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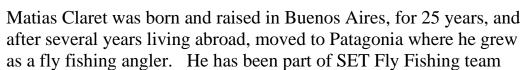
November Meeting, Tuesday November 28, 2023

7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club

Matias Claret Presents:

Fly Fishing in Argentina: The Fascinating World of Golden Dorado by SET Fly Fishing

his month, Tuesday November 28, 2023, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Matias Claret, who will talk about Fly Fishing in Argentina: The fascinating workd if Golden Dorado. The presentation aims to explain the behavior of Golden Dorado as the Apex Predator on the major basins of South America. Learning their the why's and how's, helps US anglers to better understand and sets the right expectations for a first Golden Dorado experience. We will cover the different environments, feeding behavoir, structures, gear and tackle. We will also cover 3 lodges in North East Argentina for different experiences.





for more than 7 years, where he learned that there is more to fly fishing than just trout. Matias has fished for Golden Dorado in different opportunities and helps develop all the educational content for our guests and followers.







THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

As the leaves change into they're fall colors, the days grow shorter and the sunlight softens, I hope you've had a chance to get out and do some fall fishing. The last days of fall should still have some of the best striper fishing of the year...though the reports I've heard don't seem to bear that out. It should be prime time for steelhead on the Trinity and Klamath.

Some wintertime trout opportunities are starting as well. In fact, one of those is Luk Lake, where the club is having an outing Dec.2 (at the time of this writing.) There is still room for people to sign up. Anglers will need some sort of flotation. The fish are big, and the lake is small. This is a fun social fishing outing as the Fly Fishers of Davis rent the whole lake for the day. Other winter trout opportunities include Baum Lake and Pyramid Lake.

I hope you've all found the perfect White Elephant gift for the Dec. 12th meeting. Last year's meeting was a blast. In addition to White Elephant there will be a board election, a good chance to chat and meet some new folks, finger foods (optional to bring), and free stuff for fishers new to the sport. I hope to see you all there!

Time on the water is medicine to the soul...go get well!

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The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Peter Hawes is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one at programs@flyfishersofdavis.org

Fly Fishers of Davis 2023 Meeting Schedule				
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC	
November	Matias Claret	November 28	Fly Fishing in Argentina	

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!



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



FFD Website News

By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner

Classifieds Section Update

The website's **Classifieds** section is now "public," and the page does not require a login. However, you must be a member to post, and the instructions are listed on the menu. You can find the page here:

https://flyfishersofdavis.org/resources/classifieds/

Remember that if you post an item, for security, we will <u>not</u> post member's email addresses or phone numbers.

Here's the status of all items on our **Classifieds** section:



Bass Boat Contact Rick W.



Inflatable



Trailer Guides
Contact Darryl D.



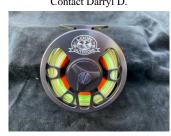
Ross Canyon Reels Contact Bob Z.



Orvis Battenkill Reel Contact Bob Z.



Tioga Teton ReelsContact Bob Z.



Loon Outdoor Reel Contact Bob Z.

Full details and prices of each item are on the website. Check it out!

Many thanks!

CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click <u>here</u> for instructions on how to join, and search for "FFD-Conservation". Or send an email to <u>Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com</u> with your request.

Note: If you'd like to try your hand at writing a conservation column, please let me know. I'd like to find someone to start taking over this role. I'll help get you started.

The House of Representatives, in one of its first acts after selecting a new speaker, passed a bill that would terminate the environmental provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). The CVPIA made fish and wildlife a purpose of the Central Valley Project, something that was not considered originally. H.R. 4395, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, contained a few lines written by David Valadao (R-CA-22) that order the Secretary of Interior to "deem complete the fish, wildlife, and habitat mitigation and restoration actions" required by the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act (PL-102-575 Title XXXIV) signed into law by President George H.W. Bush.

The CVPIA mandated the restoration of anadromous fish populations, including fall, winter, spring and late fall-run Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, lamprey eel, and others, to historical levels by 2002.

This didn't happen, though. Instead, Central Valley and Trinity River fish populations have have been driven closer and closer to extinction by the state and federal governments, largely due to the massive pumping of subsidized water to corporate agribusiness interests in the San Joaquin Valley, including the Westlands Water District and Stewart and Lynda Resnick, owners of the Wonderful Company, for decades.

"This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to lie to the Nation," said Hoopa

Valley Tribal Chairman Joe Davis. "Our fishery isn't restored; it hangs in the balance. Sponsors of this legislation know that."

A summary of H.R.. 4394 by the House Appropriations Committee,, can be found here: appropriations.house.gov/...

Governor Newsom certified the Sites
Reservoir project earlier this month for judicial streamlining under Senate Bill 149. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee will have 30 days to concur in the Governor's recommendation or prevent this project from being inappropriately

streamlined.

I've written about Sites Reservoir before – you can find earlier newsletters at the club website. Sites would be a new off-stream reservoir that diverts water from the Sacramento River, one of the main tributaries to the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The Bay-Delta ecosystem is in decline due to decades of unsustainable water diversions. The State Water Board is currently moving forward with updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan that could provide increased freshwater flows to address long-standing challenges with water quality, salinity, harmful algal blooms, and support the needs of imperiled fish and wildlife. Instead of ensuring Sites is in compliance with the most updated regulations, the Governor has decided to fast-track this project when it is unclear at best whether water is going to be available for diversion.

SB 149 (2023) was part of the package of infrastructure streamlining legislation that the Governor jammed through the

legislature earlier this year. Sierra Club California joined a broad coalition of organizations in opposition to the Governor's proposal, which made significant changes to key environmental laws that protect wildlife, facilitate public transparency, and hold agencies accountable through the judicial review process.

Erin Woolley, Sierra Club Senior Policy Strategist, stated that "The environmentally destructive Sites Reservoir project should not be eligible for certification under the new infrastructure streamlining law. Building new dams and reservoirs is an idea of the past, and perpetuates the very challenges we need to address. California must do more to address long-standing water management challenges at the local level and ensure that all Californians have access to clean, affordable drinking water. The Legislature must take a critical eye to this proposal and ensure that the limitations built into SB 149 are meaningfully applied."

Aqualliance pointed out several problems inherent in Sites that would be bypassed by the governor's action:

First, there are two false narratives. In one "it would collect water in the wet season" implying only Sacramento River excess flood water would be diverted. In reality it will take 5-6 months of maximum diversion to fill the valley. In the second, "the project could hold as much as 1.5M acre-feet of water—saving enough for 3 million home's annual usage" implying the publicly funded/privately owned reservoir would **yield 1.5 MAF**. This is reservoir storage capacity, not yield. On average, Sites Reservoir would yield only 240,000-385,000 acre-feet of water per year. This only 20-25% of the storage capacity. Other issues are also bypassed by the governor's actions. Water quality issues associated with toxic green algae and heavy metals in the coast range footprint are unresolved. Water rights issues are unresolved (i.e. where will the water rights come from to fill the reservoir). The high price of water remains unresolved. The links to the notorious Delta Tunnel are undeniable, but would not be critically

reviewed and resolved. Northstate politicians and media that support this water grab are either misinformed or bought out.

The Sites Project Authority Board,

comprised of representatives of the water agencies that will benefit from the project, voted unanimously to certify Sites' Environmental Impact Report this month just two weeks after giving the public access to the documents.

Dan Bacher has an excellent report on this at https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2023/11/17/220656
https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2023/11/17/22066
<a href="https://www.dailykos

After the vote, representatives of the Sites Project Board of Directors gushed about their unanimous decision to certify what environmental advocates call the "Sites Reservoir Boondoggle."

The Board argued that the construction of Sites would increase water supply throughout California and provide, for the first time, "environmental benefits by storing water specifically for the environment to support native wildlife and their habitat during drought periods."

They also claimed the 1.5 million acre-foot, off-stream water storage project, located on the west side of the Sacramento Valley in Colusa and Glenn counties, "is being advanced to increase California's water and climate resiliency while also protecting and enhancing the environment."

However, a coalition of environmental organizations, including Friends of the River (FOR), Sierra Club and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, strongly condemned this unanimous decision in a statement. This is the group that I've been working with for the past several months.

They also blasted the decision by the Newsom administration to use Senate Bill (SB) 149 to fast-track Sites despite the project's failure to meet statutory criteria of the SB 149 Infrastructure Streamlining Program.

As a coalition, FOR and its allies argued that Sites is not a 21st-century solution for the following reasons:

- 1. "Sites Reservoir will add less than 1% to the state's water supply on average, but will allow project proponents to scalp water for profit during drought.
- 2. Sites Reservoir will damage the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta ecosystems by taking water even during the driest years.
- 3. Sites Reservoir will emit approximately 362 million metric tons of CO2e or 362,000 metric tons of CO2e/year. That is the equivalent of 80,000 gasoline-powered passenger vehicles per year.
- 4. Sites Reservoir is a continuation of the same poor water management strategies that have caused the water crisis, and harmed Californians and disadvantaged communities. We have better alternatives.
- 5. Sites will not prioritize water for ecological benefits. Instead, each investor is allowed to manage their own storage space independently, with the State of California's block of environmental water given uniform treatment."

In response to the vote, Keiko Mertz, Policy Director for Friends of the River (FOR), stated, "Despite the appearance of unanimity and kind words about teamwork and environmental benefits in today's meeting, the environmental community continues to oppose the Sites Reservoir project due to countless harms. The project is an expensive boondoggle that won't provide net

environmental benefits or meaningful increases in water supply. While today's vote was never in question, it is still disappointing to see this project escape public scrutiny at every turn."

Chris Shutes, Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) also blasted the approval of the project.

"The Sites Project will kill more fish faster. It's a water supply slush fund to sustain over-diversion of water. The only modern element is the deceptive environmental branding," he stated.

"Building new dams and reservoirs at the expense of healthy watersheds is not a modern solution to California's water resilience challenges," noted Sierra Club Senior Policy Strategist Erin Wooley. "Restoring the San Francisco Bay-Delta must include restoration of in-stream flows to support recovery of native fish and wildlife, and protect water quality for local communities. Sites Reservoir is an expensive and environmentally destructive proposal whose cost will be paid by taxpayers, water users in Southern California and the species the project claims to benefit."

The coalition members vowed that they "will continue to work together to stop the environmentally destructive Sites Reservoir Project and offer sustainable solutions for California's water future."

You can read more about this at the link posted at the top of this item.

FFD 101/201 Classes

By Dana Hooper Fall Class Dates

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm at the <u>UCD Horticulture Room</u>





201 Topics			
Day 1	Moved to January	TBD	
Day 2	Moved to January	TBD	

To sign up for these classes, contact Dana Hooper at trouthookup1@gmail.com so that he can bring enough class materials for everyone.

Use this link for directions out to the classroom site: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Davis,+California/Straloch+Rd,+Davis,+CA+95616/@38.536 https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Davis,+California/Straloch+Rd,+Davis,+CA+95616/@38.536 https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Davis,+California/Straloch+Rd,+Davis,+CA+95616/@38.536





Fly Fishers of Davis



FishCamp Scholarship Application - 2024

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age. This **\$995 award** covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The FishCamp 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 the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp. **The online application can be found HERE**

Rules:

- To apply for the scholarship, interested boys and girls must complete this application form and answer the three short essay questions listed below.
- The boy or girl must also meet one of the following eligibility criteria: Be related to a
 member of the Fly Fishers of Davis, be an active member of a Davis Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troop,
 be an active member of the Davis 4-H Club, attend public or private school within the Davis city
 limits, or a student that participated in a FFD sponsored Salmon in the Classroom Program.
- Applications must be submitted on or before January 30, 2024, in one of the following ways:
 - Via email: fishcamp@flyfishersofdavis.org
 - Via mail: FishCamp Scholarship Contest, P. O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617
 Bring the application in person to our January 30, 2024 club meeting

Applications will be reviewed by the FFD Scholarship Committee and awarded based upon merit, eligibility, and availability of funds. Not all applications will result in awards.

The winner may be asked to attend a FFD Club Meeting to give a short presentation on thier experience at FishCamp

Entry Form:					
Name:				Age: _	
Address:					
Email:			Phone	Num: ()
Check One: Related	to FFD Member	Scout	Davis School	4-H	Salmon in the Classroom
FFD Member, Troop# 4H Lo	eader, or Teacher	Name:			
P <u>reviously Attended</u> FishCa	mp?: Yes () No	() Essay			

Questions:

Please answer the questions listed below. If emailing, please attach a Word, Text, or PDF document. If mailing, please use a separate sheet of paper and enclose with this application:

- 1) Why do you want to go to FishCamp this summer? (100-150 words)
- 2) What is it about fly fishing that is of interest to you? (100-150 words)
- 3) What do you like most about fishing? (100-150 words)

For more information on FishCamp, go to **www.theflyshop.com/camps/fishcamp.html**, or call Chris King at The Fly Shop, 530-222-3555. For questions about the scholarship or about the Fly Fishers of Davis, contact Tom Robinson at (530) 304-0305 or email: outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org



THE FLY FISHING FILM TOUR IS BACK 2024 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The 18th annual FLY FISHING FILM TOUR is back on the road January 2024.

Bringing a top notch selection of short films that are sure to get you fired up for the season ahead. Find your show below.



This years tour sold out night after night. Don't miss this early opportunity to lock in your spot at next years show!

Click each city below for show details and tickets!

February 8th - Sacramento, CA



UTINGS & EVENTS FFD

2023-2024

Proposed FFD Outings & Events

<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee
<u>Trip 2024</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	Comments
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
FFD Casting Clinic			TBD	Bob Zasoski	rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net	
Hat Creek 101	Trout		May TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Putah Creek	Trout		April/May	Son Chong	vsonkilchong@gmail.com	Day trip
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Delta Bass N Fly Tourn	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
FFD Annual Picnic			June			
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Shawn DeArmond	dearmond@gmail.com	Floatation Device, Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	TBD	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.net	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater





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Officers, Directors and Committee				
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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.

E-Newsletter Policy

Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed about one week before the meeting.

You may need to download Acrobat reader at:

https://get.adobe.com/reader/ to view our PDF newsletter.

Members are urged to maintain their current email address and other important personal data by logging in, and visiting:

https://flyfishersofdavis.org/account/. This ensures accurate communication and notification of our monthly newsletter, which is also downloadable at:

https://flyfishersofdavis.org/media/newsletters/.

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

FFD collects annual dues for adults (\$30), students (\$15) and families (\$30). Family membership may include a spouse and children living with named member up to maximum age of 25. All family members will share one membership and username. Please be sure to provide a valid email address. For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member or registered family member to attend any of our fishing outings.

- <u>Membership Benefits:</u> For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/
- New Members ONLY: To join FFD, please go to https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/
- Existing Members, Login and Dues Assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org
- For Additional Information: or questions email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org