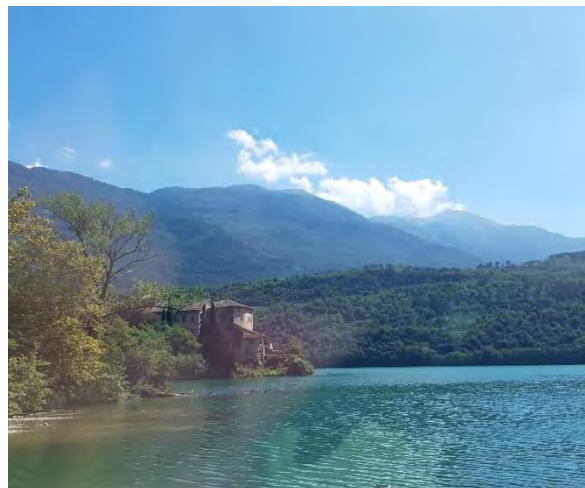


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The Fisherman's Line**January Meeting, Tuesday January 28, 2020
7:30 pm @ Harper Junior High School
Dana Hooper Presents: Italy on the Fly**

*T*his month, Tuesday January 28th at Harper Junior High School, we will hear from our very own FFD Club member, Dana Hooper, who will discuss fly fishing in Italy. Dana will talk about destination fishing entirely focused on Italy, combining the great fishing Italy has to offer with the best Italian things such as food, wine, art, culture, tradition, history and more. There is no place in the world that can combine stunning Fishing Waters, unbelievable wild fish, supreme cuisine and an incredible selection of premium wine like Italy. Dana will take you into the Trentino Region of Italy where you will fall in love with the people, the picturesque scenery, gourmet food and of course the fish.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Happy 2020 Fly Fishers of Davis! I wish everyone a new year filled with joy, happiness, and of course tight lines. I am humbled that you have elected me as your president, and I look forward to stewarding this amazing club in the new decade.

As I reflect back on 2019, I realize that there was a myriad of fly-fishing opportunities I was not able to capitalize on. Rather than dwell on these missed opportunities, I am planning some ambitious fly-fishing resolutions for 2020. Some of these include travel to exotic and far-away places, though I am planning to fish the majority of my time on our often-overlooked home waters. We have some tremendous local fisheries including: Putah Creek, Lake Berreyessa, the American River, and the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta, and I encourage you all to take advantage of these resources.

Similar to my personal fly-fishing resolutions, we are planning an amazing year at the club. We have some great new directors and officers who will help the club achieve a number of goals and expand upon existing initiatives. These include but are not limited to:

- Updating and modernizing our website
- Increasing youth participation, club diversity, and club membership
- Expanding upon our local conservation efforts
- Expanding our club outing opportunities
- Leading club outreach opportunities, training, and educational opportunities (Fly Tying and FF101/201)
- Establishing a fly-tying social night

I encourage you all to take advantage of the resources this great club has to offer – most notably its amazing members. To that end, I look forward to meeting new people and making new friends (and fishing with them) in 2020.

Tristan

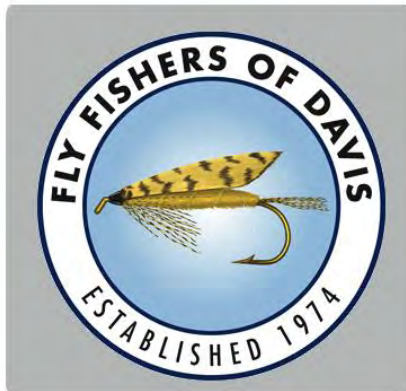
MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Tristan Leong is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2018 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
January	Dana Hooper	January 28, 2020	Italy On The Fly
February	TBD	February 25, 2020	TBD
March	Conway Bowman	March 31, 2020	Fly Fishing For Mako Sharks in SoCal

*Except where noted, all meetings will take place at Harper Jr. High School

2020 FFD FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP



APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS DUE JANUARY 31, 2020

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age.

This \$895 award covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding June 22 - June 26, 2020. The Fish Camp program teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, California, near Mt. Shasta. The program includes accommodations, meals, and use of the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible for bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp.

For more information and the online application go to :
<http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/scholarship/fishcamp>

NOMINATION TO FILL REMAINING DIRECTOR SLOT

The FFD Board has nominated Jeff Williams to fill the remaining FFD Director slot. The FFD Board of Directors will hold a special session at the February Board Meeting to swear Jeff Williams in.





The image is a promotional graphic for the 2020 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner. On the left is the circular logo for Fly Fishers of Davis, established in 1974, featuring a fly. To the right is a countdown timer showing 48 days, 06 hours, 14 minutes, and 11 seconds. Below the timer, the event details are listed: Host: Fly Fishers of Davis, When: Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 PM, and Where: West Plainfield Fire Station, 24901 County Road 95, Davis, CA 95616. A yellow sticky note in the top right corner says "Save the Date".

2020 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner

DAYS	HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS
48	06	14	11

HOST: FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS
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WHERE: WEST PLAINFIELD FIRE STATION
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Save the Date

2019 FFD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 14th, 2020 West Plainfield Fire Station at 5:30 pm

Plans are well under way for the must attend event of the year, the 2020 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner. It's time to mark your calendars and save the date. Dana Hooper is lining up some great raffle items and HIGH ROLLER prizes. Paul Berliner is busy putting together the much enjoyed 2019 FFD Year in Review, and once again we have lined up pitmaster Hickory Hank to prepare everyone a fantastic meal. **We will be asking for RSVP's soon so that we can tell Ol' Hickory Hank how much food he needs to prepare, so look for your Evite soon.**

SKIP the line and PRE-PURCHASE dinner and raffle tickets at the upcoming FFD Monthly Meeting. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. Stop by the Membership Table for more information.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your FFD Membership for 2020. Dues for adults and families are still \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. Because of your support, our membership continues to grow! Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual picnic, fly casting and fly tying clinics, our amazing FFD 101 classes, Salmon in the Classroom, and best of all, our contributions to numerous outreach, education and conservation organizations. Please stop by the membership table and pay for your dues with check, cash, or credit card. As an alternative, you can mail your check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!

Download the application [HERE](#) so that you can fill it out ahead of time.

LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO!

By Paul Berliner

Absolutely, Totally, The Very Last Call for Photos and Video!

No more excuses, campers! If you'd like to see your photos and videos in the "2019 FFD In Review" video at our Annual Dinner, the deadline is the **NOW!**



Best Option: Please bring a flash drive with your pix to the January general meeting. Please include your name, and the location where the content was shot.

Many thanks!

Paul



Submit a report online by Jan. 31, 2020

You can [submit a report online](#) or mail your report card to CDFW at:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Steelhead Fishing Report Card
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244

CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at: flyfishersofdavis.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation_flyfishersofdavis.org

Governor Newsom released his [Water Resilience Portfolio](#) earlier this month. Don't be put off by the 148-page length – the portfolio itself is only about 20 pages long. The rest consists of appendices. The document is organized into four categories:

1. Maintain and diversify water supplies to strengthen water security and reduce pressure on river systems.
2. Protect and enhance natural ecosystems to restore the environmental health of many of our river systems in order to sustain fish and wildlife.
3. Build connections to improve physical infrastructure to store, move, and share water.
4. Be prepared for new threats, including flashier floods, deeper droughts, and hotter temperatures.

The WRP builds on Governor Jerry Brown's Water Action Plan, issued in 2014. It declares it will fail if it suggests a one-size-fits-all approach, and instead proposes a regional approach to achieving its goals. It includes over 100 individual actions designed to "ensure California water systems work for our communities, our economy, and our environment."

The WRP notes that California's reservoir capacity is 50 million acre-feet, while the Groundwater Basin Capacity ranges from 850-1,300 million acre-feet. About 2/3 of the state's water comes from surface supplies, and 1/3 is pumped from groundwater. Because the state's precipitation is highly variable from year to year, reservoir storage is critical to its use. The amount of water that can be taken from surface supplies is limited to protect beneficial uses of rivers, including economic activity, environmental protection, drinking water, and recreation. On the other hand, decades of over-pumping groundwater, especially during the latest drought, have resulted in subsidence and infrastructure damage. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) aims to prevent further overuse of groundwater.

About 80% of total water supply in California is used by agriculture, amounting to 30 million acre-feet. The remainder is used by residential and business users. Until that last few years, agricultural use could be reduced during drought years, but more recently growers have shifted to permanent tree

crops and vineyards that require water every year. This has hardened the agricultural demand for water.

The bottom line is that water in California is limited and has been over-promised and overused for years.

This background is followed by short sections on the current health of natural systems, water quality, climate change impacts, future water needs, state government's current role in water, and current water priorities. Among the key insights in the "Future Water Needs" section is that water supplies need to be stretched to meet increased demands, and water districts must prepare to serve additional customers as climate change affects surface supplies transported from other places. It's also important to capture precipitation that comes in short bursts, and to recharge and limit the pumping of groundwater. I haven't read all the actions yet, but it will be interesting to see if they support these key insights.

The section on Current Water Priorities mentions the voluntary agreements approach and the single tunnel underneath the delta to transport water south.

Finally, on page 17, the WRP starts to list the actions that the Newsom Administration will take, as resources allow, to help California move toward regional water resilience. I've started going through them, and there are some good ones. There are also lots of vague ones, and many of them simply state "Implement the xxx law" – something that is already required (one would hope). It would have been nice to start with a vision of what constitutes water resilience, but this document seems to contain all the good ideas everyone contributed without an overall vision of how they should work together, or even a definition of what is meant by resilience. It's a draft, though, so we can hope it will come together as stakeholders work on it via comments.

[On The Public Record](#) shares her thoughts on her initial reading of the WRP. Her concluding paragraph reads as follows:

"I personally have zero hope that we can arrive at a good future by making improvements on our present; I think we will need to do radically

different things that will mean trade-offs that really suck for some people. So I see this document as completely unrealistic political cover for not doing what needs to happen to adapt to climate change. But, given that, why not put the vague vision with no hard trade-offs before the list of every good thing we could do?"

The vague vision she refers to is a paragraph from page 26 of the WRP that reads:

"What can our water future look like if we succeed? All Californians have safe and clean drinking water. Our native fish populations recover. Reliable water helps tribal governments, rural communities and agriculture thrive. Cities and towns grow while using water efficiently. We capture, use and share water supplies to weather droughts. Our communities are safe from flood risks. And we adapt together to changes through collaborative, science-based management and strong partnerships."

The move by Westlands Water District to convert their existing junior rights temporary water contract to a permanent contract for 1.15 million acre-feet of water per year has stirred up a lot of opposition. The problem with this process, though, is illustrated by this case. The Trinity County Fish and Game Advisory Commission debated the merits of taking on WWD last November. Richard Cole, the commission member who brought up the issue, asked "We're not going to be involved when it's our water at risk here?" Another committee member, John Fenley, noted that Westlands has deep pockets, and he's worried about keeping Trinity County open throughout 2020. The commission took no action at that time.

This exchange highlights what is likely to happen before long in other areas of California. The 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act allows water districts to convert their contracts to permanent ones if they repay the federal

government for their share of the Central Valley Project's costs. Unfortunately, the water districts with the most clout also have the deepest pockets to get what they want.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a proposal to build a single tunnel under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, initiating environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (**CEQA**). The NOP, announcing the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed Delta **Conveyance** Project, marks the first step under the **CEQA** process.

The proposed project described in the NOP is a single underground tunnel with two intakes that together have a total diversion capacity of 6,000 cubic feet-per-second (cfs). The NOP notes that there will likely be alternatives identified that evaluate a range of capacities from 3,000 cfs to 7,500 cfs. The NOP signals the start of the scoping process for the EIR and provides an opportunity for members of the public and agencies to provide input on the scope and content of the EIR, including information needs, potential project effects and mitigation measures, and possible alternatives to the proposed project.

The purpose in proposing this project is to develop diversion and **conveyance** facilities in the Delta necessary to restore and protect the reliability of California's water deliveries south of the Delta in a cost-effective manner, and consistent with the recently released **draft Water Resilience Portfolio**.

This takes us back to square one with the Delta Tunnel, as the planning starts over again. To me, it's telling that the purpose of the project is "**to restore and protect the reliability of water deliveries south of the Delta**" and does not mention protection of the Delta environment and California fisheries

FFD EVENTS: December HomeGrown

Pictures and Summary by Tom Robinson

The December Homegrown is a great December tradition in the Fly Fishers of Davis. Our very own Members become the resident experts and share their knowledge and techniques at various stations around the Club meeting venue. This year we had a great turnout out as many were able to take time from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and enjoy meeting with friends, voting for their favorite chili, sharing a holiday treat, and learning something new. Congratulations to Carl Lusted who was crowned the 2020 FFD Chili Cook Off Champion and thank you to everyone who participated and made the December Club meeting another fun event.



Rick Wallinder shows fly fishing kayak options



Tristan Leong shares his fly tying techniques with UV



The lineup for the 2020 FFD Chili Cook Off



Peter Hawes show he favorite fly patterns



Andan Bailey shares how to tie his favorite Delta patterns



FFD Members cookie exchange to celebrate the holiday



One more taste before casting their votes



Congratulations to our Chili Cook Off winners!



Fly Fishers of Davis is now on Facebook! Like Us and Follow Us to get the Latest updates on Club Events and other News.

[Facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis](https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis)

 The logo for "River Traditions" features a stylized fish and the text "River Traditions" in a green, serif font. Below the logo is the website "www.rivertraditions.com" and the phone number "(248) 891 - 0788". To the left of the text is an image of a blue fly box with a white illustration of a fisherman. Below the fly box is a list of products:

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<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 27 - 31	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 15 - 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lake Berryessa	Mult Sp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Putah Creek	Trout		TBD	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Hat Creek	Trout		May 1 - 3	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 5 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		June 18 - 21	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Gnat	707-590-3446	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 9 - 12	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	November 2	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		November 8 -10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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Be sure if you signed up for the \$30 annual membership that you get your email address to **Lyn Hooper** at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org. This will assure that you get an email notification of the newsletter. Each month, except June & August the e-newsletter will be posted to the above site and emailed about 1 week before the meeting. You will need Acrobat Reader

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Download the Membership Application at: http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/FFD_Membership_Application_2019.pdf

Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or you can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org – **Membership Chair**

For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings