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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Via email to: leg.unit@gov.ca.gov

Re: AB 43 (Schultz-D) – Please sign into law.

Dear Governor Newsom:

Friends of the River urges you to sign AB 43 (Schultz-D). The bill continues an existing provision in the Public Resources Code that allows the California Resources Secretary to administratively provide state protection to federal Wild and Scenic Rivers in California if the Trump Administration or the Republican-dominated Congress propose to remove or weaken federal protection for these rivers.

AB-43 makes the self-defense procedures of the 2018 amendment a durable part of the California Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. The existence of this provision already has and would continue to discourage actions by federal administrations to undo the specified provisions of the National Act.

The need for AB-43 is not just hypothetical. For example, this year the President required federal agencies to identify proposed major storage projects in California (some of which may be on wild & scenic rivers) and “identify any regulatory hurdles that unduly burden each respective water project” and “develop a proposed plan, for review by the Secretaries, to appropriately suspend, revise, or rescind any regulations or procedures that unduly burden such projects...”

California can help the nation by continuing to protect national wild & scenic rivers in California threatened by the federal government.

Please sign AB-43 and protect California’s rivers and natural heritage for all Americans.

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AB 43 Applies to these Federal Wild & Scenic Rivers in California

<i>RIVER</i>	<i>ADMINISTERING AGENCY</i>	<i>MILES</i>	<i>DATE DESIGNATED</i>	<i>COUNTY</i>
MF Feather River	Plumas NF	77.6	US-1968	Plumas, Butte
Smith River Tributaries				
Stony Creek	Six Rivers NF	5.5	US-1990	Del Norte
Little Jones Creek	Six Rivers NF	3.5	US-1990	Del Norte
Peridotite Creek	Six Rivers NF	4.5	US-1990	Del Norte
Harrington Creek	Six Rivers NF	6	US-1990	Del Norte
Blackhawk Creek	Six Rivers NF	2	US-1990	Del Norte
Tuolumne River	Stanislaus NF	83	US-1984	Tuolumne
Merced River	Sierra NF/Yosemite NP	71.5	US-1987	Mariposa
SF Merced River	Sierra NF/Yosemite NP	43	US-1987	Mariposa
Lower Merced River	BLM Mother Lode Field Office	8	US-1992	Mariposa
Kings River	Sierra NF	5	US-1987	Fresno
MF Kings River	Sierra NF	35.5	US-1987	Fresno
SF Kings River	Sierra NF	40.5	US-1987	Fresno
SF Kern River	Sequoia & Inyo NF	72.5	US-1987	Tulare, Kern
NF Kern River	Sequoia NF	78.5	US-1987	Tulare
Sespe Creek	Los Padres NF	31.5	US-1992	Ventura
Sisquoc River	Los Padres NF	33	US-1992	Santa Barbara
Big Sur River	Los Padres NF	19.5	US-1992	Monterey
Black Butte River	Mendocino National Forest	19	US-2006	Mendocino
Cold Creek	Mendocino National Forest	2	US-2006	Mendocino
NF San Jacinto River	San Bernardino National Forest	10.2	US-2009	Riverside
Fuller Mill Creek	San Bernardino National Forest	3.5	US-2009	Riverside
Palm Canyon Creek	San Bernardino National Forest	8.1	US-2009	Riverside
Bautista Creek	San Bernardino National Forest	9.8	US-2009	Riverside
Owens River Headwaters	Inyo National Forest			
Owens River & Big Springs	Inyo National Forest	1	US-2009	Mono
Glass Creek	Inyo National Forest	6.4	US-2009	Mono
Deadman Creek	Inyo National Forest	11.7	US-2009	Mono
Cottonwood Creek	Inyo National Forest	21.5	US-2009	Inyo
Amargosa River	BLM Barstow Field Office	29.7	US-2009/2019	Inyo, San Bernardino
Piru Creek	Angeles National Forest	7.3	US-2009	Los Angeles
Surprise Canyon Creek	BLM Barstow Field Office	7.1	US-2019	Inyo
Deep Creek	San Bernardino National Forest	20	US-2019	San Bernardino
Holcomb Creek	San Bernardino National Forest	13.5	US-2019	San Bernardino
Whitewater River	SBNF, BLM Palm Springs Field Office	<u>28.1</u>	US-2019	Riverside, San Bernardino
TOTAL MILES		819.5		