

*Fly Fishers of Davis*<http://www.FlyFishersofDavis.org>

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**The Fisherman's Line** **December Meeting, Tuesday December 14, 2021****7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club****FFD Members: Home Grown**

*T*his month, Tuesday December 14, 2021, at Stonegate Country Club, we will get together for our Annual FFD Homegrown program.

**FFD – Home Grown Program:**

White Elephant Fly Fishing Gift Exchange & hors d'oeuvres

This year our home grown meeting will consist of our annual board business, a white elephant fly fishing gift exchange for those who elect to participate, and pot-luck hors d'oeuvres (small plate tapas/finger foods).

To participate in the pot-luck, please consider bringing a small hors d'oeuvres or finger food to share with your fellow members.

**To participate in the Fly Fishing white elephant gift exchange:**

1. Each player must bring one gift (wrapped) fly fishing related gift (maximum value of up to \$25) to contribute to the pool.
2. Players will draw numbers to determine the order they will choose gifts.
3. Players sit around the gift pile, which will be placed in the center.
4. The first player picks a gift from the pile and opens it. (Everyone sees the gift)
5. The following players can choose to either pick a new gift from the pile or “steal” a previous player's gift. (Limit - a present can only be stolen once per turn; after two swaps the turn comes to an end.)

After all players have had their turn, the first player has a chance to swap their gift that he or she is holding for an opened gift. Anyone whose gift is stolen may steal from someone else (as long as that person hasn't been stolen from yet). When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.

[**Three Swaps and the Gift is Out.** If a present gets stolen three times, it's out of the game and the person who holds it gets to walk away with it. The gift theme is “Fly Fishing” / angling related.]

**THE PREZ SEZ****By Tristan Leong**

Happy Holidays FFD,

I want to keep it short and simple for my last newsletter message. I wanted to thank everyone for their continued support of the club in these uncertain times. I hope that the New Year and holidays brings FFD members joy, a new rod, and new opportunities. We are gearing up for a busy 2022, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Best Fishes this Holiday Season:

Tristan



**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Andan Bailey is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one at [programs@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:programs@flyfishersofdavis.org)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2021 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
December		December 14	Home Grown

**IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



**IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS**

**Website Members:** If you signed up for membership on the new FFD website, you will get an email in the late December/early January timeframe with your renewal details. No need to go to the website before that, so please wait for your renewal information email.

**Website Non-members:** If you're an FFD member, but you did not sign up on the website and you wish to renew your Membership, please stop by the membership table at our next in-person general meeting, and pay your dues with check, cash, or credit card for 2022. You can also send a renewal check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. box 525, Davis, CA, 95617.

**Note:** our preferred method is for website non-members to become website members, by signing up on the website!

Dues for adults and families are still \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. 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.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!



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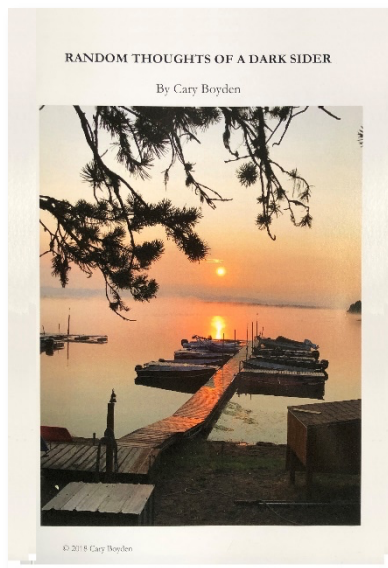
## *FFD Website News — December 2021*

*By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner*

Here's a quick summary of what's new in the website this month!



- New **Luk Lake** video! This video is a compilation of clips from club trips over several years to Luk Lake, and since a bunch of us are headed up there soon, watch and see who you can recognize. By the way, Steve's giant toad is not Photoshopped.
  - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/where-we-fish/luk-lake/>
- Many of you have asked for copies of Cary Boyden's wonderful little book, **Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider**. Well, we're getting ready to offer this book on the website, but in the meantime, we will be bringing a limited number of copies to the general meeting. The price is \$20.00, and proceeds go to the club and to Cary's scholarship.



More to come! Please contact us with suggestions at [webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org).

# **CONSERVATION REPORT**

*By Lowell Ashbaugh*

**Conservation Mailing List** Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to join, and search for “FFD-Conservation”. Or send an email to [Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com](mailto:Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com) with your request.

**The Water Infrastructure Funding Act of 2022** is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that is now attempting to get enough signatures to get on the ballot. Also known as “More Water Now”, it would require the transfer of 2% of California’s General Fund Revenues every year into a trust account to fund water projects until the state certifies that five million acre-feet of new water supply has been created and can be delivered every year. The sponsors of the initiative are almost entirely big ag backers. There are some limitations on how the funds could be used and repaid – you can read the 16-page initiative [here](#).

Historically, California’s water projects have been paid for by those who would benefit from them. This Act would change that so all California taxpayers would pay for water projects that would benefit just a few very large San Joaquin Valley water users.

Notably, the trust account funds could only be used for projects in the following categories:

- 1) Development or expansion of groundwater aquifer storage, remediation, and recovery projects;
- 2) Recycling, purification, and treatment of stormwater and wastewater to water reuse standards, including, but not limited to, current drinking water standards at the time the project is approved;
- 3) Expansion, repair, or replacement of existing surface reservoirs, and construction of new surface reservoirs;
- 4) Desalination plants;
- 5) Water conveyance development, maintenance, or expansion, for the delivery of clean, safe drinking water for homes and businesses, and water for agricultural uses, consistent with area-of-origin water rights;
- 6) Other projects designed to increase the clean, safe and affordable supply of water to all Californians with emphasis on California’s disadvantaged communities, and other projects designed to increase conservation; and (
- 7) Research and development of new technologies designed to increase the clean, safe and affordable supply of water to all Californians, subject to an

annual limit of no more than two percent (2%) of available funds.

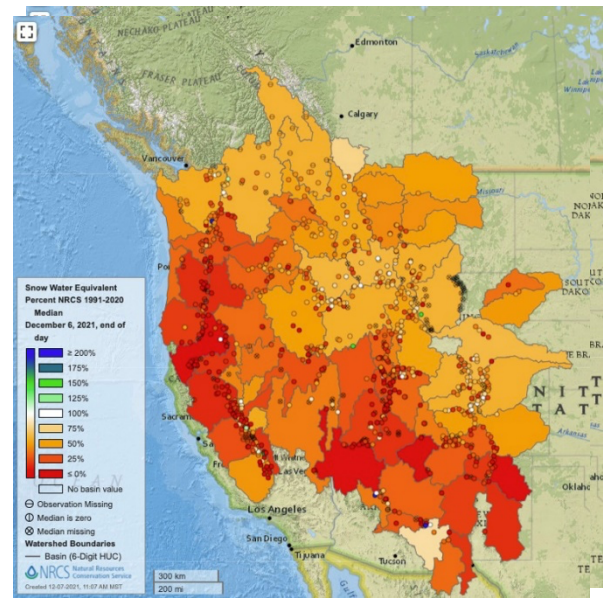
Categories 3 and 5 above are most likely the main targets of this Act.

The primary environmental concern of More Water Now is that under the guise of “streamlining administrative processing and judicial review of water projects,” the Act would not allow sufficient oversight and regulatory modification to minimize harm to the environment. It would require, for example, the California Coastal Commission to make a decision within 90 days, and the Commission could be overruled by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

In summary, this initiative would alter the State’s Constitution to require taxpayers to fund water projects with little to no oversight and environmental protection for the benefit of a few major water users in the San Joaquin Valley. If you’re asked to sign the petition to put this initiative on the ballot, keep in mind that the beneficiaries do not include you or the environment and the fish we love.

**Research scientists** at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the Western Climate Center (and a few others) published a [review](#) in Nature on “A low-to- no snow future and its impacts on water resources in the western United States.” Jeffrey Mount discussed this article on Insight at Capital Public Radio this month – you can listen to it [here](#). The report notes that snow water equivalent is expected to decline by about 25% across the western U.S. by 2050. California’s water infrastructure was built on the assumption that much of the state’s water use can be accommodated by snow that melts in the late spring through summer and is captured in reservoirs. Reduced snowfall and earlier melting will profoundly change the way water is allocated and used in the state. It’s less clear how these changes will affect the environment and the fisheries we count on for our sport. The next item shows that climate change is happening now, not off in the future.

**There's a Snow Drought** across the entire west coast from the coast range to the Rockies. This image shows the current percent snow water equivalent all across the west. It was created by Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at UCLA, and was published in a tweet with the following text. “Remarkable early-season “[#SnowDrought](#)” across essentially the entire American West. SWE <20% of average in Cascades, Sierra Nevada, & Southern Rockies. Interestingly, this includes watersheds in PacNW that have been very wet--pointing to key importance of warming temperatures”



## **Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News**

*By Mark Rockwell, President, December 2021*

First of all **I want to wish all of you a very happy holiday season.** We've been challenged over the past nearly 2 years with COVID and the inability to socialize with friends and family. I'm hoping this year will be at least better, and that 2022 will be the year when we can get back to some level of normal. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the officers and Board members of NCCFFI!**

About 4 months ago we formed a Strategy Group to set a path forward for the Council. The group members are: Frank Rinella, Mark Likos, Anne-Marie Bakker, Ron Beltramo, myself, and Dean McKay as facilitator. We have met every 2 weeks over these past months, and have now developed a path forward to put NCCFFI in a leadership role for fly fishing in Northern California. We have finalized our basic plan, and will begin sharing it with our full Board starting the 29th of November, and seeking Board approval in January. Our first order of business was to clearly articulate who we are and what we stand for. Here is a listing of our new Vision, Mission, and Values for NCCFFI:

### **Vision Statement:**

*To inspire, facilitate & connect people with the joy, traditions & values of fly fishing, and to conserve healthy fisheries for everyone's enjoyment. We do this to preserve our traditions, support our fly fishing community, and protect our natural world.*

**Mission Statement:**

*We are a volunteer, non-profit educational and conservation organization dedicated to:*

- 1. Supporting our regional fly fishing clubs and their members through education, conservation, advocacy, and outreach on behalf of their members & communities.*
- 2. Informing the public about the joy, values & benefits of fly fishing and its traditions*
- 3. Advocating for clean water, healthy fisheries & watersheds so we pass forward a healthier world to the coming generations.*

**NCCFFI Values:**

- 1. Be honest with fly fishing clubs & members*
- 2. Create programs that benefit fly fishing, our clubs & their members*
- 3. Treat each other with respect & courtesy*
- 4. Act with integrity - Do what we say & follow through to complete any job accepted*
- 5. Listen to our clubs & members and take action to assist them*
- 6. Remember that fly fishing is an activity to build respect and understanding of the natural world & our place in it.*
- 7. Be inclusive of new & future fly fishers to share the joy & knowledge of the sport.*

We have also created a list of 13 actions to accomplish this Mission and Vision, and will be discussing them with our Board in the next few weeks. Once we have them finalized and approved I will share them with all of you. We are excited to begin this new era of NCCFFI work, and want you all to know that we are dedicated to our member clubs and all those who love fly fishing. We are a family in fly fishing, and working together to make our fishing community better is our purpose. Please join us in this effort.

Mark Rockwell, President  
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## **FFD TRAVELS: PYRAMID LAKE**

Photos by FFD Members, Summary by Tom Robinson

It has been over a year since this group of five FFD Members a.k.a The Wolf Pack descended on Pyramid Lake. The group was very excited to check into Trailer 8 and get to fishing. The weather was absolutely perfect, which made for slow fishing, but the fish that were caught were large and the time with friends was priceless!



Beautiful sunrise at Blockhouse Beach



The Pyramid at Pyramid Lake



Nice crowd at Sandhole Beach



Make sure your ladder is level otherwise TIMBER!





Eric Kapucinski with a nice fish!



Chris Berardi has one to match



Fishing might be slow, but your with good friends



A toast before heading out to Pyramid Lodge (Crosbys)



The DJ at Pyramid Lodge is playing all of our songs



Early morning start. Let's find the fish



Beautiful Sunrise at Sandhole Beach. Everybody here!



Eric has another nice Lohanton Cutthroat



Dana Hooper showing off his nice trout



Tom Robinson with his Lohanton Cutthroat Trout



# OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

## 2021-2022

Proposed FFD Outings & Events Subject to Change Due to COVID-19

<u>Trip 2021</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Luk Lake	Trout/Bass		Dec. 11 & 18 th	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Day Trip / Fee
<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Day trip
Pyramid Lake (Spring)	Trout		TBD Feb, March	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Hotel / Camping
Baum Lake	Trout		March 25 - 27	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek 101	Trout		April 29 - 31	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	TBD March-May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
<b>FFD Annual Dinner</b>			TBD March			
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
FFD Casting Clinic			May 23, 2021	Bob Zasoski	<a href="mailto:rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net">rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net</a>	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		Prop June/July	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
<b>FFD Annual Picnic</b>			TBD	Tristan Leong	<a href="mailto:tristan.leong@gmail.com">tristan.leong@gmail.com</a>	
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	November 6	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Pyramid Lake (Fall)	Trout		TBD December	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	

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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. FFD meetings and membership are opened to the public. The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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