



In this Issue

- Thank you again! California River Awards
- Currents: Victories and Threats
 - A win for FOR: PG&E's plan to sell most of its generation assets stumbles
 - Camping out at the Water Board
 - FOR takes a stand against the Dreaded Delta Tunnel
 - Deja vu on the Clean Water Act beat
- Opportunities
 - Headwaters: Accepting Submissions
 - Search for an Executive Director Continues

California River Awards

Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors, auction donors, and attendees!



FOR Executive Director Jann Dorman and Honoree Chris "Maven" Austin at the 2024 California River Awards

The California River Awards, held on April 26th at the [Verdi Club](#) in San Francisco, was a resounding success, thanks to all of you. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a part in making the event so memorable.

We came very close to meeting our fundraising goal. We are still short of our \$110,000 target. So, if you have not yet donated, please [help us reach our goal](#) and ensure FOR has a strong foundation for our work this Spring and Summer.

We'd like to thank our Honoree, Chris Austin, publisher of [Maven's Notebook](#), who is a true inspiration. Her work gives us all a strong foundation to continue to fight for the protection and restoration of California rivers.

Currents: Victories and Threats



The California Public Utilities Commission Building, located in San Francisco. Credit: CPUC

A Win for FOR and Partners: PG&E Plan to Sell off Most of its Generation Assets Stumbles

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) supplies electricity to much of northern California. It also has a somewhat diminishing large fleet of hydroelectric dams in the north state.

It's also been going broke a lot, first because of the ill-advised energy deregulation under Governor Gray Davis some two decades ago, and second because in recent years its equipment has been burning down whole national forests and small mountain communities.

So, to raise some cash, PG&E proposed to create a subsidiary... [Read more](#)

FOR Takes a Stand Against the Dreaded Delta Tunnel

The proposed Delta Tunnel has reached the water rights stage, and Friends of the River, alongside many partner organizations, submitted two formal “protests” of the Tunnel water rights applications

Of key interest for California rivers, the Tunnel could increase pressure for more dam and export projects on north-state rivers, and cause physical and economic damage to rivers tributary to the Delta... [Read more](#)



Nurse Slough, located in Suisun Marsh, part of the Bay-Delta ecosystem. Credit: Ken James, CA DWR



California EPA building in downtown Sacramento. Credit: CA DWR

Camping Out at the Water Board

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

California makes its state water right decisions in the CalEPA building in Sacramento, the home of the State Water Resources Control Board.

In a water-rights proceeding, you get to speak “on the record” to the Board or its Administrative Hearing Office by “protesting” the new or modified right.

FOR filed two formal protests with many partners earlier this month, and will likely spend much time before the Water Board over the next two plus years... [Read more](#)

Deja Vu on the Clean Water Act Beat

Didn't we just win some significant victories defending the state and tribal role (and our influence) to ensure that federal projects, licenses, and permits meet state/tribal clean water standards?

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID), however, would like to retry the federal Ninth Circuit Court case that it lost. To do so, after first failing to persuade FERC, it has asked the court to waive state Federal Clean Water Act authority in two pending federal (FERC) license proceedings, but this time in the D.C. Circuit Court... [Read more](#)



An interior shot of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, the forum where NID is making another attempt to undermine the State's authority under the federal Clean Water Act. Credit: Library of Congress

[Read All May Currents Articles](#)

Opportunities

Headwaters - Accepting Submissions

Friends of the River's *Headwaters Magazine* is a beautiful repository of articles about rivers and river recreation, opinion pieces, policy analysis, river news, art, photographs, and more.

We welcome submissions of articles that speak to the six areas in which we work for the protection of California's rivers. These areas are hydropower reform, saving and storing water, restoring flows, flood management, legal and regulatory protections, and inspiring citizen action. We also welcome submissions of visual art, creative writing, poetry, and photos that are centered around rivers and nature more broadly.

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

Not sure what to submit? Let's work together. More info [here](#). Please email keiko@friendsoftheriver.org to discuss a submission.

Time to hire an Executive Director

Friends of the River is still recruiting for an Executive Director to lead the policy and advocacy work of restoring California rivers and fighting for a sustainable water future. As our threats and opportunities have expanded this year, our work and staffing need to expand also. FOR is looking for a passionate and experienced river advocate, a strategic water leader who can ensure FOR shows up effectively to influence the public processes so critical to shaping our river systems for the future.

Please share this opportunity widely within your professional contacts in the water world. [Please see the job description](#). Applicants please submit a cover letter and resume to janndorman@friendsoftheriver.org.

Please Donate

Please consider a generous gift to help FOR fight the Triple Threat to Rivers. This will be a critical year to stop Sites Reservoir, the Delta Tunnel and the Voluntary Agreements.

[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt Out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

3336 Bradshaw Rd. Suite 335 | Sacramento, CA 95827 US

This email was sent to .

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

emma®

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.