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Support the rivers you love.
Give today to protect California's rivers.

Donate Today!

FOR News



River Crew Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! Join our river crew and help host FOR's [Guide Activist Training School](#) and spring/summer rafting season on the South Fork American River. Whether you're teaching guide skills on the water or keeping camp running smoothly, your time and talents help create an unforgettable river experience for our guide trainees and river guests. [Check out all our volunteer river crew needs HERE.](#)



We're Hiring! - Part-time Development & Accounting Assistant

Help support our fundraising and administrative work, from donation processing and accounts payable to donor communications and event support. It's a great opportunity to build skills in nonprofit accounting, development, and events while helping protect California's rivers. The position is **15 to 20 hours per week**, in-office in Sacramento. [Learn more and view the full job description](#)

California River Awards - April 24th

SAVE THE DATE: Join Friends of the River on **April 24, 2026**, at **The Verdi Club in San Francisco** for the [28th Annual California River Awards](#), an evening celebrating **Rivers of Change**—the rivers, science, and collective action shaping a healthier future for California. This year, we are honored to recognize climate scientist **Daniel Swain, Ph.D.**, for his leadership in helping us understand the connections between climate, water, and resilience in a changing world.

The night will feature fun, food, an inspiring program, and **fantastic auction**. There will be plenty of time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones who share a love for rivers. This event is FOR's most important fundraiser, and must bring in almost 25% of FOR's total 2026 donations. Come raise a glass, celebrate progress, and help fuel the work ahead. **Tickets go on sale in February 16th.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are looking for volunteers to help with preparation and on the day of the fundraiser. Email our Engagement Manager, Daniel Belshe for more details at dbelshe@friendsoftheriver.org

DONATE AUCTION ITEMS - You can help power our fundraiser by donating gifts (new condition) and experiences for our silent or live auctions—items such as a vacation home stay, trips, dinners, massages, or other unique experience—that will inspire generous bids in support of our work. Contact our Operations Director, Amy Cottrell with your donation and questions at amy@friendsoftheriver.org



Save the Dates

- **California River Awards** – *Friday, April 24, 2026* in San Francisco
- **Guide Activist Training** - *May 16-24, 2026* – applications open in January
- **Rendezvous by the River** – *Saturday, October 3, 2026* at Camp Lotus

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.



ACTION ALERT: Last Chance to Speak Out Against the Voluntary Agreements

Urge the State Water Board to Set Strong New Flow Standards for Rivers and the Bay-Delta. Your voice is needed for public comment Jan 28-30th. [Read more](#)



Victory for Rivers: Court Blocks Delta Tunnel Funding

The Delta Conveyance Project moves one step away from gravy and closer to grave. [Read more](#)

Louvers, and Pumps and Predators, Oh My!

Fish Over People — Friends of the River is fighting back against Executive Order 14181, which would weaken environmental protections and push more water exports at the expense of rivers, fish, and communities. [Read more](#)

Passings

A note on the passing of Rep. Doug LaMalfa

Ron Stork reflects on the passing of Rep. Doug LaMalfa, a powerful Northern California lawmaker and staunch opponent of environmental protections. [Read more](#)

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

[Learn more](#)



Give with confidence. Friends of the River has a [4 out of 4-star](#) rating on Charity Navigator.

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