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**California River Awards
a Success!**

What an incredible night we had at the California River Awards. This sold out event one was one for the record books. 175 attendees, including 44 Wild and Scenic River Heroes, descended on the City Club for an evening of celebration, reflection and looking ahead. The evening program featured speakers Mark Dubois, For Founder; Steve Evans, FOR Wild & Scenic Consultant; Eric Wesselman, FOR Executive Director; and a very special performance by Grammy award winning singer and songwriter, and FOR River Advocate, Laurie Lewis.



This year we paid homage to the many heroes who helped to designate over 2000 miles of river into the State and Federal Wild and Scenic Systems over the last 50 years. These folks worked together to build a strong community of river advocates whose reach surpasses the borders of California and we are truly honored that so many could attend this commemorative event.

With your help, we raised over \$180,000 through the live and silent auction, sponsorships and generous donations! This makes up 25% of our annual budget and will help FOR launch a plan for protecting rivers for the next 50 years. We're starting with the new Governor as we work with allies from across the state to initiate a 21st century water plan for a sustainable water future. Thanks to you, we are now even closer to our goal!

We want to send a special thank you to our generous sponsors, auction donors, board members, staff and volunteers for making this evening a huge success.

[Click here to see photos of the event!](#)

Get Involved!

Apply to be an Advocate for California Rivers!
Seeking curious, dedicated river lovers who want to grow as activists and river protectors!

Each year we invite people to apply to the River Advocacy Training School. The 5-month program begins in January with an intensive 4-day training--a deep dive into California water and the grassroots skills you need to move the needle. The next 4 months are hands-on activism that builds momentum towards California Rivers Day in May.



Each applicant is selected for their readiness and grit.

Accepting applications Nov 5-30.

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River Currents

By Ron Stork, *Policy Director*

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The federal government going rogue

The big water news over the last month has been the fulfillment of the dreams of the I-5 sign makers to have a federal administration willing to wrest control of the water valves in the state and send their waters to the barons of the arid lands on the San Joaquin Valley's west side...



Proposition 3 and California editorial boards

The California Water Bond, Proposition 3 has received "Vote No" editorials from the San Diego Union-Tribune, Orange County Register, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, San Bernardino Sun, Riverside Press-Enterprise, Torrance Daily Breeze, Palm Springs Daily Sun, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Santa Cruz Sentinel, San Jose Mercury News and East Bay Times, and Sacramento Bee...

Rodeo delayed

As the Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority is in the process of formation, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) may be delaying the release of its draft supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) due in October of this year...

A tale of two dams

Two California one-million acre-feet dams are undergoing relicensing right now: New Exchequer and New Bullards. Both dam owners are proposing changes in their outlet works and Corps of Engineers floodwater-management operating manuals. Yet they could not be more different...

Oroville Dam light, finally

Back in 2005 Friends of the River, Sierra Club, and the South Yuba River Citizens League, after several years of unsuccessful attempts to reason with the Department of Water Resources, made filings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) arguing that the unlined emergency spillway at Oroville Dam would cause havoc if ever used...

Reflections on shy people helping to save rivers

Photos and videos, or showing people why rivers are worth saving: Images and videos can be powerful. And gathering them doesn't require public speaking courage. We are approaching California's rainy season, our time of big water, blue skies, and green canyon

sides. This is followed by our wildflower season and cold, clean snowmelt runoff. Good stuff...

Click here to read the November *[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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