francisco: (415) 556-8440; Los Angeles: (213) 824-7641; or Washington, D.C.: (202) 224-3553.

TELEGRAM: See above.

And, send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

What you might say

- Tell them that the last nine miles of the Stanislaus River Canyon is a national treasure.
- Tell them that too many people love the canyon to allow it to be destroyed.
- Tell them that a moderate New Melones Reservoir extending to Parrott's Ferry has been shown to be more economical and more in the interest of efficient use of public resources.
- Tell them why you care and ask for a response!

*Even if we don't convince the additional Congress members whose support we need to pass H.R. 4223, WE DO NOT INTEND TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR CANYON!! This fight affects the fate of the rest of our wild places as well! Let us know your ideas!

**Amazingly, there are NO women among the 43 California members of the U.S. Congress.



Your Friends

Get one, five or ten friends to write also. Especially contact friends who live in the crucial Congressional districts listed below. More endorsements from the business community are needed – call Friends of the River (415) 771-0400 for more information on this part of the campaign.

Volunteers

This is a critical need in our campaign. We need volunteers for one or more evenings to come into an office and work with others, calling lists of people who have been to, or care about, rivers. We give them information, ask them for letters to their Congress members, and invite them to lobbying days and other events. We are finding that the people we are calling are enthusiastic to be invited into the campaign.

We also need full or part time paid organizers for the rest of the campaign, and many other volunteer jobs – large and small. ASK US!

Memberships & Money

We still need it. Larger, tax-deductible donations are needed for funding the just released movie on the Stanislaus. As always, any and all donations to keep the phones ringing and the mail going out, are urgently needed. Membership in Friends of the River is still \$15 per year (\$10 or \$5 a year for low-income.)

Thanks for all your financial support in the past – if you can help again, please send a check to Friends of the River, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123.

CRUCIAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DON CLAUSEN, Sonoma County to Del Norte County.
ROBERT LAGOMARSINO, Santa Barbara & Ventura Counties.
BARRY GOLDWATER, JR., San Fernando Valley to Ventura Co.
GLENN ANDERSON, Long Beach
JAMES CORMAN, Van Nuys
VIC FAZIO, Yolo, Solano & Sacramento Counties.
ROBERT MATSUI, Sacramento
PETE McCLOSKEY, Palo Alto to Santa Clara
LEON PANETTA, Santa Cruz to San Luis Obispo
BILL ROYER, San Mateo County

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MOTHER LODE

Someone is at the Parrott's Ferry table each week-end spreading information and getting letters out to government officials. A write-in at Parrott's on May 17 netted 110 letters. And there are 200 people on the Mother Lode phone tree. Letter-to-editor network. Several people have made commitments to write 3 letters per month to newspaper editors. Each person gets a packet full of information, facts and figures, addresses of newspapers and letter writing tips. Liz Hymans is calling people when it's their turn to write. Sandy Boyce is doing a fantastic job for F.O.R. up at the river organizing T-shirt sales, a campus bake sale that made \$80.00, doing the Parrott's Ferry table and training for trip coordinator, to cover for Marty Booth.

River Day is planned for July and will be an organizing and planning day as well as a celebration and fun day.

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

Lucky winners of Stanislaus River trips will be going down June 17. June 6 a geography class from the college saw the Stanislaus River Canyon.

City College Friends of the River people have taken the initiative in getting all Sacramento area residents organized into a strong and active chapter. Coalitions formed with the California State University, Sacramento and UC Davis chapters are easing the exchange of information as well as the work load.

Another highly successful music festival - a River Day in McKinley Park, was held May 25. The main band, which has played for three FOR events, consists of Kris Skidmore, Carl Earl, Clint Reis, Mark Briggs and Randy Pile.

SANTA BARBARA/VENTURA

The big event in Santa Barbara was a tree planting ceremony/rally on May 18 in one of the city's parks. A Toyon tree and a Digger Pine from the Stanislaus River Canyon have been planted symbolizing the life and fight of the Stanislaus. Senator Omar Rains and County Board of Supervisor Bill Wallace were speakers for the event. It was a huge success - even making the local evening news. Many more people in Santa Barbara have now heard of the Stanislaus and know that Lagomarsino is a key vote.

Work on endorsements continues. One of the latest comes from the Santa Barbara chapter of the California Association of the Physically Handicapped.

On June 7 in the city of Ventura, Assemblyman Imbrecht spoke as another Stanislaus Toyon was planted. This event was organized by Randy Keys, and the Sespe Group of the Sierra Club put their phone tree into action to publicize the event.

LOS ANGELES

Phoning is the hottest idea in town! Phone banks are happening every night, 5 nights a week. 3½ phones are going at once. Your help is needed. IT'S LOTS OF FUN. MEET NEW PEOPLE. JOIN WITH US IN HELPING TO SAVE THE STANISLAUS RIVER. CALL DOUG NOW. 213-343-6869.

SAN DIEGO

Update: 150 new letter writers were recently signed up at a backpackers' swap meet. That's quite a few more getting involved in the campaign! And, after 4 years of working to save the river, organizer Don Szalay finally took his first trip down the Stanislaus. YAHOO!

DAVIS

Spring has been a busy quarter in Davis. During Picnic Day and the Whole Earth Festival, 500 post cards were sent to government officials, t-shirts were sold and many people talked to about the Stanislaus.

The Water Use class has become a permanent fixture at Davis. It is a part of the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources. FOR will still get to choose speakers and topics.

\$300.00 was made on a raffle. 20 winners took a trip down the river on May 17. Winners wrote letters during their river trip and several became new members of FOR.



OTHER ISSUES IN BRIEF

The E.I.S. on Auburn Dam just came out and public hearings were held June 18th. There is still time to comment. The governor is negotiating with the water lobby and environmental interests on SB 200 - the Peripheral Canal legislation - which is moving rapidly through the state legislature. The Smith River Management Plan is out and a bill is moving through the state legislature that will effect all our state Wild and Scenic rivers. A June 28 benefit for the Smith River Alliance will be held at the Fox and Goose Restaurant in Sacramento. Contact FOR for more information.

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PATCHES

The Stanislaus Campaign News



Independent, imaginative and action businessman Marty Booth had made 211 patches of the Friends of the River logo. In colors of deep blue, green and yellow, each is a beautiful addition to your river hat, backpack or old pair of jeans. They are a hot item (NO HYPE!). Within 3 days, 50 had been sold and that was without leaving the ARTA land. The first 211 are gone, but a second order is coming in July. Order now. Send your requests to: Mr. Marty, Box 186, Vallecito, CA. 95251. Include \$2.00 for each patch ordered. Proceeds go to Friends of the River.

STAFF UPDATES

Laurie McCann has left the staff of Friends of the River. She is continuing to serve on the Board of Directors, to work on fundraising and to work on stabilizing FOR's longterm future. Congratulations and thank you for getting this group as organized as you possibly could. Great strides have been made in the internal organization of Friends of the River. Alexander Gaguine is permanently (for now) residing in San Francisco. Working out of the Bay Office, he uses his time primarily in putting out Action Alerts, disseminating information, and organizing congressional districts and visits, and occasionally digging up trees from the threatened Stanislaus River Canyon for planting in other parts of the state. Andrew Palmer spent a month with FOR in Sacramento as an intern from Monterey. He caught on quickly, was a welcome and significant addition to the staff and they were sorry to see him go.

OUR PLACE --- DON'T LET THEM TAKE IT AWAY

We believe we have made the point that storage of a moderate reservoir is the best use of New Melones Dam on economic grounds. But are all of us really fighting so hard just for the best use of a large Federal construction project?

The Stanislaus is part of the home, and part of the lives of many thousands of people. Are we a selfish elite? NO. Every week new people form a bond with the place. And the canyon has been part of peoples' lives for generations of Californians long before the dawn of history.

In this age when most of us live in our small corner of a crowded urban area and there is no frontier with "elbow room" into which we can spread out, the Stanislaus Canyon is a place we can and do go to find clear air and clean water, the adventure of journeying through unspoiled beauty, the opportunity to see the life of the planet much as it was created here. We aren't selfish. We invite anyone to come share and experience this place with us. We are not trying to take away anything, or any place, from anyone else.

But we will fight before we let anyone take our canyon place away from us and destroy it. They have destroyed enough of it already. There are 14 reservoirs on the Stanislaus and the one behind New Melones Dam is already the largest of them.

Alexander Gaguine

Don Briggs' new film on the Stanislaus is out. It is informative and it is beautiful. Call Friends of the River for details on purchase and showings. Don't miss it.

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For the Stanislaus,
Carol



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