



Dear Friend,

The issues facing the Yuba River watershed today seem to be stacking up.

Wouldn't it be terrible if we had to reinvent SYRCL every time there was a new threat to the Yuba?

But thanks to your diligent support for over 32 years, SYRCL is ready to unite the community once again to protect the river from a whole host of threats such as:

Record drought – with demands for new dams on the Bear River that could impact the Yuba

Underground gold mines – that could drain neighboring wells and pollute the river

Illegal marijuana grows – diverting water, harming streams and creeks

Nearly 750,000 visitors coming to the river every summer– far too many of whom are insensitive about trash, glass, dog waste and fire

And just last month, plans to truck wild salmon around dams to and from the North Yuba River

SYRCL is working hard on all of these fronts to protect the Yuba. Whenever necessary, we mobilize the community to address a crisis – but most of the time river conservation work requires steady engagement over the long haul.

That's why I'll cut to the chase: SYRCL needs your ongoing financial support to ensure that we are here to take on these mounting challenges – just as we have since 1983.

We count on you to be a dues-paying member for two main reasons:

1. Your SYRCL membership translates into *political power* – a large, active grassroots organization has influence on how decisions are made in the watershed and in the Capitol.
2. Your ongoing financial support translates into *staying power* - a reliable revenue stream funds SYRCL's advocacy, education and outreach.

If you agree that we need SYRCL to serve as the voice for the river now and in the future, will you make an ongoing contribution of \$10, \$20 or more per month?

If you join, renew or make a gift today, here's how your donation will be put to work on the urgent challenges listed above:

- ***Oppose plans to truck wild salmon to and from the North Yuba River***
SYRCL supports reintroducing wild salmon and steelhead to the upper Yuba River to save them from the risk of extinction. However, we think trucking salmon is an unsustainable long-term solution. We're advocating for immediate actions to improve salmon habitat in the lower Yuba River while the Army Corps conducts a full analysis of both dam removal and design for a fish ladder over Englebright Dam.
- ***Defend against harmful new gold mines***
SYRCL is challenging the proposal to re-open a huge gold mine on the San Juan Ridge, which would drain 3.5 million gallons of water per day. When this same mine failed in the 1990s, it ruined wells, scoured the creeks, and polluted the river with untreated mine water.
- ***Engage marijuana farmers to grow ecologically***
Cannabis cultivation is a major cash crop with serious impacts on watershed health. We are most concerned about water diversions and heavy use of nitrogen fertilizers and pesticides that pollute the river and kill wildlife. SYRCL is organizing educational workshops for local farmers and developing best management practices to protect the environment.
- ***Restore mountain meadows and conserve water during the drought***
Building more dams won't make it rain; that's why we are getting organized and educated about NID's Parker Dam proposal, which if built would be 170 feet tall and inundate six miles of the Bear River. In the meantime, SYRCL is on track to restore over 800 acres of headwater meadows to purify and store groundwater. We all need to conserve water, which is why SYRCL will present fun school assemblies to over 10,000 kids about how to save water at home and school every year – vital information during a drought.
- ***Keep the river clean all summer long***
Everyone knows that SYRCL volunteers remove tons of trash during our annual Yuba River Cleanup Day. But with over 750,000 local and out-of-town visitors coming to the river every summer, we realized that a one-day-a-year cleanup is no longer enough. That's why our volunteer River Ambassadors are out at all four major South Yuba River crossings every weekend talking about keeping the river clean and safe – we've already spoken to 13,500 people since 2012 and plan to engage 8,000 more this summer.

To successfully address these challenges, please consider giving monthly – from \$10, \$20 or more per month. Over the past 32 years, you have helped build SYRCL into a powerful organization with the commitment and expertise to unite the community -- thank you for your past, present, and future support.

For the Yuba,



Caleb Dardick
Executive Director