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FOR News

Giving Tuesday is Tomorrow

Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday—a global day of generosity—and your support is essential to protecting California's rivers! Large-scale projects like the Delta Tunnel and Sites Reservoir threaten our waterways, but together, we can advocate for sustainable solutions, restore vital river flows, and defend these lifelines for future generations. Will you join us in creating a future where our rivers flow freely and abundantly?

[It's never too early to give](#), and we have a special surprise for donations over \$250



Merced River, Mike Osborne.

ANNOUNCEMENT: CA Wild and Scenic Rivers Memo Available

The history of Friends of the River stretches back 51 years. That's the same history timeline as the California Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.

Important histories deserve historians — and a written history. So, as we face a dark and challenging next four years, it's perhaps important that our website now contains an 89-page referenced memo...

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Currents: *Victories and Threats*

HERE WE GO AGAIN

Ever since the election on November 5, there's been no lack of speculation about what exactly the return of Donald Trump to the White House will mean for all kinds of policies, from the economy and immigration to national security and international relations. But there's no uncertainty about the consequences for the environment — it won't be pretty....

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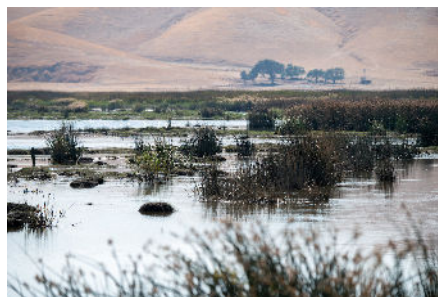


State Water Project pumping facilities, CA DWR.

ACTION ALERT: Save California Rivers and the Bay-Delta - New Water Quality Standards Needed

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED: In December and January, the State Water Resources Control Board is requesting public feedback on the best way to protect fish and wildlife, water quality, and the ecological health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary and the Central Valley rivers that feed it. The Board is also considering a "Voluntary Agreements" (VAs) proposal from the Newsom administration and big water districts that would allow even more water to be exported, causing ecosystem collapse and species extinction...

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Nurse Slough in the San Francisco Bay-Delta, CA DWR.

FOR Files Suit: State Water Project fails to comply with CEQA

Given the results of the November election, California's role as a safety net is once again critical. So, it was disappointing to see the state move forward with proposed long-term operations of the State Water Project that will continue to jeopardize the existence of numerous native fish species. That's why Friends of the River and other organizations filed a lawsuit against the Department of Water Resources...

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Oroville Dam only 27% full in October 2021, CA DWR.

Post-Thanksgiving River Time: Celebrating Salmon at Nimbus

Every year during the holiday period I reflect upon the wondrous experience I had with my family along the Lower American Parkway, seeing the returning and spawning Fall-run Chinook and being able to appreciate the semi-wild river that flows through Sacramento and its suburbs...

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Salmon congregate outside Nimbus Fish Hatchery on the American River, CA DWR.

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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.

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

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.



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