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FOR Action

California River Awards

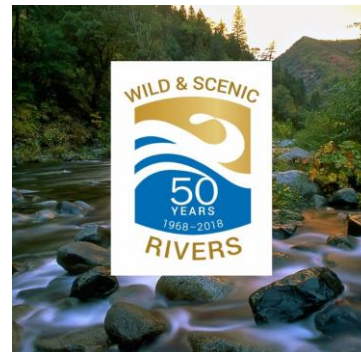
Join Friends of the River as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and gear up for the next 50 years!

This special evening includes delectable food, fine wine, live music and unique silent and live auctions. Tickets are selling quickly, so get your tickets now! You don't want to miss it!

What: California River Awards

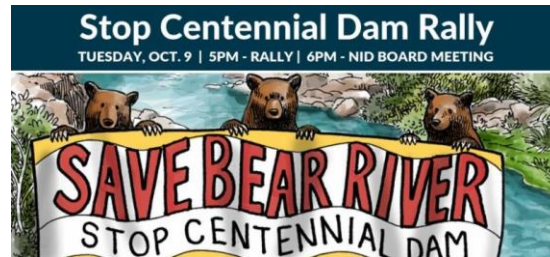
When: Oct 20, 2018 6:00 pm

Where: City Club of San Francisco



Tickets: \$175

[Purchase Tickets](#)



The Bear River Needs You to help **STOP CENTENNIAL DAM!**

The Bear River is threatened by the proposed Centennial Dam. Tell the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) to stop spending money on Centennial Dam. If you want to feel some real grass-roots energy and you live within easy driving distance of Grass Valley, come the NID meeting!

TAKE ACTION

FILL THE ROOM: We need 1,000 supporters to attend a special NID meeting on October 9th (details below) to show NID we demand a voice in shaping our community's water future.

Your attendance shows support of the South Yuba River Citizens League's (SYRCL) proposed resolution that NID formally decide to STOP spending money on Centennial while we work towards a true water management solution through the Raw Water Master Plan.

What: Stop Centennial Dam Rally and Special NID Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 5 p.m. rally; 6 p.m. (meeting begins)

Where: [Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building, 255 S. Auburn St, Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

[Register and learn more.](#)

Get Involved!

Your Feedback Needed!

Have you volunteered in the last 2 years?
Please take 5 minutes to fill out this easy survey.

Survey closes Mon, Oct. 8th

FOR wants to learn from our volunteers! What we are doing well? Where we can improve? We think you have some great input.

[Fill out the survey!](#)



Beers and Ears

Live in Sacramento? Join the Engagement Director for a volunteer feedback listening session at **Bike Dog Brewing-Broadway on October 16th @ 7 pm**. The Beers and Ears session is an opportunity to connect with other volunteers in the area and share in-person feedback.

Want a listening session in the Bay Area? If there is sufficient interest, we can plan one there also. [Email me](#) to express your interest.

Join us for a Salmon Viewing Paddle!



[Register Now!](#)

**October 27th (Saturday)
November 11th (Sunday)**

Each fall we offer 2 salmon viewing canoe paddles with expert guest speakers on the Lower American River.

Space limited to 20 people. Canoes/gear provided. No experience needed.
[Learn More](#)

River Currents

by Ron Stork, *Policy Director*

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Been to this rodeo before

Well, no one can say that the Temperance Flat dam (TFD) supporters aren't industrious. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is talking about releasing a draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) sometime in October 2018 for the Temperance Flat Dam...



Friant Water Authority gathers together the Temperance Flat dam gang

Thanks to the public disclosure requirements, we finally know something solid about the local government plans to advance the giant proposed dam on the San Joaquin River.

Apparently dissatisfied with the performance of the San Joaquin Water Infrastructure Authority in bring home the proposed Temperance Flat dam, the real parties pushing for the dam are in the process of forming the Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority to muscle aside the Infrastructure Authority...

Truth and Fiction

September brought a lot of claims from members of Congress that the dams are finally coming to California again. They were referring to formal or informal conference committee agreements between the U.S. House and Senate in the federal Energy and Water Appropriations (E&W Approps) bill and the 2018 Water Resource Development Act/AWIA (America's Water Infrastructure Act)...

The Trumpian Era becomes more manifest

Early in the Trump Administration, environmental groups gathered together along one topic — the expected retreat of federal agencies with environmental responsibilities.

We've watched in horror as the EPA retreated on climate change. Here in California we've watched Reclamation go rogue against state authority to regulate their dams and operations on state waters. And Reclamation and its partners, the Westlands Water District and the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority, are poised to violate the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and raise Shasta Dam...

Oroville Dam and Proposition 3

As I was preparing for some radio debates on the merits of the Proposition 3, the Water Bond on the November California election ballot, I noticed a disturbing item. The bond makes a finding that "the cost of repairing Oroville Dam should be covered by the federal government either through the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Corps of Engineers"...

Proposition 3 and California Editorial Boards

The California Water Bond has received "Vote No" editorials from the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Orange County Register*, *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, *San Jose Mercury News*, *East Bay Times*, and *Sacramento Bee*.

The *Fresno Bee*, the epicenter of the bond's \$750 million California-taxpayer grant to the Friant Water Authority, for new, repaired, or reconstructed canals, endorsed the measure. The Authority is composed of federal water contractors who benefit from federal water canals.

Sites

Sometimes the press picks up some important issues, in this case something in the comments on the proposed Site Reservoir draft EIR early this year.

The Sites dam project, which expects to recirculate a draft EIR or issue a supplemental EIR, has not so far really nailed down some key project details, including how much water needs to remain in the Sacramento River before they can divert (or the conditions on such diversions)...

Arresting the wrong simple fisherman

The California Constitution says that any former state-owned lands come with the right of anglers to use the property to access rivers and streams to fish. The California courts have affirmed that such lands have such easements whether or not it is in the deeds. See *California v. San Luis Obsipo Sportman's Assc.*, 22 Cal. 3d 440; 584P.2d 1088; 149 Cal. Rptr. 4 (1978), which also cite a string of cases...

Click here to read the October [*River Currents*](#) article

by Ron Stork

Thank you for supporting rivers by staying informed. We can't wait to see you at our next event or talk!

Sincerely,
the FOR Staff--Eric, Ron, Brittney, Bob, Toby, and Kellie

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