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News and Updates



California River Awards
Thursday, November 12, 2020
7:00pm

Join us for the first ever Virtual California River Awards!

A tradition in its 23rd year, the California River Awards is an innovative celebration of the year's work, the people who inspired it, and lays the path for the year to come.

We're pleased to honor Attorney General Xavier Becerra, and Deputy Attorneys General Russell Hildreth and Courtney Covington for their work to defend California rivers against federal attacks on our environmental protections.



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Riverside Chats

Entrepreneurs for 21st Century Water Resilience

Sept. 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Registration for this webinar is free!



Erin Rothman, Founder & CEO, Storm Sensor
Aaron Tartakovsky, Co-Founder & CEO, Epic CleanTec
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Riverside Chats Episode 5

Entrepreneurs for 21st Century Water Resilience

Sept. 30, 2020 7:00pm

This session will be different from our previous Chats, focusing on the technologists and solutions that can help revolutionize water in California in the face of climate change.

The evening will be hosted and moderated by Friends of the River Board members **Jeff Depew** (President, Sand Hill Angels) and **Ravi Kurani** (Founder & CEO, Sutro).

[Register Here](#)

River Currents

By Ron Stork, *Policy Director*

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Musings on a career with the United States of America

Any reader of Currents will remember that one of our jobs at Friends of the River is to defend the integrity of the rivers protected by the national and state Wild & Scenic Rivers Acts. It should be an easy job, but in today's world, not

so much.

In the August 2020 Currents, I went into some detail about the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) that tries to work around the state's Clean Water Act-permitting veto on the Shasta Dam raise project — and represents Reclamation's attempt to rewrite their previous final EIS that conceded that the project violated state law...



Sometimes it's good when the legislature adjourns

This year the CoVid 19 pandemic reduced the legislature's production of bills dramatically. And sessions in the capitol were reduced even more dramatically, and lots of business for Zoom generated.

In the final days of session all but one of the Republican Senators were quarantined out of the capitol because one of their mask-opposed number came down with CoVid 19 and attended a meeting with one of them. (The final floor session permitted electronic participation.)..

Western Water Storage Infrastructure Act

The Congress has not adjourned, and a lame duck session is likely, so mischief remains a probability. Unfortunately, mischief can arise from both sides of the aisle.

It has long been observed that on water issues, Central Valley Democrats can be difficult to distinguish from modern Republicans (at one time, Republicans were the progressive party). That has proven to be the case with freshman Democrats Josh Harder (D-Modesto) and TJ Cox (D-Fresno) and old-timers Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and John Garamendi (D-Walnut Grove)...

Temperance Flat Dam gets another shot?

Last month I told you the said story that the California Water Commission was about to adopt emergency regulations to get the Temperance Flat Dam some money (\$8.5 million) to get their environmental and permitting requests in order. Well, as predicted, they did.

And next up will be the Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority's (TFRA) briefing the Commission on how they intend to advance the project forward and spend the taxpayer's money to do that. The Commission's meetings are now held in Zoom, so anyone can watch — and at times offer comments.

Check out this URL for their next meeting on October 21:

<https://cwc.ca.gov/Meetings/All-Meetings/2020/Meeting-of-the-California-Water-Commission-Oct-21-2020>

Click here to read the September *River Currents* article by Ron Stork

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