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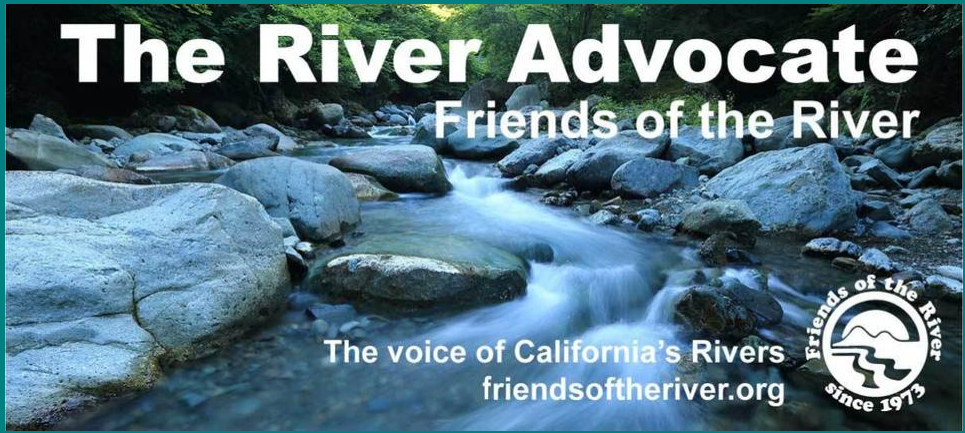
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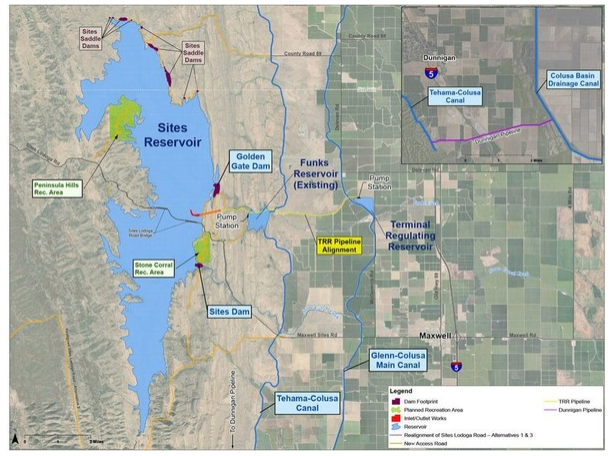
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## FOR in the Media: Coalition Comments on Sites

Friends of the River lead an environmental and tribal coalition of over ten entities to submit comments on the Sites Authority's deficient environmental reports. Daily Kos picked up the story, quoting our Senior Policy Advocate Ron Stork saying "After review, we were disappointed to find that there was a significant amount of critical data missing from the Project's environmental reports." You can [read the full story on Daily Kos here](#). Go to our website to [read the full press release](#) and [our comments](#).



## New Executive Director: Jann Dorman

"I now have the very great privilege of serving Friends of the River, as a volunteer, as the Executive Director and Chair of the Board. FOR works to apply scientifically based policy and regulation to the workings of our great California river system. Our California rivers comprise one of the most iconic, complex natural and man-made systems on the planet.

Together, we have the opportunity to improve that system, and with those improvements bring significant benefits to the environment and to society as a whole." - Jann Dorman

To learn more about Jann [read her full message](#).

## Rivers with Ron: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill

The federal government's recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill has a lot in it, both good and bad. While it does include money for dam removal, it also funnels more taxpayer dollars to new dams like Sites and Del Puerto Canyon. [Check out Ron's complete summary here](#).



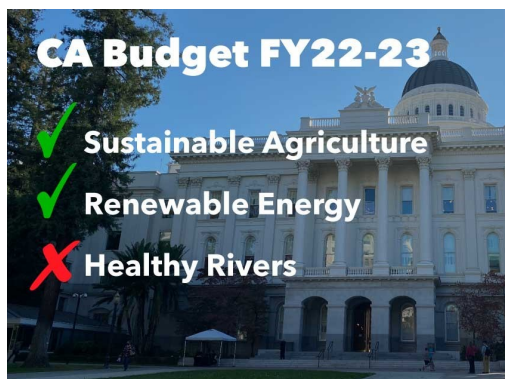
## Ask Ashley: Legislative Advocacy 101



Here at FOR we're really stepping up our efforts to educate our members on the advocacy work we do for rivers, but we know it can sound really abstract. Check out this month's Ask Ashley video, where we talk about what "legislative advocacy" actually means. [Watch it on Youtube](#), or you can find [the Ask Ashley archive on our website](#).

## FOR's Response to the Proposed Budget

On January 10th Governor Newsom released the draft budget for 2022-2023, and again ignored the importance of rivers despite emphasizing climate change. Even worse, the administration claimed the approval of Sites, Del Puerto, and Pacheco Canyon dams as a win for water. To learn more about our advocacy efforts, [check out our Legislative Advocacy page](#).



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