



Sierra Club

Pacific River Outfitters

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PETITION to PRESIDENT NIXON to PRESERVE the STANISLAUS RIVER

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

You can help save the Stanislaus River by signing this petition, along with as many friends as possible, and returning it to the above address. We will see that your voice is heard by President Nixon and officials entrusted with the responsible stewardship of the land.

SIERRA CLUB STANISLAUS PROTECTION FUND

You can also help save the Stanislaus by sending to the above address a tax-deductible money contribution to the **Sierra Club River Conservation Committee — Stanislaus Protection Fund**. Your generosity and determined support will greatly assist the conservationist effort to protect the Stanislaus River and insure the preservation of wilderness essential to life.

PETITION STATEMENT:

Dear President Nixon:

I feel that the free flowing Stanislaus River, between Camp 9 and the Parrot's Ferry Bridge, represents an irreplaceable recreational resource that contributes significantly to the wholesome use of leisure time in our nation, and to the educational and spiritual enhancement of men through wilderness experience.

Furthermore, I believe that the New Melones Dam, which would drown this stretch of river, is predicated on an inflated benefit-cost ratio and arrogant assumptions about the environmental needs of Californians. The Army Corps of Engineers has advanced only those benefits that justify the dam project while ignoring the economic, aesthetic and wildlife losses that the people of our state will suffer as a result of the New Melones Dam.

I hereby request abandonment of the New Melones Dam as presently proposed by the Corps, the careful consideration of alternatives, and a re-ordering of priorities relative to the Stanislaus that serve vital ecological and social needs.

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