

FLY LINES & FISHTALES



July 2011

Current Activities (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next Meeting Tracy Fly Fishers Conservation Night on Wednesday, July 20. Come see flies tied with recycled materials, a presentation by **Save The Delta** and watch the movie, *River of Life*

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Meeting location is the Transit Station at 50 E. Sixth St

The Prez sez:

I hope that all of you had a great Fourth of July holiday and that you had time to spend it with family and friends. I am truly grateful to live here in the USA, for even tho we are not always happy about the political side of things, we still have the freedom to choose how we want to live and what we can discuss.

Davis Lake was a great outing and several of our club members were very successful in landing some nice fish. The weather cooperated, the bugs weren't too bad and most of the mishaps will become great stories to be shared again and again.

I am sorry I won't be at the meeting this week to hear about Sawmill and the whoppers that Joe has been raising there. I bet the Brownies are getting huge so please fill me in if you can. Remember to get your pictures to Mike Carlson so he can get them up on the

website for all of the visitors to see.



I want to extend an invitation for the Speaker Chair position in the Board. This position has been filled early as it gives the new Chairperson a chance to work with Chuck Sterni in setting up speakers for the next year. Chuck has been doing a great job this year and I look forward to who he has arranged for the rest of the year.

If any Club member would like to attend the board meetings, you are all welcome to come. This is your club and we value your

opinion. It also provides another line of checks and balances that has made our club the success that it is. I would also challenge all members to invite someone new out to the regular meetings, or perhaps a past member who has not been around for awhile.

For those of you who would like to bring something to my attention, please email me at spcelijah@gmail.com

Take a friend fishing!

Stan

loose with quite a
barrage!



Davis Lake 2011

A group of club members ventured up to Plumas County at the end of June for our annual Davis Lake outing. Anglers started arriving as early as Thursday, June 23. Thanks to Dick Fletcher reserving a double wide camping spot, there was plenty of room for everyone to pitch their tents.

The weather was windy the first day, but calmed down for the rest of the weekend. Fishing was fair, plenty of 15-18 inch rainbows were brought to hand, but the hatches were inconsistent. Many anglers reported several bumps for each hookup. Wooly Buggers and Wiggle Tails seemed to produce best.

Good company and good food was in abundant supply around the campfire and a good time was had by all.

The oddest thing happened on Friday morning, a big flock of seagulls happened to fly over our camp and let



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Casting in the Park -Chuck Robbins

Certified casting instructor Chuck Robbins offers casting instruction on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 6pm. Join Chuck and hone those casting skills!

Join fellow TFF Members for breakfast at the Banta Inn
Saturday, July 30 at 9:00am.
A great way to meet your fellow club members and maybe even hook-up for a fishing trip.

Club Outings-George Strickland

The Tracy Fly Fishers annual Pit River Trip is coming up in September. If you only go on one outing this year, let this trip be the one. We stay in comfortable PG&E cabins on the Pit River and the club has the option of getting the cabins for a full week. Look for more information at the meetings and future newsletters.

June Meeting in the Park



Attendees to our June meeting at Veterans park in Tracy enjoyed good weather and the legendary BBQ hot dogs of Pat Ferguson! A casting contest was held with George Strickland placing first. The casting was a challenge with the ever present Tracy breezes, but George overcame these obstacles to prevail. We held a free raffle for the kids and the Big Kids Raffle featured a rod and reel combination with a box of Mike McGuire flies. Thanks to all who came out to make this a fun event.

Conservation News

CSPA Joins New Effort to Stop Pardee Dam Raise

Posted on [July 14, 2011](#) by [Chris Shutes](#)

Round two of the campaign to stop a raise of Pardee Dam has begun. In Jackson (Amador County) last night, CSPA presented [scoping comments](#) and [accompanying photos](#), asking the East Bay Municipal Utilities District to remove the dam raise from its alternatives for managing its long term dry year water supply needs.

In November, 2009, CSPA, the Foothill Conservancy, and Friends of the River sued EBMUD on its Program EIR for its long term Water Supply Management Program. In April, 2011, Superior Court Judge Timothy Frawley found the Program EIR deficient. Overall, the judge found that the impacts of raising Pardee had not been adequately analyzed and that the alternatives in the EIR were all too much the same. The judge also specifically said that EBMUD should have analyzed the opportunity to store dry year water in an expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir west of the Delta.

In Jackson on July 13, about twenty speakers addressed staff from EBMUD. Among them were representatives of the Foothill Conservancy, which has spearheaded the campaign to stop the Pardee raise, and a representative of American Whitewater. The Vice Mayor of Jackson presented a resolution of the Jackson City Council opposing a dam raise. Most of the remaining speakers were local citizens. Not one of them supported a raise of Pardee Dam.

EBMUD plans to issue a revised EIR in October. CSPA will participate in meetings at EBMUD as we did in 2009, with the hope this year of achieving better outcome.

CSPA Appeals Agricultural Waiver and EIR

Posted on [July 12, 2011](#) by [Bill Jennings](#)

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) and California Water Impact Network (C-WIN) have appealed the extension of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Waiver and the ILRP Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board). The "waiver" exempts irrigated agriculture from having to obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for pollutant discharges to surface and ground waters. The Regional Board again extended the waiver for two years at its 9 June 2011 meeting. The 11 July 2011 appeal alleges that the Regional Board egregiously violated numerous laws and regulations, including: the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne) and California's Non-point Source Control and Antidegradation Policies.

CSPA/C-WIN also sent a 12 July 2011 letter to the State Board informing them that if it fails to take immediate action to consider the appeal within ten days, the groups intend seek a writ of mandate from the Superior Court to compel compliance with the California Administrative Code. The State Board has a history of stalling and delaying consideration of appeals brought before it. The administrative appeal is a necessary precursor to litigation. [Press Release](#) [Petition for Review](#) [State Board Letter](#) [Fact Sheet ILRP](#)

CELEBRATE THE DELTA! A COMMUNITY FORUM SPONSORED BY RESTORE THE DELTA

Stockton, California -- Celebrate the Delta, Restore the Delta's Community Forum, will be held Friday, July 29, 2011 at the San Joaquin County Administration Building: 44 North San Joaquin Street, Stockton.

This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. The program will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Featured speakers include event facilitator, Stockton City Council Member Susan Talamantes Eggman, Retired State Senator Mike Machado, Water Attorney Dante Nomellini, Delta Chambers Executive Director Bill Wells, The Record's outdoor writer Pete Ottesen, and Delta land owners Mike Robinson and Rogene Reynolds.

Restore the Delta's Executive Director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla explains, "This forum is part of our education and outreach effort at Restore the Delta. Our goal is for area residents to grow in appreciation of the historical, cultural, environmental, and economic importance of the Delta. We also want the public to understand what is happening presently with Delta planning processes, and to think about what is at stake for the future of our region."

Stockton City Council Member Susan Talamantes Eggman adds, "Area residents need to know how proposed changes to the Delta will play out for our local economy, and our way of life here in San Joaquin County."

Topics covered at the forum will include a history of Delta agriculture and reclamation, a look at the history of water exports, the impacts of new conveyance on Delta communities, the value of the Delta recreation and fishing communities, and a dialogue on the future.

Restore the Delta is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the Delta for California's future. For more information, visit www.restorethedelta.org.

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The Tracy Fly Fishers' Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room at 1801 W. 11th Street. The next board meeting will be held on April 6, 2011. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Board Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club!

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at:

CSPA.CaliforniaSportfishingProtectionAlliance or www.calsport.org/



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