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Double Your Love for Rivers on December 3rd

This 24-hour online giving challenge support Friends of the River in protecting the rivers that connect and sustain us all. When you donate on December 3rd, **your donation will be doubled!**

Thanks to some of our generous supporters, the **first \$10,000 donated to Friends of the River will be matched dollar-for-dollar**. Join us on Giving Tuesday and double your love for California's rivers.



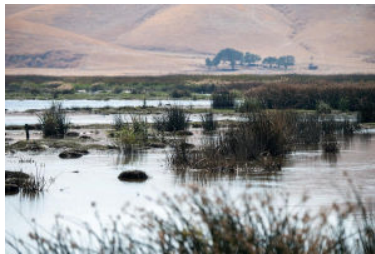
2025 Stanislaus River Salmon Festival Recap

Friends of the River wrapped the rafting season on November 8th with the 2025 Stanislaus River Salmon Festival in Knights Ferry, sharing salmon life-cycle education and ways to support healthy rivers.

Along with partners, our volunteer guides helped take more than 240 attendees down the river, where we spotted migrating Chinook salmon and talked about their vital role in California's ecosystems.

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.



The Light at the End of the Tunnel

The Delta Tunnel is a costly \$60–100 billion project that would divert more Sacramento River water and further strain the fragile Delta ecosystem. FOR experts make the case against pumping more water from the Delta to the State Water Resources Control Board's Administrative Hearing Office. [Read more.](#)



Floating with the Salmon on the lower American River

What's more fun than rafting on a river? Rafting AND snorkeling with Salmon! Dive in an inside look at FOR's recent trip down the lower American River. [Read more.](#)



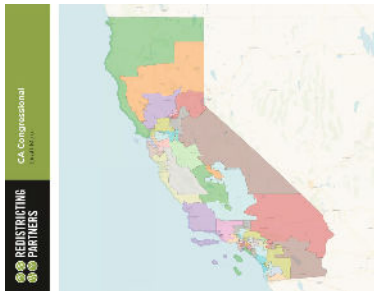
Tuolumne Habitat for Flow Scam Gets Bad Reviews

Higher river flow and clean water requirements for the Tuolumne were adopted by state regulators in 2018, but have been put off for seven years while water districts developed a “voluntary agreement.” This agreement would abandon needed freshwater flow increases, and replace them with habitat. A new report shows why that’s a bad idea. [Read more.](#)



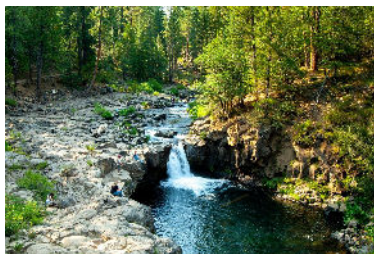
Coming to a Supermarket Entrance Near You

The California Chamber of Commerce drops a bombshell voter initiative proposal to, in part, streamline and expedite environmental reviews of nearly any water project. If passed, the news will be bad for California rivers. [Read more.](#)



New Congressional Districts and Some Popular Threatened Boating Rivers

Here’s the scoop on how the new Proposition 50 Congressional districts could affect our efforts to protect five important Central and Northern California boating rivers. [Read more.](#)



A Quick Thank-You to Retiring Nancy Pelosi

A thank-you to Rep. Nancy Pelosi for her magic congressional work to protect the McCloud River on the occasion of her pending retirement. [Read more.](#)



Salmon Return Home to the Upper Klamath Basin after being Absent for More than a Century

Only a year after the last of 4 dams came down on the Klamath river, salmon have made it over the remaining Keno and Link River Dams and traversed Upper Klamath Lake. Salmon have recently been seen in the Williamson and Sprague River, in *Oregon*, sooner than anyone could have anticipated. These spring-fed tributaries feed into the Upper Klamath Lake.

This is huge news! If you (remove) it, they will come! Read more from Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife [here](#) and Oregon Public Broadcasting [here](#).

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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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