



**Friends of The River**  
**P.O. Box 2971 Oakland, California 94618**

Dear Friend of the River,

The Army Corps of Engineers hopes you burn this letter.....  
because it's asking you to do something they won't like very much.  
It's asking you to keep them from destroying one of the most beautiful  
rivers in our state.

The Corps wants to pour some \$275 million worth of concrete into the deep, whitewater gorges of the Stanislaus. This magnificent river flows down from the Sierra above Yosemite, into the lowlands of the San Joaquin Valley by Modesto. The State Water Resources Control Board has told them there's no need for a 600-foot-high dam on the Stanislaus, but they're going to build it anyway. Nobody is supposed to challenge the Army Corps of Engineers once they make up their minds on a project - not even the State of California. They apparently don't care if they squander 275 million badly needed federal dollars, or destroy a river which will share its natural wonders with 80,000 visitors this year, or waste more than five million gallons of gasoline building a dam that nobody wants or needs.

Whether or not the Corps succeeds in building the New Melones Dam depends on how much we give a dam. It depends on what you do with this letter and the enclosed petition, because a signature and a dollar from you and a few friends will stop the Corps and save the Stanislaus.

We're asking you to help us do something that we can't do without you. We're trying to qualify The River Initiative with this letter, the enclosed petition, and a little help from a lot of people who care. If everyone who receives this letter sends back just four valid signatures plus their own, we can put The River Initiative on the November ballot. And if each person who signs will donate just one dollar, we can run a winning campaign.

If you think it sounds easy -- well-- it does SOUND easy. But people put things like this aside, misplace them, or forget about them and they never happen. The Army Corps of Engineers is betting we can't do it this time. The odds are in their favor, but with your help, we can beat those odds.

Remember...FOUR PLUS YOURS and we win.

For The River

Robert Caughlan  
President, Roanoke Co.

P.S. If you were one of the 130,000 people who signed the Stanislaus petition last year -- they ignored it. This one is law. If you have any questions about The River Initiative, get in touch. Also, please return your petition within the next TWO WEEKS -- even if the only signature on it is yours. We need to know how we're doing. Oh, and one more thing -- don't be afraid to send in more than five signatures, just in case someone else doesn't send theirs. Thanks again, for your concern.

**WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS. INITIATIVE. AMENDS PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE TO DESIGNATE SPECIFIED PORTIONS OF THE MAIN STEM OF THE STANISLAUS RIVER AS COMPONENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM. PROHIBITS CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISH THE PUBLIC USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE SPECIFIED PORTIONS OF THE RIVER. DOES NOT PROHIBIT STRUCTURAL OR NONSTRUCTURAL MEASURES NECESSARY FOR FLOOD PROTECTION PROVIDED THAT SUCH MEASURES WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THOSE DESIGNATED PORTIONS OF THE RIVER ONLY FOR NECESSARY TEMPORARY FLOOD STORAGE. ALLOWS LEGISLATURE TO AMEND MEASURE BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE.**

An act to add new sections 5093.66, 5093.67, 5093.68, and 5093.69 to Chapter 1.4, Division 5, Public Resources Code of the State of California  
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

STANISLAUS RIVER PROTECTION ACT OF 1974

Section 1. The people of the State of California do hereby find and declare that the Stanislaus River between Camp Nine and Parrot's Ferry Bridge is a unique and extraordinary river resource, possessing unusual and valuable caves and geological formations, the State's most heavily used whitewater boating area, spectacular limestone cliffs, and an important trout fishery. For these reasons the State Water Resources Control Board has declared the Stanislaus River to be "a unique asset to the state and the nation."

The Stanislaus River from Goodwin Dam to the junction of the San Joaquin River is an outstanding example of a Central Valley river, possessing large expanses of riparian habitat, valuable canoeing waters, many historical sites, and a noteworthy salmon fishery. It is one of a very few such rivers remaining in California.

Section 2. Sections 5093.66, 5093.67, 5093.68, and 5093.69 are added to Chapter 1.4 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:  
 5093.66 The following rivers are hereby designated as components of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System: main stem of the Stanislaus River from the bridge at Camp Nine to the Parrot's Ferry Bridge; and main stem of the Stanislaus River from 100 yards below Goodwin Dam to the junction of the San Joaquin River.

5093.67 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any measures for flood protection, structural or nonstructural, necessary for the protection of lives and property along the Stanislaus River; provided, however, that the Secretary of the Resources Agency shall insure that such measures will adversely affect those portions of the Stanislaus River designated in section 5093.66 only when necessary to provide temporary flood storage.

5093.68 No flood control structure on the Stanislaus River shall be built or operated in such a manner as to substantially diminish the public use and enjoyment of the portions of the Stanislaus River designated in section 5093.66.

5093.69 If it deems it necessary, the legislature may amend sections 5093.66 to 5093.68 of this act by a two-thirds vote.

**THE RIVER INITIATIVE**

— PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE —

ALL SIGNERS OF THIS PETITION MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

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NOTE TO CIRCULATOR: DON'T SIGN AS "PETITION CIRCULATOR" (below) UNTIL YOU SEND IN PETITION. And please don't forget to SIGN YOUR OWN PETITION on any line above.

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

I am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of \_\_\_\_\_ Each of the signatures to this petition was signed in my presence. Each signature of this petition is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. I circulated the petition in the above County (or City and County) and no other. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF PETITION CIRCULATOR \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT REGISTERED ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY (IN FULL) \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ MORE PETITIONS