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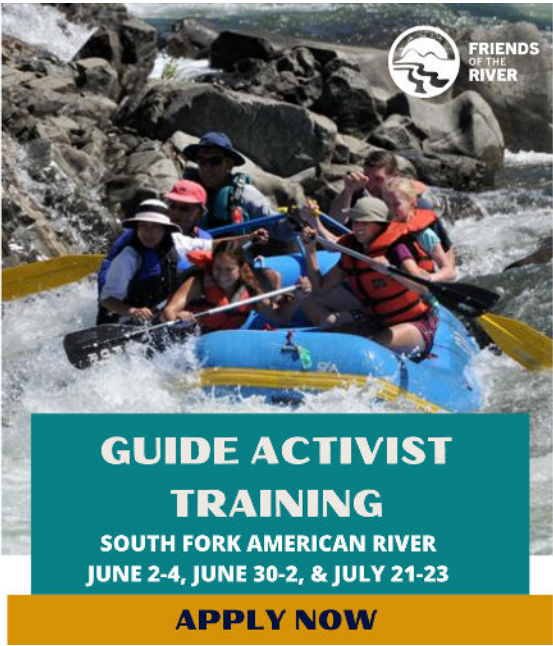
Day of Action for Water Justice

July 5, 2023

Please join Friends of the River and a broad coalition of environmental groups and tribes for a rally at the state capital to advocate for water justice! California rivers need you. This event is uniting all communities and tribes on behalf of rivers and the environment. More to come as planning progresses.

Your voice makes a difference.

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Guide Activist Training – A few spots left

We are so excited for our upcoming Guide Activist Training. Our volunteers have been working hard to have everything ready. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them apply here. California rivers

need our help. We need to grow the ranks of leaders who have the passion, knowledge and skills to advocate to restore our rivers.

Learn More



California River Awards – A great success

Thank you again to the sponsors, auction donors, auction purchasers and program donors who have been so generous in supporting the California River Awards this year. Thanks to you, Friends of the River has a solid foundation for the many important issues we are taking on this year. Please enjoy listening to the brief acceptance speech of our special honoree, Erica Gies, author of *Water Always Wins*. Her vision helps inspire us all.

Watch the Video

Currents: Victories & Threats

2022-2023 High Water Roundup

2022–2023 has shaped up to be one of the better high-water water years in California history. The many storms this water year piled up large quantities of snow, creating the promise of a long and generous runoff season. But here’s some highlights from a floodwater management perspective... [Read more](#).



FOR and partners ask EPA to intervene on Delta Tunnel

Friends of the River, along w/ a coalition of environmental groups have been beating on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize that the federal draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was fundamentally flawed... [Read more](#).



We Fight the Clean Water Act Apocalypse

We’ve been talking about the importance of the Clean Water Act in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hydropower dam licensing for years. The Clean Water Act gives states and certain tribes substantial influence to protect water quality as it relates to operations of hydroelectric dams... [Read more](#).



Dam Round Up

Several pending dam projects throughout the state have had some slight movement recently. Read Senior Policy Advocate Ron Stork’s report out on current dam happenings. [Read the article](#).



New Hydropower Bill Introduced in Congress

A group of environmental organizations active in hydropower relicensing (including Friends of the River) in collaboration with hydro industry players (collectively, the “Uncommon Dialogue”) have arrived at a set of reforms to the Federal Power Act... [Read more](#).

State Government Doings - Voluntary Agreements

Governor Newsom’s Administration continues to push forward Voluntary Settlement Agreements in lieu of updating the decades-late SF Bay/Delta Water Quality Control Plan... [Read more](#).



Congressional Doings

From bad bills to bad rhetoric, there’s the “traditional bad stuff” happening in Congress right now. One bill supported by San Joaquin Valley Republicans seeks to pre-empt the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and export more water, while another would weaken implementation of the Endangered Species Act... [Read more](#).



Klamath River dam removals: “So yes, it’s happening.”

For decades, the Klamath has been severely impacted by a sequence of four PacifiCorp dams near the California-Oregon border. And finally, after decades of work by tribes and environmental organizations to lay the foundation to restore the Klamath River, it’s pretty clear that the removals and restoration are finally going to happen... [Read more](#).

Passings

Remembering Bob “Mr. Tuolumne” Hackamack

Bob Hackamack passed away at age 90 in late April of this year. I always called Bob Mr. Tuolumne River for his decades of pioneering work to protect the Tuolumne River. Bob is probably best known for his work to defeat the proposed Clavey-Wards Ferry dam on the Tuolumne... [Read more](#).



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