

# THE STANISLAUS CAMPAIGN NEWS

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We are back! Did you miss us?

We were a little low on news two weeks ago so decided to skip an issue. There is lots to tell you now! The Stanislaus is back in the news daily lately - interchanges, accusations, press conferences, ... But wait, first let's start with some strictly good news.

## LATEST BREAKING EVENTS

### TUOLUMNE SUCCESS STORY -(for now at least)

President Jimmy Carter has recommended Alternative A from the Wild and Scenic River Study to Congress. Alternative A protects areas of the Tuolumne River inside Yosemite as well as other undammed sections outside the park. President Carter's action affords the Tuolumne protection for the next 3 years during which time Congress will deliberate and decide whether or not it should be designated as a wild river. The next step is the introduction of a bill into Congress. This is being worked on now by F.O.R. as well as other groups. Much thanks to all of you who spent energy this summer writing letters and testifying at the hearings. It's great to be a part of a successful effort isn't it? Special thanks go to F.O.R. representative Patty Schifferle working these last couple of weeks of the review period to ensure that action would be taken on the Tuolumne within the time limits set out by 1975 law.

## THE STANISLAUS

### TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

On Sept. 12, 1979, the long awaited meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board was finally held in Sacramento. It was called as a final "technical workshop" where arguments were heard from anyone with points or data as to the amount of water the Board should allow (to be backed up behind New Melones Dam) based on their 1973 Decision 1422. Friends of the River came prepared to discuss the issues. They were met by a room full of "Friends of New Melones" folks. A little bit of calling out the troops has been done. The room was too crowded, and the first move was to an auditorium four blocks away in the Food and Agriculture Building. There were a few ladies with signs in their "Fill'er Up" t-shirts. Local pro-dam government officials came in and gave emotional appeals - as did a few other people called in by the leaders of F.O.R. Chairman of the Board, Don Maughan, tried to stick to the issues on the agenda while trying to accommodate those who wished to speak. It turned out to be an impossible task, as the pro-dammers all wanted their say. Friends of the River stuck to the issues. Attorney Brian Smith, hydrologist Phil Williams, and staff researcher Tom Burton did a commendable job in presenting F.O.R.'s case regarding prior rights, fisheries, and water quality. It's great to have such competent and quality people as our spokesmen.

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FRIENDS OF THE RIVER



Activity has been intense for the last several days so we give you.....

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

THURSDAY - September 27 - MISINFORMATION IN THE PRESS

A story started by the Chronicle and appearing in other newspapers presented a changed position on the part of Governor Brown concerning New Melones. Labor unions said that Brown had changed his mind on Diablo and on New Melones. In the article Brown was quoted as saying there would be a need to fill New Melones in 18-24 months. Media people immediately started calling Friends of the River. A call to the governor's office confirmed F.O.R.'s suspicion that Brown's position had not changed. He is still in full support of Decision 1422. D1422, made during Reagan's Administration, said there was no need for the water in the immediate future if ever.

The Department of Interior's water allocation study defining the New Melones service area, and the supplemental Environmental Impact Study are to be finished in 18-24 months. This doesn't mean that there will be a need for the water then, but only that they can begin to negotiate for contracts. Sounds like a real good case of poor communication. Seems that the labor unions and the governor's office misinterpreted what the Water Resources Control Board had to say about what was going to be happening in 18-24 months.

FRIDAY - September 28

Friday's articles quoted Mark stating Friends of the Rivers position. He clarified the 18-24 month misunderstanding. He said further that if they charge as much as required for all that, nobody would buy the water! New Melones is an economic boondoggle, and we are confident that water from New Melones will never be needed. *That is maintenance + operation costs, as well as costs of construction.*

MONDAY - October 1 - GREAT NEWS

Resources Secretary Huey Johnson held a press conference for the purpose of releasing an economic study on New Melones. The economic study essentially said that all of the criteria of Decision 1422 could be met by 300,000 acre feet. Among other things, these comments were made:

- \* a full reservoir would cost \$571 million or more over 50 years to taxpayers. This would be in losses in revenues due to water priced less than cost.
- \* at present charges for water and power, operation and maintenance costs are not even covered. A \$385,000.00 drain on the Central Valley Project (CVP) is predicted for over the next 50 years. The CVP is already working at a deficit. Irrigators would be getting an incredible subsidy.
- \* it was questioned whether the power would even be appropriate for the present power grid.
- \* recreational benefits are maximized by a 300,000 acre foot reservoir.

TUESDAY - October 2 - ACTION

Friends of New Melones held a press conference. They said that the economic study was an F.O.R. propaganda scheme and they called for the resignation of Huey Johnson claiming that the state department is working in collusion with Friends of the River.

WEDNESDAY - October 3 - M'S QUOTES AGAIN !! ?

Newspaper articles appeared covering the Friends of New Melones press conference. Included were two paragraphs talking again about Brown supporting filling in 18-24 months!!! Get your act and facts together media folks!!!

THURSDAY - October 4 - NOT GOOD NEWS

Newspaper articles appeared reporting the State Water Resources Control Board Staff recommendations as to the filling level required by Decision 1422. They have recommended a 623,000 acre feed (a.f.) reservoir. That is more than twice the amount recommended by Friends of the River, and 26,000 of more than recommended by the Bureau of Reclamation. This would flood about 2½ miles of the river above Parrott's Ferry.

FRIDAY - October 5

This morning's paper says there are errors in Johnson's economic report concerning the ability of New Melones to pay for itself. Federal officials claim past and future increases in Central Valley project power rates which substantially help to ease CVP revenue problems. We will have more on this next issue.



## COMING UP

TUESDAY - October 9

Environmentalists will hold a press conference on Tuesday in Sacramento. They expect to educate people as to what exactly has been taking place concerning New Melones and to discuss the compromise position Friends of the River has taken with H.R. 4223.

### NEW MELONES RESERVOIR OPERATION HEARING

You have been reading and hearing a lot about the New Melones controversy, but when was the last time you saw events happening with your own eyes? Come listen and see some of the action for yourself. This hearing is being held by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Friday, October 19, 1979 - 10:00 a.m.  
Room 127  
1220 "N" Street  
Sacramento, CA

Friends of the River is arranging to have certain people speak to specific issues, but we would like everyone who can to come. Dress nicely - (you know, suits and dresses). Buttons will be passed out. Really try and make it. It's guaranteed to be interesting. Call F.O.R. if you have any questions.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE INVESTIGATION

Three valley assemblymen have been out lately to make headlines. They first accused a SWRCB staff member of being partial to Friends of the River's position and acting accordingly by not passing on information to the Board, members, etc. The assemblymen have launched a campaign to discredit Friends of the River. They have the attorney General's office investigating finances and memberships. Our relationship to certain officials in state government is being questioned. As with their accusations with the Water Board, charges against F.O.R. have been unfounded and not based on actual data. While unfounded, the charges may have had an adverse effect on the Board staff recommendations. Something called "political pressure?"

### PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE

JOB TITLE: OFFICE MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

the one in the Bay Area would entail:

- handling mail, phones, typing, dealing with membership, t-shirts and correspondence and
- assisting the administrative director with the budget and accounting and helping with things like personnel and operational style.

IN SACRAMENTO the person would be:

- handling mail, phones, typing, keeping information flowing, writing, editing, making schedules and helping implement campaign strategies.

### NEW MEDIA

1. Check the September/October issue of the Sierra Club Bulletin for articles on the Tuolumne and the Stanislaus.
2. Also, October Field and Stream for their article on the porkbarrel system. The Stanislaus is an example.

### AMERICAN RIVER CLEAN-up CAMPAIGN

An American River clean-up campaign is scheduled for Saturday, October 20. Participants will meet at Cordova Park, Rancho Cordova, at nine a.m. Sponsored by Friends of the River and California State University, Sacramento's Environmental Studies and Recycling Centers, the American River clean-up is a great opportunity for summer-time river enthusiasts to be fall enthusiasts as well. Call 454-6721 or 451-9955 for more information. See you Saturday, October 20 at nine at Cordova Park.



PLEASE WRITE

Resources secretary Huey Johnson has been a strong supporter in word and deed of limiting the filling of New Melones to Parrott's Ferry. The latest evidence of this is the release of the economic study by the Resources Agency earlier this week. Please take a minute to write Sec. Johnson a note to thank him. The Stanislaus really needs and appreciates his support.

Mr. Huey Johnson  
Secretary of Resources, 1416 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

THANK YOU

We pause here amidst our other ramblings to sincerely thank all of the outfitters for their support and concern for F.O.R. this season. We all work for the Stanislaus because we love the river and the canyon. We appreciate the ease with which we work together for the worthy cause of this wilderness. Thank you again for your cooperation and help in so many ways.

FUNDRAISING

Remember the breaking of the dam and Sacramento being flooded with blue yogurt?

Christmas will be here soon. Have you shopped yet? Quality merchandise is for sale at Tom Lovering's Alpine West - 1021 R St - in Sacramento and on November 11, Tom will once again give the first \$3000.00 made to the Friends of the River Foundation. Yea Tom!

It's a great time to buy gifts, a great place to shop, and a great place to see friends. Come by. Have a good time and support F.O.R. at the same time.



WORD FROM THE DELTA FLOAT - weekend one. Reports are of success. People are going and are having a good time. How could they miss?  
Thanks Reg Lake.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

A weeks visit to valley landowners is being planned for Oct. 29-Nov 3 or 4. If you are interested and available for this experience, please contact David Dickson at (209) 736-9912 or Mark Dubois at (916) 451-9955.

VISITORS

We were pleased that Pete Carlson of the Environmental Protection Council was able to spend some time with us as he checked out water projects around the country earlier this month. We also enjoyed the company of Karen Bess who has been working with the Kentucky Rivers Coalition. They arrived just in time to attend the Sept. 12 Board Workshop and to see our hot staff in action.  
(Also got a trip down the river though)

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friends of the River at Fort Mason will be celebrating it's first birthday soon. Save the last Friday in November for a party!!!

ANOTHER THANKS

The Bay Chapter of the Sierra Singles, Norman Gee Chairman, has given a \$400.00 contribution for the endorsements campaign for the Stanislaus. Much thanks. And to you Doug Shields for your efforts in this aspect of the campaign.

LAST REMINDER

Comments to the B.L.M. on the Stanislaus being included as a wilderness study area are due Oct. 15.

Send to: Folsom District Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

## STAFF REPORTS

### SACRAMENTO

RICK - has been working to develop an ongoing research program, concerning conservation and the environmental effects of irrigation and agriculture to the San Joaquin Valley. He has also been participating with Tom Burton in continuing to research and develop the Operations Study for decision 1422. Besides all this, he has been responsible for maintaining the Sacramento office for most of September and continues to do so.

TOM BURTON - still heads the Operations Study Task Force dealing with SWRCB's decision 1422, although he is leaving later this fall, and resumes school in January. A great boon to FOR, we are very grateful that he has stayed so long, and will miss him greatly.

MARK - is his normally hyper-active self, lobbying, speaking at colleges and high schools, and semi-attached to the BLUE PHONE. He will be attending the South Sierra Wilderness and Wild Rivers conference this weekend in Kernville, along with many other environmentalists and wilderness activists.

VICKI - has been working hard to keep up with all the activities of the office as well as going to CSUS. She will be leaving Dec. 15 to go to school full-time, and we'll all be sorry to see her go.

MEGAN - is back, resuming her position as Sacramento Contact, and is busy with the American River Clean-Up, co-ordinating volunteers, and local media.

### WASHINGTON D.C.

Shortcutt - met with Secretary Cecil Andrus, and explained the finances of New Melones; particularly how operating at Parrott's Ferry would save money. He will decide on taking authority of cultural resources, or leaving them in the Corp's jurisdiction within the next three weeks. Shortcutt is writing on the Stanislaus and Tuolumne for Headwaters, and has been working very hard on both the Tuolumne River and Tellico Dam issues, as well.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Laurie had some time away from the office last month and personally viewed the terrible damage caused by the Cochiti Dam on the Rio Grande. Archeological sites were flooded including much left by Pueblo Indians. White Rock Canyon, a popular whitewater run, was also lost. How terrible to view death where there was once life. And due to a heavy rainfall the destruction went three miles past what was supposed to be permanent pool! Catherine continues her foundation director duties. She's looking forward to F.O.R.'s first birthday party at Fort Mason in November. Brad is keeping busy with the recent happenings involving the Stanislaus. Is especially pleased after all his efforts this summer to see the Tuolumne getting some protection for awhile. Tom is in good spirits inspite of being kept busy by grassroots activities. (see San Francisco under regional reports). Dick keeps busy as usual. One Sunday morning he was on the radio in S.F. from 8:30-9:30 with Father Harry and the God Squad talking about the Stanislaus. GO DICK!

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### SAN DIEGO

Things have really been happening in San Diego these days. Don Szalay says that Mark was there for three days. While there, Mark was on three radio talk shows--one was 30 minutes, the others around 10 minutes.

Don's been seeing to it that the media don't forget the save-the-river effort. He reports having met with the editorial boards of the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune. Another boost for Friends of the River is the fact that Mark was interviewed in articles printed in several papers--San Diego Union, Tribune, L.A. Times--San Diego County edition, and in three papers in congressman Burgener's district--Oceanside Blade Tribune, Vista Press and a front-pager in the district's largest paper, Escondido Times-Advocate.

The Santa Margarita River was mentioned also, in most of the articles.

The F.O.R. photo exhibit being held at the San Diego Natural History Museum is getting lots of publicity through the museum, which is running public service announcements about the event.

Last but not least--Don says that Mark got to meet with John Yager and another river conservationist. Here's hoping that those F.O.R. supporters keep growing--both in number and strength.

### CUPERTINO

Noel Dubois reports that F.O.R. is having a plant sale at DeAnza College in Cupertino on October 6th (at flea market).

And the word spreads .....

## SANTA BARBARA

So far, this college town by-the-sea has only had time for one meeting since the beginning of the university's school year. But what a success it was! Gina tells us that thirty people showed up--most of them students.

The meeting was geared toward new people, and involved discussing F.O.R.'s history and what the group is all about. Meeting-attenders that night also enjoyed a slide show taken of a Grand Canyon river-rafting class.

Gina says meetings will be weekly and that she knows the group will be growing even bigger. A lot of Santa Barbara students are from Northern California and have rafted down some rivers themselves.

Once again, a little reminder about Gina's and Roberta's new address. It's:

6774 Trigo Road, #4  
Goleta, CA 93017  
(805) 685-2266

## DAVIS

The mayor of Davis will soon be traveling down the Stanislaus. It won't be the first time an important official has done so, but it sure is nice to hear whenever one does. Kevin Wolf says some council members and supervisors will be going down the river, too.

More news: a five-week class--"Water Use In California"--is being offered through UC Davis' experimental college this quarter. Speakers will include two UC Davis professors, Ron Robie--Director of the Department of Water Resources, and Guy Phillips of the Resources Agency. The class will be held Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more info on the class, get in touch with Larry or Reese Meyers:

732 L Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
(916) 758-4229

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - Mark will be speaking at noon in the UC Davis campus quad area. He'll speak that night too, at the group's first fall meeting.

Kevin says the Davis group plans to attend the October 19 Sacramento hearing "en masse".

## NORTHCOAST

F.O.R.'ers had a booth at the North Country Fair held recently, where they handed out literature and sold tee-shirts.

Nancy says recruiting efforts were also made at the environmental fair held Friday, October 5.

## BAY AREA

Tom Huntington reports a 2-day Stanislaus river trip for volunteers will be run October 6&7. This is a way to say thanks to those who help with office work and grassroots activities. On Monday and Tuesday there will be a Tuolumne trip for some Congressional aides and for various decision makers on this river issue.

Grey Brecklin has organized F.O.R. and others to clean up a 1 block stretch of Strawberry Creek in Berkeley across from the Senior Citizens center. This event is happening on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited. Call F.O.R. - Bay office for more details.

Campus organization is beginning to happen at San Francisco State, U.C. Berkeley, and U.C. Santa Cruz.

Contact Doug Shields at the Bay Area office if you know of any group or organization ready to sign on to the endorsements campaign for the Stanislaus. Packets and letters are available. We need all the support we can get!!!

## SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE CAMPUS CHAPTER FORMING

Thirty-five students and six faculty members signed up to join the new F.O.R. chapter at City U by the Zoo as the college is affectionately known by its twelve thousand students. ALEN KWOLEK geography instructor is faculty advisor. Officers have been elected and a constitution is being drafted so that the club can have a campus charter and therefore be more effective as a political force on the campus. CATHY DUNCAN, JIM MORGAN, HOLLY RUCKNER, CRAIG DOMENY, IIM WARREN, DARRYL RICE, FRED RINNE are the folks who are taking group responsibilities so far. MARK DUBOIS spoke at an introductory meeting. A trip on the Upper Cache Creek is planned for Oct. 14, pot-luck dinner and open house at F.O.R. headquarters Oct. 18, participation in American River Cleanup Oct. 20 are planned. For the Cleanup, the chapter will solicit donations of food for the lunch and put it together at the Cordova Park lunch site. The chapter sees as its function arousing awareness and generating action on behalf of the rivers on the campus, in addition to participating in F.O.R. campaigns. A majority of the folks who signed up for the new Chapter have been studying very hard on the more crucial river issues.

## LOS ANGELES

Mark's been in Southern California. Could be because there are so many people there to be reached! And what better way to reach them than through the media, right? So of course that's what Mark's done. Not only was he interviewed on six radio stations and by the Valley News (September 2), he, Shortcutt and Doug Linney also met with the Los Angeles Times' editorial board.

Doug tells us he and three other constituents met with Rep. Carlos Moorhead. The congressman was unfamiliar with H.R. 4223 before the talk, and still is uncommitted.

Another political note: an aide from Rep. Goldwater's office says they're unconvinced this is an issue which many constituents are aware of. Doug adds "Barry fears an environmentalist image will hurt him." Letters to Goldwater should praise him for his votes on the Alaska bill and the Santa Monica mountains issue.

The Bureau of Land Management held hearings in Los Angeles on August 28, on a California wilderness inventory. Seems the Stanislaus was excluded from the inventory because of its planned inundation by New Melones. Three of the five speakers addressed this omission.

Dates and events to mark off on your calendar:

- Oct. 14  
10:30 a.m. Slide show at Glendale Unitarian Fellowship  
353 East San Jose Street  
Burbank, CA (213) 845-4309
- Oct. 20 Involvement Fair, Ventura County Fairgrounds  
9 a.m.-12 noon (booth set up)
- Nov. 2-4 Energy Fair Long Beach Convention Center  
(booth set up)

Also a possibility of a booth at the Green Connection, Fox Hills Mall on Oct. 17-20.

Rita Dixon, one river-lover who's been getting more and more involved politically, met with congressman George Brown on October 2, who is very supportive of the Bill.

## CHICO AREA

Sami Izzo has been working long and hard hours for years to preserve wilderness-- including the Stanislaus. Sami is off now to her new home in Vermont but before leaving she sent us some moving lyrics that some folks from the Chico area thought up while paddling down the dead reservoir and Coyote Creek following the Stanislaus River dedication at Parrott's Ferry on June 2. They go to the tune of Janis Joplin's "Oh Lord, Won't You Buy Me A Mercedes Benz?"

"Oh Lord, won't you buy me a rapid running free?  
My friends all like flat water, take their jet boats to the sea.  
But the music of the river is what's beautiful to me  
So, Oh Lord, won't you buy me a rapid running free?"

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Miwuk petroglyph?  
I tried to steal one but the rock I couldn't lift.  
The Corps doesn't understand the value of this gift  
So, Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Miwuk petroglyph?"

Oh Lord, won't you buy me the Stanislaus River?  
I asked the Army Corps to, but they wouldn't deliver.  
Worked hard all my lifetime for Mother Nature, the giver  
So, Oh Lord, won't you buy me the Stanislaus River."

We just may soon have a New England F.O.R. Chapter. Thanks for all your efforts toward saving the environment, Sami. Coast to coast, let's "keep it wild".

See ya next time,  
Vicki, Megan, Chris & Carl



P.S. Tune in next time for reports from  
Vallecito and the Mother Lode F.O.R. Chapter.

