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FOR News



Join the River WoLVES: Women of Leadership, Vision & Environmental Stewardship Rafting Weekend

A women's leadership retreat on California's Rivers.

Only one week left to join River WoLVES! A few spots remain for this women's leadership retreat on the South Fork American River, August 28–30. Join us for rafting, camping, wellness, inspiring women leaders, and a weekend of connection, adventure, and community. **No rafting experience necessary. Reserve your spot before they're gone! [Register Today](#)**



Rendezvous by the River - Oct 3rd

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! - Every victory for a river begins with people who care. Join us for an unforgettable evening by the river and under the stars as we celebrate our community, our shared accomplishments, and the rivers we're working together to protect.

Get Your Tickets!

Currents: *Victories and Threats*

We're excited to bring you this month's Currents—highlighting key news on California's rivers and the actions Friends of the River is taking to protect them.



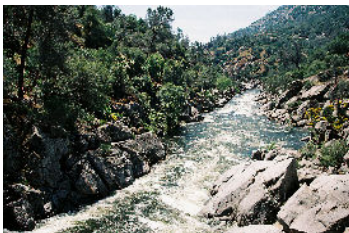
The Colorado River's Bill Is Coming Due

For decades, massive reservoirs like Lake Mead and Lake Powell allowed Colorado River water users to postpone the hard choices of living within the river's limits. Now, as reservoir levels fall and water cuts loom, the West faces a reckoning: **there simply isn't enough Colorado River water to satisfy everyone's demands.** [Read more.](#)



Balancing Groundwater Use in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Doesn't Mean Drying Up Rivers

The Southern San Joaquin Valley's groundwater overdraft has reached a point where major reductions in water use may be unavoidable. But balancing the region's groundwater budget shouldn't mean draining already overallocated rivers, and sustainable solutions will require using less water, changing crops and finding less water-intensive uses for farmland. [Read more.](#)



When the Clean Water Act Works, the San Joaquin River Wins

After nearly a decade of work, Friends of the River and our partners helped win important new protections for the San Joaquin River through the Clean Water Act. The victory shows what is possible when states have the authority to put meaningful conditions on projects that affect our rivers, and why that authority is worth defending. [Read more.](#)



FOR Sues Over State Delay in Protecting White Sturgeon

Despite the steep decline of the white sturgeon population in the Bay-Delta estuary, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife is dragging its heels in moving forward to protect this imperiled native species. So, Friends of the River and three other groups sued in August to force the state to take steps toward listing as required under the state Endangered Species Act. [Read more.](#)



Raising Pine Flat Dam Could Come at a Cost to the Kings River

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing to study a proposed 12-foot expansion of Pine Flat Reservoir, a project that could add 124,000 acre-feet of storage on the Kings River. But raising the dam could come at a steep cost to the river's beaches, camps and takeout, while putting another stretch of the Kings River landscape under water. [Read more.](#)



Next Steps Loom for Del Puerto Canyon Dam

The Del Puerto Water District has released its final environmental impact report for the proposed Del Puerto Canyon Dam and scheduled a hearing to consider certifying it. But certification is not the end of the road: major environmental reviews, federal approvals and a potential water rights proceeding still stand between the proposed \$750 million dam and construction. [Read more.](#)



FOR Takes the Fight for the Bay-Delta to the State Capitol

Friends of the River joined Tribal, environmental, fishing and Delta advocates at the State Capitol to stand up for the Bay-Delta and the rivers that sustain it. Advocates urged legislators to protect river flows, strengthen Tribal participation in water decisions, and oppose policies that could further strain California's already overallocated rivers. [Read more.](#)



Anderson Dam: Owning a Dam Ain't Cheap

Anderson Dam on Coyote Creek is facing a massive seismic retrofit with a price tag of \$2.8 billion and counting. The project is a costly reminder that owning and maintaining a dam comes with enormous financial and environmental responsibilities. [Read more.](#)

Passings



Tribute to Bob Center

Robert "Bob" Center devoted his life to understanding, enjoying, and protecting California's rivers. As a former Executive Director of Friends of the River, engineer, river runner, and fierce advocate, Bob brought uncommon rigor and determination to the fight for healthy rivers and the communities and wildlife that depend on them. [Read more.](#)

Become a voice for California's rivers.
Join the **River Activist Network!**

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