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FOR News



Rendezvous by the River - Oct 4th

Only one week left to get your tickets for [Rendezvous by the River](#) on **Saturday, October 4th, 2025**, at Camp Lotus.

Under the stars and beside the water we fight to protect, enjoy a night of delicious food, live music, laughter, and connection—all in support of keeping our rivers wild, healthy, and free.

Sponsors Needed! By sponsoring Rendezvous by the River, you're not just supporting an event—you're investing in a vibrant community working to protect California's rivers. Together, we can create an unforgettable evening that fuels action and inspires hope.

Get Your Tickets!

Ticket Details:

- **Sponsorship Table** for 8 People: \$1,250
- **Friends & Family Table** for 8 People: \$1,000
- **Individual Tickets:** \$150

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, October 4, 2025
- **Location:** Camp Lotus, 5461 Bassi Road, Lotus, CA 95651
- **Happy Hour** at 4:30 pm -- sip and mingle by the river
- **Dinner** at 6:00 pm -- enjoy a delicious meal in community
- **Silent Auction** -- bid on unique treasures and experiences
- **Live Music** -- dance under the stars to *The Street Wheelers*, back by popular demand!

Thank You Sponsors:



Join the River Activist Network - Oct 7th

The River Activist Network empowers volunteers to understand California's water issues, share ideas, and stand up for their rivers and communities. Join our next zoom meeting Oct 7th at 6pm. [Sign up & learn more here.](#)



Gear Swap - November 2nd @ Camp Lotus

Mark your calendar for FOR's Annual Gear Swap at Camp Lotus on Sunday, November 2nd from 9am-3pm. A great place to buy and sell used rafting and kayak gear! [Find out more here.](#)

Currents: *Victories and Threats*

We are excited to bring you this month's *Currents* articles, which highlight key news about California's rivers, and what FOR is doing to protect them.



Major Victory: Keeping the Triple Threat at Bay

California's legislature blocked Governor Newsom's trailer bills, preserving public participation and preventing fast-tracking of the Delta Tunnel, Voluntary Agreements, and Sites Reservoir that threaten rivers and the Bay-Delta. [Read more.](#)



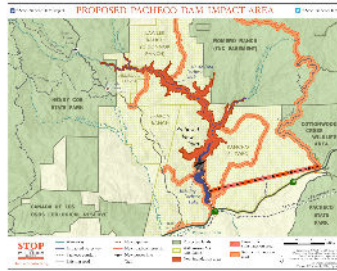
White Sturgeon Move One Step Closer to Federal Protection

A federal court ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fast-track its review of endangered species protections for white sturgeon, a victory for Friends of the River and allies fighting to safeguard one of California's most ancient fish. [Read more.](#)



California Prepares for Ill Winds

With AB-43 passed by the California Legislature and awaiting the Governor's signature, the state is preparing for "ill winds" from the federal government by ensuring California can protect national wild & scenic rivers from potential threats. [Read more.](#)



Another One Bites the Dust

The Pacheco Dam proposal joins a series of failed Prop 1-funded projects, as soaring costs and logistical challenges leave millions of taxpayer dollars available for other water solutions. [Read more.](#)



Remembering John Burton: A Champion for the South Fork Yuba

We honor retired California State Senator John Burton for his crucial role in protecting the South Fork Yuba River through the passage of SB-496. [Read more.](#)



Dam(n) the Hydrology, Full Speed Ahead!

SB-72, a bill recently passed by the Assembly, sets unrealistic water storage and conservation targets that could create major headaches for California rivers if signed into law. [Read more.](#)

Please Donate

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



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