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March 2018
General Meeting

March 13, 2018
6:00 pm

New Location!

Grace Lutheran Church
617 W. Orangeburg
Modesto, CA

Spring cleaning came a little early this year to the Goodwin household. Starting with the garage cleaning up items that no longer hold any value to us I found a box that was given to me by Al Browder when he moved to Oregon a couple of years ago. In it was Stanislaus Fly Fishermen's Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 1 from April 21, 1967. This was the first newsletter after the first meeting. It doesn't say when the first meeting was held but we are looking at the beginning of the club 50 years ago this month or next.

Jack Jones was elected as President, Don Hynes as vice president and Trevor Griffith as Secretary. In the newsletter was talk about improving your casting ability, "My Favorite Fly" (Parachute Adams), "My Favorite Fly Stream" (Cottonwood Creek), and a book review of *Fly Fishing For Trout and Steelhead* by Col. Joe Grey. Dues were \$10 a year and the cost to mail the newsletter was four cents. If using postage as a benchmark, today's club dues would be \$125!

Speaking of dues – they are

due if you haven't already paid them. You can bring your dues to the next club meeting Tuesday, March 13th.

All of my spring cleaning brings up something Pat Roe mentioned last month – now would be a good time for a club Swap Meet. Bring items of interest for trade, sale or swap to the March meeting and turn stuff that you no longer want into items of high value to you. I know I found a good number items that might be of interest to members that I no longer need.

This month's program will be on Pyramid Lake by Jim Bowen and Pat Roe. March's meeting is the last chance to sign up for Pyramid Lake Outing (April 12-15) so if you are on the fence about going, get some first-hand knowledge from Jim and Pat that will get you off of the fence about going.

One of the great things about cleaning up your garage is that it makes room for stuff that you want that now have room for!

- Jim

Stanislaus Fly Fishers Membership Information

Membership dues are \$36 per year for members.

Members must also join Fly Fishers International. Dues vary, but do not exceed \$35 for a single, one-year membership.

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Club News

March Program: Pyramid Lake Preview Presenters: Jim Bowen and Pat Roe



Pyramid Lake is a desert lake located on Paiute reservation land. A Nevada fishing license is not needed, however a permit must be purchased for fishing or boating on the lake. At 25 miles long and 4-11 miles wide, this is a very large lake that can be quite intimidating to the first time fisherman; however, it can be fished similar to many other small stillwaters. It can also be a very demanding piece of water to fish due to the wind and cold. However the rewards definitely more than make up for the elements. Pyramid Lake is home to the Lohontan Cutthroat which grows to epic proportions. Ten plus pound fish are not out of the ordinary and large fish push 20 pounds.

Plus ... Swap Meet!

Bring your no-longer-needed fly fishing items to sell or trade and get a jump on spring cleaning! Comb through the closet, search the shed, go over the garage, and lighten the load. Turn that dust collector into something useful.

Upcoming Outings and Events

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING - April 12-15, 2018

TROUT FEST - April 14, 2018 @ Moccasin Creek Hatchery

OPENING DAY TROUT SEASON - April 28, 2018

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR /RIVERS OF RECOVERY FUNDRAISER - May 30, 2018

SALMON FESTIVAL - November 10, 2018 @ Knight's Ferry 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Special Reuest:

Gunny Reyes of the Modesto Vet Center and Rivers of Recovery is still looking for donations of used-but-serviceable waders for the use of Modesto-area vets who have participated in the RoR program. These will be loaned to vets for local outings, but remain the property of RoR. If you've upgraded your waders and have no use for your old pair, please consider donating them to RoR. Contact any board member if you wish to donate.

Conservation Notes

California Cities Sue State, Allege Secret Discussions of Water Project

By Nick Cahill, February 27, 2018 © Courthouse News Service

SACRAMENTO (CN) – Over a dozen California cities, water agencies and environmentalists sued the state late Tuesday, alleging that state regulators have been secretly plotting and discussing a contentious \$16 billion water project.

The petitioners, led by Sacramento and San Joaquin counties, have uncovered public records that they claim prove that State Water Resources Board staffers discussed technical reviews and other documents regarding the California WaterFix with the project's lead agencies. "Evidence revealed in response to a recent request under the Public Records Act demonstrates deliberate obstruction, and possible collusion by the Department of Water Resources, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and [water board staff]," the complaint filed in Sacramento Superior Court states.

The water board must assess and sign off on the project's environmental review before construction can finally begin on the decades-old project. It finished the first phase of the permit review and is currently holding hearings on the project's impact on fish and wildlife. More than 50 cities, counties, water suppliers and environmental groups have officially opposed the state's permit application and the WaterFix as a whole.

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The project calls for two 35-mile tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The tunnels would funnel water around the delta to the state's southernmost farmers and cities, including Los Angeles. Gov. Jerry Brown's administration has signed off on the project and hopes to begin construction by the end of 2018.

In their 37-page complaint, the petitioners are asking the court to prevent the water board from continuing public hearings and force it to release all evidence of off-the-record talks between water board staffers and project stakeholders.

In the latest twist of the project that has been perennially delayed by lawsuits, design changes and money shortages, someone opposing the project filed a public records request requesting ex parte or private communications between the department of water resources and the water board.

In response, a water board attorney released a cache of emails in Oct. 2017, detailing talks and meetings between staffers and project stakeholders. The emails show at least 12 separate instances of private talks from 2015 to 2016, with topics ranging broaching "preparation of the final environmental impact report" to "modeling" that was eventually presented to the water board.

The records show that staffers were discussing the project privately with the stakeholders, not commissioners who vote on the subject matter.

But the water board is defending and downplaying the once-secret private meetings. It says the communications concerned technical matters and that staffers didn't relay information to commissioners.

"Based on the evidence before us, we conclude that no off-the-record information was indirectly passed by water board staff from the department of water resources to us or to any other member of the water board," states a letter signed by Felicia Marcus, water board chair. The water board did not respond to an email request for comment late Tuesday. Sacramento County's counsel Andrew Hitchings of Somach Simmons & Dunn said the staffers' ex parte talks have tainted the public hearings. He says the petitioners have already filed a motion for a temporary restraining order and will be in court Friday morning.

Other petitioners include the cities of Antioch and Stockton, Yolo, Solano and Contra Costa counties and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. They are asking for a permanent injunction preventing the water board from continuing hearings until the court weighs in on the ex parte communications.

The petitioners say the ongoing water board hearings are the "most significant water rights proceedings in the history of the state of California." Among other things, the opponents say the alleged illegal backroom talks have prevented them from receiving a "fair hearing." The second stage of the water board's review is expected to last through June.

<https://www.courthousenews.com/california-cities-sue-state-allege-secret-discussions-of-water-project/>

Video Links

From “Letters to the Editor,” *Modesto Bee*, February 13, 2018

Lonnie Moore: Sportsmen tell lawmakers, ‘Keep your hands off our public lands’

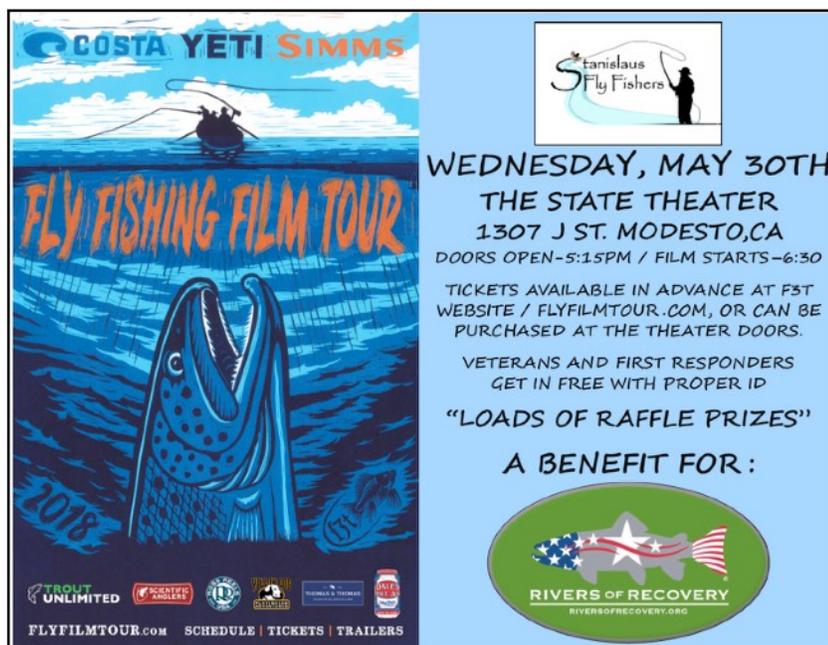
Trout and salmon fishing, swimming, boating, hiking and camping provided by the Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers are some of the greatest natural pleasures for residents of the Modesto area. However, such experiences would be far more limited without our public lands a short drive away.

Unlike most other countries, for more than 100 years the United States has protected some of our remaining wild places. These federal public lands cost us little or nothing to visit, are the water source for many of our rivers and lakes, and provide diverse fishing and wildlife-related activities.

Despite these benefits, some elected officials are selling or transferring our public lands to states or private interests, weaken conservation laws such as the 1906 Antiquities Act, and undo national monument designations.

These bad ideas would reduce public access and opportunity for all kinds of outdoor activities, including fishing and hunting. Public lands mean more fish and wildlife, fewer “No Trespassing” signs, and improved local economies based on outdoor recreation. That’s why I and many other sportsmen across California have this message for our elected officials: “Keep your hands off our public lands.”

- [Source](#) - Caltrout
- [Santa Clara River - Restoring Resilience](#) - Caltrout
- [Upper Truckee River Wild and Scenic "Things worth Saving"](#) - Cal-trout
- [Golden Trout- Liquid Gold](#) - Caltrout
- [Basics of Euro Nymphing](#) - WNC Outdoors
- [RIO's Two Tone Indicator Tippet - plus how to make the "Slinky" Indicator](#) - RIO



The poster is for the Fly Fishing Film Tour 2018, presented by Costa Yeti Simms. It features a central illustration of a large trout jumping out of the water. The text on the poster includes the event name, date (Wednesday, May 30th), location (The State Theater, 1307 J St. Modesto, CA), and ticket information. It also mentions that the event is a benefit for Rivers of Recovery, with special pricing for veterans and first responders. Logos for various sponsors like Trout Unlimited and various fishing brands are at the bottom.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH
THE STATE THEATER
1307 J ST. MODESTO, CA
DOORS OPEN-5:15PM / FILM STARTS-6:30
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AT F3T WEBSITE / FLYFILMTOUR.COM, OR CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE THEATER DOORS.
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A Cast from the Past

From March 1994 issue of the Stanislaus Fly Fishermen's Newsletter...

With prime bass fishing just around the corner, we thought it would be appropriate to present a program on bass. The program will consist of a 50 minute video tape entitled "Bigmouth." The tape is part of the 3M Scientific Anglers Sportsman's Video Collection and is considered to be the most dramatic and definitive study of largemouth bass. One of the most important keys to angling success is to possess a good knowledge of your quarry's behavior. This program is filled with fishing information and incredible photography. Don't miss this timely program!! Again we ask that you patronize McHenry Station the night of the meeting so that we may avoid the fee for the use of the banquet room. Please order your food and drinks before 7:00 p.m. so we may begin the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the program at 8:00 p.m. Many of us will be arriving around 6:30 p.m. so feel free to join us.