

THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN NEWS

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The Stanislaus has another year; the Tuolumne, three. An excellent editorial appeared in the Nov. 6 issue of the Los Angeles Times in support of limiting filling to Parrott's Ferry. (Section II, Page 6, bottom left corner). Chapters around the state are growing and are getting things done. (Check the reports!)

The Stanislaus campaign is gaining momentum. Be involved. Spread the work. The Stanislaus Campaign News will keep you up to date. Expect it to arrive about the 7th of each month - give or take a day or two. We want the S.C.N. to go to people who are concerned. Let us know of people who want to be added to the mailing list. If you have something regarding the Stanislaus that you wish to see included in the S.C.N. the deadline for items is the 2nd of each month. Send to the office on San Miguel Way. We need to be self-supporting so if you haven't done so and can, please send us a little \$ to help with printing and postage costs. Thanks!!!

LATEST BREAKING EVENTS

A YEAR'S REPRIEVE FOR THE STANISLAUS RIVER

Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus finally took control of the controversial New Melones Dam from the Army Corps of Engineers. As he did so, he pledged to protect important archeological sites threatened by the New Melones Reservoir. The Bureau of Reclamation has been instructed by Andrus to operate the reservoir at a level not to exceed an elevation of 808 feet or 300,000 acre feet of water. Holding the water at that level will allow studies of cultural and historical sites to be completed.

Andrus also ordered the work completed on a supplemental environmental impact statement and a report regarding water allocation from New Melones by July, 1980.

THANK YOU'S

Your letters are important. Shortcutt says that without your letters, Secretary Andrus would not have come forth with the year reprieve as he has. So, thank you very much.

Last issue we asked you to send a note of thanks to Huey Johnson for his support - specifically for the economic report released. His environmental efforts continue. We hope you wrote.

This issue we're asking you to please take time in the next few days to write to Secretary Andrus. Thank him for giving the Stanislaus some time and ask him to support HR 4223.

Write to: Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus
C street (between 18th and 19th st NW)
Washington D.C. 20240

CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE

With Andrus' decision, filling can't begin above elevation 808' until after July 1980. Since there probably won't be a whole lot of flooding after that date, it's pretty safe to say "the Stanislaus has another year." We don't have quite that long to get HR 4223 moving through the process. Support has been building steadily over the past few months. Now it needs to take off!

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER



What follows is a look at our present campaign structure and how staff members fit in:

The structure is broken down into the following areas:

Campaign Administrative: Mark is now working with Ronnie in this area.

Research: Rick has primary responsibility here but consults with Dick, Mark and Shortcutt, and for a while, Tom Burton.

Media: Dick is in charge with help from Alexander, Mark, Shortcutt, and Doug Linney. Of course this is Don Brigg's area too.

Legal/Administrative: Brad coordinates the legal situation. Rick, Dick, Shortcutt and Tom and Mark work in the area too

Fundraising: Laurie has this job but gets ideas and feedback from Catherine, Mark, and Doug Shields.

Grassroots: The committee coordinating the grassroots campaign includes Mark, Tom Huntington, Alexander, Doug Linney and Shortcutt. Broken down into areas we have:

Legislators(home district lobbying): Tom Huntington and Doug Linney

Elections: out of state - (presidential)- Megan/Dick
in state - Tom Huntington

Volunteer Campaign Work: Doug Shields

Target Congressional Area Campaign: Shortcutt

Campus Connections: Tom Huntington/Doug Linney

Conservation Campaign: Alexander

Endorsement Campaign: Doug Shields and Tom Huntington

Structure for Grassroots Expansion: Larry Meyer of the Davis Chapter

Other involvements include:

Dave Dickson will follow-up on Valley interactions and Carol with the Stan Campaign News.

Staff involvements have been listed above. Next issue we will tell you about many of the people outside of the staff who are working directly with the Campaign. But, hey, we're not exclusive. We would love to have you involved. If you see some place where you would like to fit in or you have questions or ideas of your own, please get in touch with us!

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

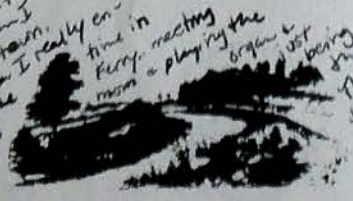
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER IN ACTION

If you missed the State Water Resources Control Board hearing on Oct. 19 in Sacramento, then you missed a classy event! Dressed nicely - (you know, suits and dresses) - Friends of the River staff and supporters showed up from near and far to speak to the issue of the water level storage required by the Board's 1973 Decision 1422. As it turned out, most of the day was a forum for expressing the many and varied views as to why the level should be held to Parrott's Ferry. Some very fine presentations were made on technical and other points. Other points included wilderness access for the disabled which was discussed by Melinda Wright, from the Mother Lode Area. An appeal on emotional grounds from Alexander Gaguine drew strong applause from the audience. Tom Burton deserves much credit for the smooth presentation by the pro-river contingents as he worked long hours in organizing people to speak - calling to let them know what was happening, and answering questions on issues and procedure. Great Job Tom. Thanks.

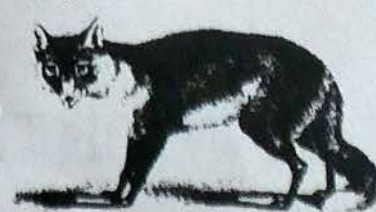
Members of the Brown Administration were there too speaking out in favor of a lower reservoir. Significantly, a major retreat was seen by the state Department of Fish and Game who joined Friends of the River's position for the lower reservoir.

In contrast to the Sept 12 meeting, the feelings at the hearing were good. The hostility present at the earlier meeting wasn't there as stated one of the Board members, all in all it was a good day all around.

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next issue
Will talk to
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get to town.
I really en-
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being
there
Thank you &
your man
for me too,
Carol*



LETTERS TO THE BOARD

Congressmen Bob Matsui and Vic Fazio, as well as Phil Burton and others sent letters to the S.W.R.C.B. in support of the Parrott's Ferry filling limit. Why not drop a line or give a call of thanks. A member of Matsui's staff said this morning that many thank you calls had already been received and that they were very much appreciated.

Good letters of support were also sent to the Board from the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Inc., Friends of the Earth President David Brower and Tom Graff of the Environmental Defense Fund. It's so good to have that active support.

EVENTS IN THE NEWS

OCTOBER 24

MELONES CONSPIRACY CHARGED

John Hertle, a modesto dairy farmer and co-chairman and spokesman for Friends of New Melones, accused State Resources Secretary Huey Johnson and others within the Resources Agency of conspiring with Friends of the River to keep the reservoir from being filled. The pro-dam group produced a stack of letters, notes, and memoranda gotten from the Agency. Hertle said these documents tell a story of "collusion, deception, misuse of public position to cover up all these things by state officials, and their friends - for the purpose of preventing filling of New Melones Dam." Hertle said his group is "not making any claims that anything that was done was illegal. We are saying it's wrong."

Johnson denied that Friends of the River has "improperly influenced" him, but he did say that we had been the most aggressive opponent to filling New Melones.

Johnson then wisely directed attention to water pricing policy of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation talking about the Central Valley Project deficit and New Melones financing.

Regarding the costs of New Melones, Johnson said "that if we dumped a truckload of lemons in the reservoir and called it New Lemones, we could sell it by the glass and possibly recover the cost."

It seems that Friends of New Melones would be wise to start debating the issues instead of spending time of personal attacks. In this case, they gave Huey Johnson an excellent forum for expounding on some of the problems with Federal water and they exposed Friends of the River as an effective lobbying group despite the lack of big money.

We're certainly not ashamed of that! As stated by F.O.R. staff researcher Rick Hardie, "We supplied information that we thought was pertinent all along. The fact that a governmental agency sides with us is not grounds for collusion and deceit."

ENDORSEMENTS

What's it all about? In order for HR 4223 to pass it is essential to show Congress members that this legislation is supported by a broad base of their constituents - i.e. not only conservationists. It is essential that other groups (youth groups, unions, taxpayer assoc., etc_ support this bill.

Therefore, an endorsement campaign has been launched to solicit support from these groups. If you are a member of a professional group, civic or political organization, belong to a club or interest group, own a business, are a leader in your field or belong to a union, school or church group or any other association and your group endorses HR 4223, please let us know. This campaign is essential for protection of the upper Stanislaus.

I, we, do endorse HR 4223

I, we, are interested in HR 4223 and would like more info., a slide show/ speaker presentation etc.

Signed _____ Date _____

Title _____

Organization, business, etc. _____

Address & Phone # _____

Please send endorsement letters to U.S. Congressmembers (Cranston, Phillip Burton and your own Rep.) and return this card to Friends of the River, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123. For further info. call (415) 771-0400. As usual, \$'s needed.

Correction:

EPC - last issue reported as the Environmental Protection Council is in actuality the Environmental Policy Center.

CALL FOR HELP

The idea is in the making for a marathon or 1/2 marathon to benefit F.O.R. A spring run-off. Get it? Do you have contacts with the A.A.U.? Thoughts on location? A volunteer coordinator is desired. Some experience preferred. How about it? Does it sound like just the job for you?

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER DAY AT ALPINE WEST

Thank you to Tom Lovering for giving proceeds from a day's sales to the Foundation for the 3rd year in a row. It's always such a nice way to spend the day, with nice folks, good music, cake (this year Hetch Hetchy) and New Lemones Aide! Note: Last issue reported the date as Nov. 11. It was Nov. 4. Sorry about the mix-up - especially if you never heard of the change.

ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

"On Wed., Oct. 24, P.C.L. filed a 2 page initiative with the California Attorney General's office in Sacramento... it sets forth for the first time an environmental bill of rights for the state of California. It is officially co-sponsored by retired State Sen. Peter Behr, a member of P.C.L.'s Board of Directors and by David Brower, international founder of Friends of the Earth. More than 45 organizations from throughout California have already endorsed the concept and plan to participate in the Initiative process to amend the State Constitution."

MEDIA

On Nov 5th, Mark, via film from chained days, appeared on Good Morning America. Did any of you see it? If so, tell us more!!!

WILD & SCENIC RIVER STUDY

The draft first run is out for review. It's quite an impressive bunch of paper. It's great to see it out Tim. Keep up the good work.

VALLEY VISIT

David Dickson, Mark Dubois and Rick Hardie spent the five days from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 visiting folks in the Valley. They were joined during the week by other Friends of the River.

Many things were learned and views exchanged. The week went extremely fast, but some good dialogue occurred and doors were opened for future communication. A more detailed report will be presented next issue.

BIG TIME

The first full-fledged attempt at funding from the foundation community is being made by the Friends of the River Foundation. They are submitting a proposal to the Columbia Foundation for general support. It is a three year proposal.

The draft is to be completed November 10. Foundation Director Catherine Fox feels very good about the proposal so far and says that the writing is going well. There are plans to submit it in final form to at least three other foundations.

A PARTY



Friends of the River Bay Area office will soon be having its first birthday and we are celebrating with an open-house party! Yipee!!! Come to:



Fort Mason Center, Bldg. 312
December 7, 1979
5:30 - 9 p.m.



There will be juggling, slide shows, music (would you like to sing? dance?) nibbles, no-host wine the usual extravaganza.

Hopefully Don Briggs will present his side of the story on his trip to North Yemen - with slides!

Come early. Invite your friends. Meet the staff. Eat popcorn. See old friends. Be happy. It's a Friday night. Mark your calendar now and don't miss it! Last years opening was soooooo fun!!!



\$2 admission

SAN DIEGO

Don Szalay's latest postcard to the Sacramento office focused mainly on just one event--but what an event! He and three other volunteers stood on a corner holding a 40-foot sign with 1-foot-high letters saying JIMMY: SAVE THE STANISLAUS.

Carter got a real good view of the sign as his limousine turned a corner en route to deliver a speech. "He must've liked it," Don said, "he blew us a kiss!!"

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

One hundred twenty people from all over took part in the American River Cleanup on Oct. 20--rain and all. Ten thousand pounds were picked up--some of which Sac City F.O.R. members helped with.

There was also a 2-day crafts fair, at which a letter-writing and information table was set up.

The Alpine West celebration was helped along with Sac City's contribution to the affair. Students performed with their instruments, supplying the music.

Although this group is new and must wait for their charter before they can use school facilities, they're not letting that stop them from planning a Stanislaus show--complete with slide show, speakers, updates and letter-writing.

DAVIS

The Davis Chapter is really going strong now that classes have started again. It's organized itself into committees--education, media and publicity, membership/phone, fundraising, and steering. Plans are to alternate formal meetings (outside speaker) and informal work meetings.

Twenty-four chapter people rafted down the Stanislaus on one of the trips organized by Kevin Wolf. Two of the boats traveled all the way to Old Melones.

The class on California Water Policy is a success--no doubt about it. Among the speakers who've led the class are Fallah Algerbury, who spoke on agricultural water conservation and Guy Philips (Resources Agency, author of Melones Report) who gave a lecture on Economics of California Water. Ron Robie, Director of the Department of Water Resources, spoke at the most recent class (Nov. 5) on a DWR perspective on California water.

Megan Eymann and Carol Nelson, both of Sacramento's chapter, got to attend this last class and were not only impressed with the attendance (about 65), but with the quality of the course. They also had a chance to visit with Davis contacts Larry and Reese Meyers.

Nice to visit with fellow F.O.R.'ers once in awhile!

MOTHER LODGE

Melinda Wright and the other active F.O.R.'ers have definitely done their part in letting folks know what's happening in that "neck of the woods". In what you might call a "celebration of autumn", 450 copies of the Autumn News were sent out to people who had signed petitions during the past few years. Those "signers" also received bumper stickers from Mother Lode.

Which means...there may be a lot more people out there who've discovered that a car provides a good way to speak one's mind.

Melinda also wrote a letter to figures like John Hertle (Friends of the Dam'er) and newsman Thorne Gray, expressing some strong ideas about the New Melones Dam issue.

SANTA BARBARA

There's only one word for Santa Barbara these days--BUSY! Not only are meetings weekly (Wednesdays), but members are busy educating themselves, so they'll be better able to go out and speak to others.

Currently, Gina and Roberta are trying to get David Brower (Friends of the Earth president) to come down to speak, along with Mark Dubois.

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Other activities Santa Barbara has been busy with:

- organizing to go out and get endorsements
- trying to get access to the photo exhibit which was displayed for two months in San Diego
- trying to organize a conservation slogan contest
- setting up members as contacts for different rivers (Stanislaus, Tuolumne, etc.).

NORTH COAST

A bake sale held on the Humboldt State campus made the group some money. It also revealed the fact that there's a lot of interest about the Stanislaus among students.

The first campus meeting, held Oct. 23, attracted about 25 people. The next big event scheduled for Humboldt State is Mark Dubois' appearance there on Nov. 14. A large auditorium is scheduled and media are being contacted in preparation of Mark's arrival. A wine and cheese reception will be held afterward, to which members and community leader-types are being invited.

Mark's scheduled to speak on the 15th at College of the Redwoods, after which a potluck will be held.

Nancy Reichard--contact person--is really enthusiastic about what's happening and says "A lot of people are willing to do wonderful things."

LOS ANGELES

Friends of the River received a BIG ego boost this month with an editorial that was printed in the L.A. Times on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The editorial proclaimed the postponement of filling the New Melones Dam "a wise decision" in light of the unsettled conflicts over power, federal authority and actual water needs.

Another biggie: Doug Linney says their chapter's sold \$350 worth of tee-shirts this past month, all sold at fair booths and slide shows held last month.

Coming up on Nov. 16-18 is a New Earth Expo, where F.O.R. will have a booth, of course. And on Dec. 7, a slide show will be shown to the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society.

And once again, the tie between northern and southern California is seen. Mark visited six campuses during his last L.A. trip, increasing the awareness of students in the area.

BAY AREA ACTIVITIES

Tom Huntington says that too much of his time is spent in general organization and office, grassroots, campus, etc. But there are some specifics to report too.

- A letter from Phil Burton via district offices was sent to the State Water Resources Control Board urging one year protection of the Stanislaus.
- There was a successful volunteers trip on the Stanislaus.
- Also, a successful Tuolumne trip with folks from Cranston's office, the American Rivers Conservation Council, San Francisco Planning & Urban Research, and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Department.
- Announcements were sent to all Congressional district offices of financial report, S.W.R.C.B. hearing, etc. - general lobbying, update information.
- Coordination with Audubon, F.O.E., and Sierra Club regarding Mono Lake activities in the Bay Area.
- Have endorsement packets and cards now available on a large scale from the Bay Area office. A mailer was done to part of the membership. Tom is working with Doug Shields to target groups.

Events Coming

Dec. 5 - Mono Lake Photo Exhibit with David Brower and Huey Johnson at Fort Mason. \$15.00 per person.

Nov. 17 - 2nd Berkeley Strawberry Creek Clean-up. 10 am, Strawberry Creek Lodge.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

A small chapter is being formed at S.F. State University. There Tom is working with Ric McFarland. A table is set up sometimes, and presentations have been made to three classes on F.O.R. issues.

At U.C. Berkeley, Tom is working with Wren Okaski and Peter Pressley. A table has been set up and they organized an F.O.R. issues presentation on campus Nov. 8.

At U.C. Santa Cruz Tom has been working with Shelley Marks, Jack Morrison and Russ Unruhe to organize 2-3 days of organizing, presentations, etc.

Nov. 11 - Save the San Lorenzo River Gathering
Sunday - noon til dusk. Highland Park. Mark speaks, Nature walks, etc.

Nov. 12 - U.C. Santa Cruz - noon presentation - College Eight
Other presentations at Aptos College.

Dave Erdiakoff joined Carol Nelson in Vallecito during the month of September in continuing the F.O.R. river trip effort organized and operated until then by Marty Booth. Though the quantity decreased, with Dave helping to run the show, many quality trips were able to happen. Thanks alot Dave. We know it's hard work especially being on those phones. Things are calming down in the foothills as fall arrived and companies are ending their river seasons. Carol went to see Congressman Norm Shunway at Columbia College, on Monday. He faced many informed questioners on several issues. After several minutes of discussion on New Melones, he told his audience that they knew his position on that issue and that he would answer other questions but no more on New Melones.

* If this sounds a little out dated, it's because it is! It belonged in the last issue, but we don't want you to miss anything, so here it is now!!!

STAFF REPORTS

SACTO STAFF REPORTS

Ronnie James - A new staff person has just been found! Ronnie is an office manager for Sacramento, who will help Mark schedule himself, as well as keep Sacto rolling efficiently. Welcome Ronnie!!!

Mark prior to his week in the valley with farmers, spent the month of October touring campuses in Southern California, including USC and UCLA, and doing media events throughout the state. One well-publicized event was his lecture at UC Davis, and subsequent meeting with the Davis F.O.R. Rick just spent the past week in the valley visiting farmers. Previously, he has been working on the hearing of October 19th in conjunction with Tom Burton, and trying to cajole Tom into returning his files. Tom, fate yet unknown....he is still "leaning" but the postponement of the SWRCB'S decision may keep him here in Sac yet another couple of weeks. Alexander, all those who know him will be pleased to hear that he is back in Sacramento after several month's sabbatical. He may be the one to coordinate the state-wide conservation campaign! Megan has been working on grassroots. Major projects were organizing the Oct 19th hearing, the American River Clean-up, and the phone calls to Matsui that persuaded him to write a letter to the SWRCB, which he did. Vicki is busy balancing CSUS classes and F.O.R. secretarial work.

Washington D.C.

Shortcutt keeps busy lobbying - among other things. Her continued efforts over the last weeks and months play a large part in some recent big successes in the campaign - Andrus' decision and the Los Angeles Times editorial.

San Francisco

Brad has kept pretty involved with the Stanislaus campaign lately including doing a great job as the final-pull-it-all-together speaker at the Oct. 19th hearing. With our financial situation in truly bad shape, Laurie is concentrating more and more on getting funds with which we can continue functioning. Catherine pulled off another FOR day at Alpine West, is working busily on the giant proposal, and is already starting to send feelers out in preparation for the spring confluence. Dick continues media work as well as writing and pushing memos. He's been writing down some good thoughts and tasks to help further improve FOR's structure and organization. For Tom's activities, see the Bay Area report!!!

Closing Important thoughts!!!!

* The Congressional recess is the time for you to contact your legislator. Call your Congressmembers office to see when he'll be in town.

* Are you a little bored with the hum drum routine of everyday life? Break-away. Have a Frasca. No. Call the nearest Friends of the River office and become a volunteer and watch your boredom disappear!!!! (Testimonials in the next issue!)

OUT OF SPACE... SO LONG,

Chris, Vicki, Megan & Carol



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