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Calendar

November 9---General meeting at John R. Williams School---Fly Fishing the Everglades and board/officer elections
November 16---DFF Board meeting at Oak Grove Park
November 19---DFF helps with the Trout Bout at Oak Grove Park---chaired by Charlie Reames
November 20---Striper outing on the Delta with Jerry Neuburger. Bill Beckett will bring kayaks for hands on demos.
November Fly of the Month---TBA because of Thanksgiving Week
December 5---Tentative walk and wade outing to Lower Yuba R.---pending report by Mike Nicholson on water conditions
December 14---General meeting at John R. Williams School---annual members' night for story telling. Al Smatsky is program director.
December---21--- DFF Board meeting at Oak Grove Park
January 1, 2017 --- New Years Outing to Van Assen Park on the Moke.
January 21, 2017---Annual DFF Installation Dinner and Raffle

Long time club member, Ken Mefford has passed away. Ken had been active in the club for many years and will be missed, especially on outings to the northern Sierra. The club's sincerest condolences to his family.

Club Editor: I'm back!!!

The club has been without a monthly newsletter for four months, and it's hard to spread club information without one. In the stead, Steve VonBerg has done a yeoman's job of sending out reminders about upcoming events and activities but the lack of one monthly newsletter has been a void in getting the word out.

So.... I'm back as editor, at least for the next dozen and a half months unless someone steps up and volunteers to take over.

I have to admit that part of the reason is a selfish one. I volunteered to be president for the 2017 year, my second time around, my first presidency way back in 1991. I'm hoping to make some major changes in the club and a newsletter and an active website will be necessary to spread the word.

I'll talk more about the changes I hope to make, some of them new, and some, old club practices that have been lost along the way, in the next month's Rx Fly Fishing.

Stay tuned for coming developments...

November's meeting to focus on Florida fishing. Other big changes: The monthly raffle is back! Coffee, cookies and soft drinks. November is, "Bring a friend" month.



Our November 9th meeting will feature Robert Tamson's program on Fly Fishing the Everglades. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at John R. Williams School.

Robert's program at the November meeting will be on the amazing fly fishing opportunities of the wild and scenic Everglades National Park in Southwest Florida. His presentation will include the Everglades National Park, the 10,000 Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and other fly fishing hot spots of Southwest Florida.

Some additional big news. The monthly raffle is back. It will contain a mixture of fly fishing gear, camping gear and club

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logo items. **Bring some cash to buy some tickets.** Tickets will be a dollar each, seven for \$5, fifteen for \$10.

In addition, if you've been skipping dessert to get to the meeting on time, no problem. Coffee, cookies and soft drinks will be available at the meeting. A donation jar will be set out to accept dollar bills.

November is Bring a Friend month. Do you know a fly fisher or prospective fly fisher that's not a member. Bring them to the meeting.

The Delta Fly Fisher meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held at the John R. Williams School, 2459 Meadow Avenue, Stockton. November 9, 7:30pm.

Hope to see you there!

Club officers and directors to be elected at November meeting

After two years service, our current president, Gil Parker will be stepping down. His dedication and service has been much appreciated by the club.

In addition, Bob Fujimura will no longer serve as one of the club's directors after many years of service. Bob has graciously committed to continue his efforts as Membership Chair, a very important and necessary part of the club's functioning.

The new officers and directors

Jerry Neuburger is stepping up to fill Gil's role as president, and recent member Cliff Hoover has volunteered to fill the empty seat as Vice-president. Gary Tecklenburg has thrown in his efforts to take on the vacant seat of Bob Fujimura as club director.

The continuing officers and board

Jason Stapleton will continue on as Treasurer and Karen Keagy will continue as Secretary. The following members will continue on as directors and in some

cases, chairs of various club activities.

Ron Forbes

Karen Keagy

Larry Schmidt

Jason Stapleton

Steve von Berg

Deana Mason

Tim Costello

Mike Nicholson

November outing to the delta, this time to a new location

By Jerry Neuburger

After several unsuccessful outings at Discovery Bay in past Januarys, we've moved the club's delta outing to November and changed the location to Paradise Point Marina, off Eight Mile Road.

Start time is 7am. A shore side seminar on fishing the delta will take place and coffee and donuts will be on hand to feed those who have missed breakfast.

The outing is on a rising tide with high tide about 10:40. The club will furnish lunch, the standard tube steaks (hot dogs), beans and soft drinks. I will get off the water around 11:30 and have lunch ready at 12:30.

I plan to fish in my pram and help anyone who needs a little instruction. The area will accommodate pontoon boats, kayaks, small boats and prams. An anchor would be advisable. Paradise Point does have a very nice launch ramp for those that want to bring trailer boats. The marina has a large five mile an hour zone due to extensive docks so boat traffic should not be a problem for small craft. The tide move-

ment should not be a significant problem given the high tide time of 10:40.

The marina will charge for launching any craft, including pontoon boats. I'll take a head count of those attending at the club's membership meeting to judge the amount of food and drink necessary for the club lunch.

Don't be afraid if you only have five weight rods. The delta has been very stingy in giving up large stripers but fish to 20 inches have been fairly common and plentiful. It's suggested that you bring a floating line for fishing gurglers and other topwater striper flies in the low light morning hours and a sinking line, type II or better for fishing the rest of the morning.

Bonus: Mike Beckett of Headwaters Kayak Shop in Lodi will be bringing a number of kayaks for members to try out and use for fishing. Mike just put on a great seminar at our club's October Potluck about kayak fishing on the Delta.



While we'll be fishing in late fall and bluebird weather is not expected, severe inclement weather will cancel or cause for rescheduling. It's darn cold on the Delta generally at 7:00 am in the morning so dress warmly to start out the day.

I will prefish the area at least twice and will have a fishing report for the members at the coming membership meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting but plan to attend the outing, PLEASE RSVP Jerry Neuburger so he can plan adequately for the day's food requirements.

Jerry can be contacted via his e-mail (preferred) gneuburger@yahoo.com or his cell phone 327-5993

October Lower Sac Outing a big success

Although there's no story line to go along with the photo below, the outing to the Lower Sac at Redding with Bruce Rollans as fishmiester, was a major success. Everyone caught fish, some of them, like the one that Amy Terra is holding, real trophies.

If you've never fished the Lower Sac at Redding, put it on your bucket list. It is truly a blue ribbon river and worth your attention. The club has two possible outings scheduled for 2017, one in late March or early /April, the other in October.



2017 outing schedule taking shape... lots of new outings and more of them

The year 2017 will have a new emphasis on outings. With the ambitious schedule posted below, it's doubtful if anyone in the club can do all of them. In fact, perhaps there should be a special recognition award if someone does. However, the philosophy behind the new schedule not to count an outing's success by the numbers of members attending but whether those attending had fun, learned some new water, met new members, picked up some new skills or just caught one heck of a lot of fish.

In addition, a number of local one day outings have been added to the schedule along with a club sponsored lunch as part of the fun. Mike Nicholson has not had a chance to add some additional local one day to weekend outings and will do so soon, hopefully by the November board meeting. These will probably include a trip down the Stanislaus or two, another drift down the Yuba at Highway 20, a float on Beardsly afterbay and a few evenings fishing at Van Assen Park on the Mokelumne.

Other members are invited, no ENCOURAGED, to add to this list. And you NEW MEMBERS, outings are one of the best ways to meet fellow club members and if you're a newbie, learn the art and science of fly fishing.

January Mokelumne Reames/Schmidt/Rich Donuts/lunch provided

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2017 Outings cont.

January?	Yuba	Fujimura	Lunch provided
Feb	Casting classes and casting rodeo	Deana and Amy	Barbecue burgers/hot dogs
Mar	Pyramid	Mettler/Neuburger	Basque dinner
April	Lower Sac	To be determined	
April	Kelsey	Smatsky	Lunch provided
May	One fly	Amador FFers	Lunch provided
May	American Shad	Smatsky/Neuburger	Lunch provided
May	Manzanita	Gil Parker	Saturday night barbecue
June	Delta Bass	Neuburger	Lunch provided
June	Almanor/Davis or Crowley	To be determined	Saturday night barbecue
July	Dark		
August	Santa Cruz	Smatsky	Lunch on pier
Sept	Bridgeport	Gillette	Saturday night barbecue
Oct	Heenan, Carson, Indian Valley	Cliff Hoover	Saturday night barbecue
Oct	Lower Sac	Rollans	Saturday night restaurant
Nov	Lewiston/Trinity	Neuburger	Saturday night barbecue
Nov	Delta Stripers	Neuburger	Lunch provided
Dec	Yuba at Hwy. 20	Nicholson	
Dec	Fly tying day with guest tier	Smatsky	Mid day pizza

December's activities include a possible drift down the Yuba at Hwy. 20 and Members Presentation Night at the club's regular meeting

As Yogi Bera said, "It ain't over till it's over." and that is certainly true for the club's activities. Mike Nicholson is planning to put a trip together on the Yuba at Highway 20 on Saturday, December 3rd and the club's regular meeting is member night, a long standing tradition of club members telling of their best trips of the year, some exotic to far off lands and some much closer to home.

This meeting has always been well attended and promises to be just as special and exciting this year. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL TRIP YOU'D LIKE TO TELL THE MEMBERS ABOUT, CALL AL SMATSKY AT 368-9261 or e-mail him at algofish@softcom.net



A new fly shop in town! Headwaters Kayak in Lodi will carry fly fishing gear

It's about time. Ever since the closing of George Cecchetti's Reel Fly Shop in Lodi, club members have had to travel to either Bass Pro in Manteca or Kiene's or Fly Fishing Specialties in Sacramento to satisfy their habit.

The problem has been solved with Headwaters Kayak in Lodi taking on a number of fly fishing lines including rods, reels, lines and flies. The selection list will expand as necessary to meet customer de-

mand.

Shop manager Bill Beckett brought two really great fishing kayaks to the club's October meeting and will bring several for members to try out at the club's November Delta outing. Bill also plunked down the necessary funds to become a club member and hopefully, he'll act as fishmiester for more than a few club outings in the future.

The shop is located at 847 North Cluff Avenue in Lodi and is open Tuesday through Saturday, (winter hours) from 10:00am till 5:00pm.

In addition to the sale of kayaks, kayak gear and fly fishing equipment, the shop offers kayak rental at Lodi Lake and sponsors a number of kayaking events on the water.

To really appreciate how much the shop is bringing to our area in the way of water access, visit their website at www.headwaterskayak.com or even better, stop in and visit the shop.

Need an idea for a Christmas present? How about a 2017 Fishing License?



Members, your club membership dues were due in August. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out. Renew your membership TODAY. If you're unsure, call Bob Fujimura at 339-0683, or even better, e-mail him at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com

The tunnel mess and a leaky dam is killing salmon

"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions of hope."

John Buchan

First, many thanks to Jerry Neuburger for stepping forward and volunteering to be our club's President and once again volunteering to publish Delta Fly Fishers Newsletter. It's much appreciated.

Many critical issues have come up since our last newsletter. In this issue I will list some concerns that are affecting our fisheries and the Delta. We have entered a critical period to stop Gov. Brown's California Water Fix/Twin Tunnels Project. Both the state and federal government are intent on pushing this destructive project forward. The California Water Fix will not create more water. The diversion of water away from the Delta will, however, destroy both the Delta and the San Francisco Bay. The plan will be catastrophic to both our economy and environment. Our fisheries are being destroyed. The project will endanger the cities in and adjacent to the Delta and their ability to maintain safe drinking water for their citizens. Health and safety issues are now becoming more obvious. The project will destroy 500,000 acres of some of the finest farmland in America and continue to subsidize the unsustainable South San Joaquin Valley corporate agriculture and Southern California water interests. Both the California and the Federal Government continues to enrich these groups at the expense of our taxpayers. The ongoing attempts of both the state and federal government to continually push the California Water Fix project forward shows the contempt with which they view us. Restore the Delta (RTD) recently pointed out, "This push in advance of completion of environmental review reflects the corruption and failure of our governmental processes." We can win and save the

Delta. Recently, issues have come forward showing how illegal management and misrepresentation of water issues may make Water Fix impossible to complete.

In the late spring this year, RTD (Restore the Delta) asked Delta Fly Fishers and the Striped Bass Association to make presentations before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWB) expressing our anger over their mismanagement of the state's water, which has driven many species to near-extinction. Parties on both side of the issue were given three minutes to express their point of view. The hearings continued for two weeks.

During my representation of the Delta Fly Fishers, I made three points. First, the loss of the Delta's fisheries is not due to predation as claimed by pro-tunnel advocates. It is caused by diversion of the Delta's water from the Delta south to South San Joaquin Valley agricultural interests. The predation issue is nothing more than continuing pseudo-science that cannot be scientifically verified. There is a direct, one to one correlation between the Delta's water diversions south since the mid-1960s and the loss of the Delta's fisheries. Second, because of the malfeasance of the SWB, the Dept. of Water Resources, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the continuing weaker standards of our fishery agencies, many fish species now face extinction. We find it repugnant that the SWB, and the other agencies, have consistently violated California's Co-Equal Goals, the Doctrine of Public Trust, California's Clean Water Act, and a multiplicity of both state and federal laws. And they continue to do so with impunity from prosecution. Third, due to their continuing lack of duty in upholding our laws, the Delta no longer meets the health and safety standards required by state or federal law. The public, and espe-

cially pregnant woman, have been advised not to eat fish from the Delta due to the SWB and other agencies total disregard for state and federal laws protecting the Delta from toxic pollution. There are thousands of people who eat fish from the Delta for sustenance even though these fish are toxic. This Board, and other agencies, disregard of the health and safety issues has allowed the Delta, its waters, its fisheries, and its environment to become toxic. These toxicity levels have reached an all time high. After a group makes their presentation the SWB board does not respond.

And the beat goes on and on ...

When Gov. Pat Brown was pushing the state's water project to Californians, he claimed the project would be paid for by those who used the water and not the taxpayers. However, when Gov. Pat Brown learned of the real cost of the project, he knew the voters would never approve the project, so he blatantly lied to the voters and claimed the project's cost to be only one half the projected cost.

And now, Pat's son, Gov. Jerry Brown continues the lie about his proposed water project, the California Water Fix (CWF). Those who were to pay for the project now claim they do not have the financial resources pay for it. The state and federal taxpayers may get stiffed in paying for more than a third of the project. Since the mid 1960's, Westlands Water District (WWD) has failed to make any payments on its loan to the Bureau of Reclamation (BR). The BR loan includes neither penalties for non-payment of the loan nor a due date for when the loan must be paid. For over 50 years the WWD has been using hundreds of millions of our taxpayers dollars to become the wealthiest, most politically aggressive water district in

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America. We, the taxpayers have made their farmers millionaires and in Steward Resnick's case, a billionaire.

In a recent conservation report I mentioned that Westlands and the BR were meeting behind closed doors to resolve their debt issue. They are now proposing that WWD's debt be totally forgiven and to compensate the taxpayers, Westlands has promised that they will clean-up the huge toxicity problems that their farming of 100,000 acres of selenium-laced land has caused. This land that should never have been farmed. They are also proposing that we buy this toxic land from them at top dollar prices. In addition, they would own the water rights to the land they have sold to us. Once again it is not possible to find that the BR has proposed time limits nor penalties for Westlands non-compliance of the agreement. There has been neither public observation nor a comment period allowed during these closed door negotiations. And, once again, the public gets ripped-off making the wealthy south San Joaquin Valley agriculture corporations more wealthy at our expense.

When Gov. Jerry Brown's twin tunnels project was first announced, one of its key selling points was that only the organizations using the water would be required to pay for the project. He has been as dishonest as his father. Initially, the plan claimed that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) would pay 80% of the programs cost but only receive 20% of the water while South San Joaquin Valley agriculture corporations would only pay 20% of the cost but receive 80% of the diverted water. To raise their portion of the money, WWD attempted to sell bonds. They illegally misrepresented their assets with "Enron-type accounting" but their fraudulent accounting was discovered by the Security Exchange Commission (SEC). Westlands was fined \$185,000 and its CEO and his assistant were personally fined \$50,000 and \$25,000. It's difficult to understand why they were not imprisoned for their attempted fraud. Be-

cause of their "creative accounting" and the recent lowering of Westlands credit rating, its apparent that they can't afford pay their share of the CWF project. The California Water Fix Project (CWF) is now estimated to cost \$16 billion (the current cost of five atomic submarines) before cost overruns, maintenance, and operation expenses. The total cost has been currently estimated at \$69 billion. Over two years ago, Dr. Jeffery Michael of the University of the Pacific's economic forecasting department said that for every \$1 earned by the project, \$2.50 would have to be spent. Since the original projections much has changed and he is now estimating that it will cost \$4 to get

and other agricultural water districts' failure to keep their payment promises, the project cannot happen unless the federal and state taxpayer once again foot the bill. Period. Isn't this what Gov. promised us would not happen? Gov. Brown, the SWB, the DWR, the BR, MWD and the South San Joaquin corporate agriculture water districts refuse to be transparent in their dealings with water issues. Once again they have to lied to us.

The Bureau of Reclamation ignores its responsibility to the salmon crises with a leaky Shasta Dam

The BR installed a Temperature Control Device (TCD) on Shasta Dam in 1995 at the cost of \$80 million. The purpose of the TCD is to maintain Lake Shasta's water temperature during the salmon run at a temperature from 56 degrees F to 58 Degrees F. Temperatures warmer than 3 degrees above that range are lethal to the Chinook's eggs and fry. The TCD is a 300 foot structure that is bolted to the dam over the intakes and consists of a series of shutters at different levels. These shutters can be opened or closed by the operators to

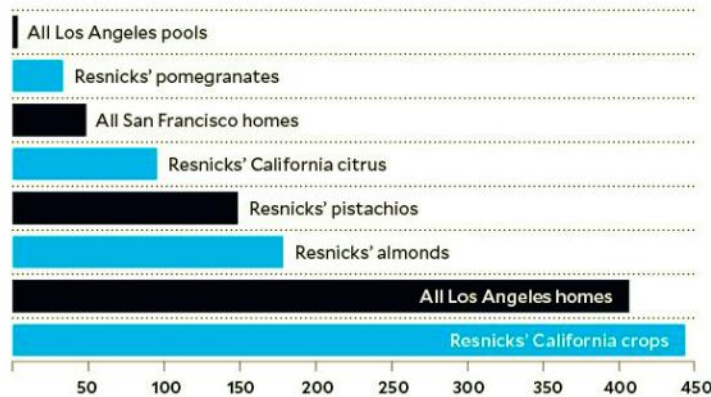
allow water of different temperatures to flow into the Lower Sacramento River. The device was built with funds voted by California's taxpayers to help mitigate the loss salmon and steelhead that the building of Shasta Dam has caused.

But there is a problem. A major problem. The TCD leaks and it leaks badly when the lake's levels drop to low levels as they have in our ongoing drought. As the water leaks around the edges of the TCD's shutters, it's impossible for the operators to control Lake Shasta's water temperature. During the historically severe drought years of 2014 and 2015, the temperatures of the lake's releases exceeded 60 degrees F. It's estimated that over 98% of all fertilized winter-run Chinook salmon eggs laid by these fish were lost. These winter-run Chinook have traditionally had runs which give rise to hundreds

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THE THIRSTIEST CALIFORNIANS

Estimated annual water use, in millions of cubic meters



Sources: State of California, Peter Gleick/Pacific Institute, California Water Resources Control Board, UC-Davis. Numbers based on the Pacific Institute and UC Extension's per-acre usage estimates.

Mother Jones

\$1's worth of water.

Now the time of "push has come to shove" is apparent between MWD and their water districts. The MWD's October meeting was filled with liberal doses of profanity as San Diego asked for data as to what San Diego's cost would be. MWD refused to give them any information. Tempers flared.

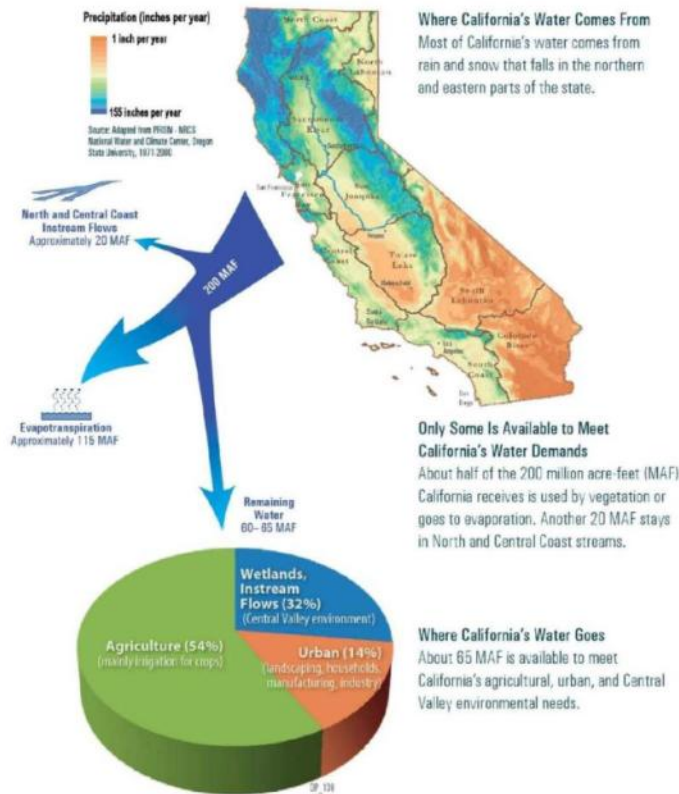
Also, under a "Freedom of Information Act-like" request, RTD has found that California, in 2015, had commissioned a cost analysis of the CWF project to find that the only way the CWF can happen is if both the federal and state governments pay for a least 1/3 of the expected almost \$16 billion cost. The federal government will have to kick in almost \$4 billion. In other words, given the anger with MWD sub-contractors, WWD's inability to make their promised payments due to fraud,

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of thousands of Chinook. Now these Chinook face extinction.

It would be understandable if the leaking TCD's shutters were an acute problem only recently discovered by the BR. It isn't. The BR has known about the leaking shutters for more than 10 years, actually since 2004, and still has not rectified the problem. They are responsible for setting in motion the extinction of the winter-run Chinook salmon population. The BR does have a way of maintaining required water temperatures for the salmon. They, however, have refused to use it. The dam does have another intake system that is lower than the intake system normally used. The temperatures of these intakes almost always guarantee the needed temperatures for the Chinook. But these intakes bypass the generators that the BR uses to sell electricity to urban areas. The BR knows, of course, when the salmon runs occur. However, they continue to disregard their legal obligations and the Doctrine of Public Trust. The BR's approach to maintaining its legally-required obligations to maintain our fisheries and environment is pathological. It should also be noted in our last two years

of drought with severe restriction on urban water use, the BR released over 275,000 AF of water for "heath and

extinction. Something is wrong with this picture.



safety issues for WWD farm workers". Also it should be noted that in the last two years of critical drought, Stewart Resnick planted 77,000 new acres of water-intensive almonds and has had two record breaking years of almond crops and profit while the BR couldn't find the water to save our salmon from potential

We have reached a critical point in our fight for the protection for the Delta, its environment, its economy and our fisheries. Gov. Jerry Brown, the SWB, the DWR, and the BR continue their attacks on all fronts. However, now they are facing far more powerful forces of opposition and adversaries than they have seen before. They have lost key legal battles and they realize they will certainly face more litigation. In giving talks around Northern California, I constantly hear, "Well the state is gonna' ram it down our throats". No, actually they are not. Over seven years ago Gov. Brown ordered drilling on Delta farmers land to start the twin tunnels project. About 2/3 of the people affected hired attorneys and fought the DWR. The DWR bragged that it was a done deal and the drilling would be completed in less that 6 months.

That was 7 years ago and the drilling has yet to be completed. Gov. Brown still uses the same cost for the project he did 7 years and ignoring the cost of inflation and overruns.

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Restore the Delta recently published a list of huge issues the CWF groups still face. Some if these are:

- The CWF has received none of the federal or state permits required to begin the project. All previous attempts have failed.
- There is no finance plan. None. This is a huge problem the CWF faces,

and may doom the project. MWD ratepayers do not want the plan. California taxpayers are expressing opposition to the CWF. Agricultural water districts who were to pay for the project cannot afford what they promised.

- There is no environmental plan in place. As you recall, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan took 7 years to

construct and cost over \$250 million. It was shredded by the Environmental Protection Agency. The CWF is presently, "working on an environmental plan."

Those who want the some form of a water diversion plan bypassing the Delta are going to keep trying to push a plan on us, like it or not. But eventually, they will lose. In the meantime, however we have to keep fighting them and opposing the CWF.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

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