



November Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 18, 2025 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club 919 Lake Blvd, Davis, CA 95616

Chris Dewees Presents: Cach'em, Print'em, Eat'em: The Art of Japanese Fish Printing

This month, on Tuesday November 18, 2025, local artist Chris Dewees will speak to us about Gyotaku: The Art of Japanese Fish Printing.

Chris was first introduced to the specialized medium of fish printing (*Gyotaku*) by Tom Sharp in 1968, when they were graduate students in fisheries biology at Humboldt State University. Tom had seen a demonstration, and they spent much of their free time exploring fish printing methods and materials with fellow fisheries students. This served as an excellent diversion from their studies, as well as a way to earn a few dollars to pay the rent, selling prints at fish festivals and in shopping malls! He then had the opportunity to print a variety of fish in Chile during two years of Peace Corps service.

Since then, Chris has continued to pursue his understanding of the printing process as well as the fish and fisheries themselves. He earned a Ph.D. in Ecology at U.C. Davis. He worked as the marine fisheries specialist at Davis 1972-2007 where he served as a link between the University of California and the state's commercial and recreational fishing industries. His research focus is on marine fisheries management. His job, as well as his passion for recreational fishing, brings him in contact with a lot of fish to print.



(NOT) THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Well, I'm *still* not the Prez, but we have some great changes coming down the pike (pun intended). At this month's meeting, we'll hold nominations for President and two new board Directors, so please join us at the meeting — and vote like your intermediate line depends on it.

At our most recent board meeting, we had a visit from Brian Miller, who is the Program Lead for Project Healing Waters (PHW) in the Sacramento / Martinez division.



Brian outlined the great work that PHW does, both locally and nationally, and he discussed an exciting opportunity for FFD. On an individual level or on a club level as a whole, we have the opportunity to join the local PHW chapter as an affiliate. This affiliation can take many forms, such as participation with outings, workshops, fly-tying, social gatherings, fly-fishing demonstrations, and much more.

We'll be discussing this further with the board in the coming weeks, but if you're interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity for FFD, please see one of our board members at the November general meeting. We *already* have some interesting ideas lined up.

For more information about PHW, please visit <https://projecthealingwaters.org/>.

Many thanks,
Paul

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Your FFD Board of Directors (BOD) meets once per month on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss many aspects of the club, including charitable contributions, conservation, budget planning, and the Annual Picnic and Annual Dinner. If you'd like to attend a board meeting, bring up an issue or send a message, the BOD meets conveniently in Davis, and welcomes your feedback! Since meeting places may change, please contact a board member or club officer for time and place details, if you would like to attend a monthly meeting.

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTES

- Remember, the **November meeting** is early: **11/18/25** – **Mark your calendar!** Nominations for FFD board position will be announced, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- Remember, the **December meeting** is early: **12/16/25** – **Mark your calendar!** This is our annual business meeting. We will vote on all board nominees, and hold our amazing White Elephant event. Now's a great time to start thinking about that special White Elephant gift! Don't miss it!

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 with your request.

Note: If you’d like to try 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.

Golden Mussels have invaded the delta, and state water managers are desperately trying to prevent their spread to other water bodies. Rachel Becker of [CalMatters](#) published a story on this invasive species that I highly recommend reading, especially if you own a boat and use it in the delta (or really, anywhere). These mussels are the reason for the colored tags you need to have on your boat in order to launch in certain waters, including Lake Berryessa. Here are some takeaways from the story:

- Golden mussels reproduce very fast and are voracious feeders. They can quickly clog pumps and can coat boat hulls, props and piers.
- The economic consequences are huge. Invasive clams and mussels cost the state an estimated \$1.6 billion each year, primarily in North America.
- The golden mussels are suspected to have entered the state on a commercial ship, probably in the port of Stockton. They have been spotted on the irrigation intake siphons that pipe water throughout the delta, and on at least one up to two inches thick (the mussels themselves are fingernail sized).

Representative Josh Harder has written [federal legislation](#) to combat the invasion, but it has stalled in the current congress.

There doesn’t seem to be any remedy coming soon, but a Davis-based start-up, The Invasive Species Corporation, is working on a compound, Zequanox, to combat it. The company was founded by Pamela Marrone, who believes it’s possible to control the mussels in pipes, the inner workings of boats and other infrastructure, but probably not in the delta environment overall.

Read the whole story and see pictures of the infestation at the CalMatters link above.

Representatives from Turlock Irrigation District, along with its partners in the Tuolumne River’s Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Agreement, were in Sacramento this month to pick apart a scientific report released by the state water board.

In September, the State Water Board Resources Committee released its Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement – an analysis of the Tuolumne River agreement to inform the water board’s consideration of incorporating the agreement into the Bay-Delta Plan.

The Tuolumne River Partners — TID, Modesto Irrigation District and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission — believe the release of the scientific report for the Tuolumne is an important step in moving the agreement forward.

The Tuolumne River Partners contend that the agreement adds water to the river in every water year type, with no exceptions, and commits to increased releases even in critically dry years: 63 percent more water in the river in dry years and 52 percent more water in the river in critically dry years.

The partners also claim that their plan delivers at least 77 acres of new floodplain and rearing habitat, adds 100,000 tons of spawning gravel, and restores key side channels that improve fish survival.

“These are not hypothetical projects — they’re real. In 2024, we restored over 10 acres of critical spawning habitat in partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, returning 50,000 cubic yards of gravel to the riverbed,” the Tuolumne River Partners said in a joint press release. “This new spawning habitat is already being used by the largest return of spring-run salmon from the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, ever — more than 1,200 fish.”

The partners unveiled plans just over a year ago to sink \$80 million over an eight-year span into restoration efforts on the lower Tuolumne, which is aimed at revitalizing and better protecting native fish species in their natural habitat.

An agreement between the three utilities and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was forged in February of 2021, with the project getting under way in September 2024.

[Maven’s Notebook](#) published a commentary on this announcement, if you’re interested in reading more about it.

FFD T-Shirts!

*Fly Fishers of Davis logo T-Shirts are for sale at our club meetings! \$25.00
Only a very few remaining!*



So ... should we order more? Let us know!

FISH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2026

The Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship is now open for 2026!

This amazing scholarship is open to any interested boy or girl, from 10 to 15 years of age. This **\$1195.00** award covers the entire cost of the five-day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The 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. The program includes accommodations, meals, and the use of the finest fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible for clothing, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from Fish Camp.



Rules:

- To apply for the scholarship, interested boys and girls must complete an application form and answer three short essay questions. You can download the scholarship form here, on our website.
 - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>
- The boy or girl must 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
 - Be a student that participated in a FFD sponsored Salmon in the Classroom program
- Applications must be submitted on or before **January 27, 2026** in one of the following ways:
 - Via email: outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org
 - Via mail: Fish Camp Scholarship Contest, P. O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617
 - Bring the application in person to our **January 27, 2026** Fly Fishers of Davis club meeting
- Please note: Previous Fish Camp attendees are ineligible for this scholarship.

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 will be selected and announced at the club's Annual Dinner in March 2026, along with two alternates. All decisions will be final. The winner may be asked to attend an FFD club meeting to give a short presentation on their experience at Fish Camp. For more details on Fish Camp, go to www.theflyshop.com/camps/fishcamp.html, or call The Fly Shop, (530) 222-3555. For questions about the scholarship, email outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org.

Most important, download the Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship application here:

- <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>

FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS FLY CASTING PROGRAM

Jeff Hogan

It's been a full year since I initiated monthly casting clinics to the members of Fly Fishers of Davis, and the most recent clinic on Sunday, November 9th was a huge success — as close to a dozen casters attended. With assistance from Bob Zasoski, casting techniques such as shooting line and hauling (pulling and returning the line during the casting stroke to increase line speed) were the focus of the morning but not superseded by the constant effort to form a loop with a straight top leg.

When I started the casting program for FFD I stated, "My goal is to make you a better angler by making you a better caster; to be able to confidently put the fly where you want." I am more committed than ever to this goal, but I need your help. I need to hear from you. I want to know what your expectations are for this program; what casts do you want to learn or improve. You may not know the name of a cast or technique, but you can describe it. Perhaps describe a scenario and how to present the fly to have the best chance of success.

Here are a few recent suggestions for future clinics:

- Roll cast. In my opinion, the most underappreciated cast for trout fishing. How many times have you wanted to present a fly to a fish but had no back cast room or your current roll cast is not long enough? Think Putah Creek! This clinic could morph into spey casts, both single and double handed.
- Sinking line/shooting head clinic.
- Focus on the back cast which is the key to success for a good forward cast; just ask the participants of the last casting clinic.
- Short and middle-distance accuracy; the holy grail of fly fishing (my opinion which is shared by many anglers). Can you hover your fly? You should if you want to be really accurate.

Please reach out and give me your thoughts. My email is jbhogan@ucdavis.edu

There will not be a casting clinic for December, but I plan to have one in January. Watch for an e-blast in your email.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Jeff presenting to the group keys for successful distance casting.

CASTING FOR RECOVERY SWEEPSTAKES

By Nicole Lazarus, CFR

Who wants to go to Alaska AND support the Northern California region of Casting for Recovery?

As you know, Casting for Recovery offers 2 retreats each year to a total of 28 women who are at any stage of their breast cancer journey. The retreats are free to these women but our cost is \$1,500 per participant. We are sponsoring a sweepstakes for a chance to win the ultimate five-night, all-inclusive Alaskan getaway for two—complete with private charter flights, guided river fishing, cozy lodge accommodations, gourmet meals, and more. For each ticket sold our program will receive 70% of the proceeds.

Important: Ticket sales end December 3, 2025 and the drawing is on December 11, 2025.

This is your chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to Alaska's Anvik River Lodge — a \$15,000 value — plus \$3,000 in travel cash to get you there. With odds far better than Powerball, all you have to do is click the link below to enter and directly support our Northern California program! Plus, you get bonus entries through this link!

Please visit our direct sweepstakes link:

<https://www.tapkat.org/casting-for-recovery-inc/xEeymE?promo=NORCAL>

Prize Details

All Inclusive 5 Night Package for 2 Includes (Good in 2026/2027 Season)

- \$3000 travel stipend for airfare to Anchorage
- Round-trip private airplane charter from Anchorage to Anvik. (an over \$700 value)
- Round-trip boat transportation from Anvik to the Lodge
- All meals, snacks, complimentary cocktails, beer, wine & soft drinks
- Comfortable lodging in spacious guest rooms
- All fishing gear – fly & spin cast – you may also bring your own if you wish
- Use of steam lodge
- Use of internet & wi-fi
- Chest waders, boots & rain gear as needed
- Fly-fishing & spin casting lessons if you'd like
- Daily housekeeping & laundry service as needed.
- Processing your salmon catch within House and State limits (male salmon only) – frozen & smoked
- *Does not include fishing licenses and stamps, staff gratuities or optional trap shooting activities. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at the lodge.

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PUTAH CREEK ANNUAL CLEANUP

By Devin Bartley

On a beautiful Saturday morning last September, folks from FFD and others from around the SF/Sacramento area came to Putah Creek to help Putah Creek Trout (<https://putahcreektrout.org/> and follow on Instagram) remove trash and other debris from the creek.

FFD members have been involved in the clean-up over many years and it's good to report that each year there is less trash. As co-organizer of the clean-up, Dr. Dan says, "when people see a clean creek, they treat it with respect and don't litter." Putah Creek is a trophy trout stream, close to Davis and worth protecting. Thanks to Steve Karr, Dan Brugger and Dylan Warner for organizing the cleanup and the many volunteers who helped collect and dispose of the debris. If you would like to help next year, or with other Putah Creek Trout activities, please contact Steve Karr at sk60@putahcreektrout.org or check out their website. Keep up the good work!



Dr. Dan and Dr. Steve assign teams to specific creek locations



Bye Bye irrigation system



Honey, we need new tires



Keeping it clean

NCCFFI PUTAH CREEK CLEANUP/RESTORATION PROJECT

(JANUARY 10, 2026)

Over the years, Putah Creek Trout and its partners have undertaken a series of cleanups on Putah Creek, the latest being on October 20th on National Cleanup Day. In conjunction with California Fish and Wildlife (and Yolo County), Putah Creek Trout and other parties, NCCFFI (Northern California Council Fly Fishers International) is planning a general clean up at Putah Creek on Saturday, January 10, 2026, that will cover all five access points and include garbage clean up as well as other restoration work to be done.

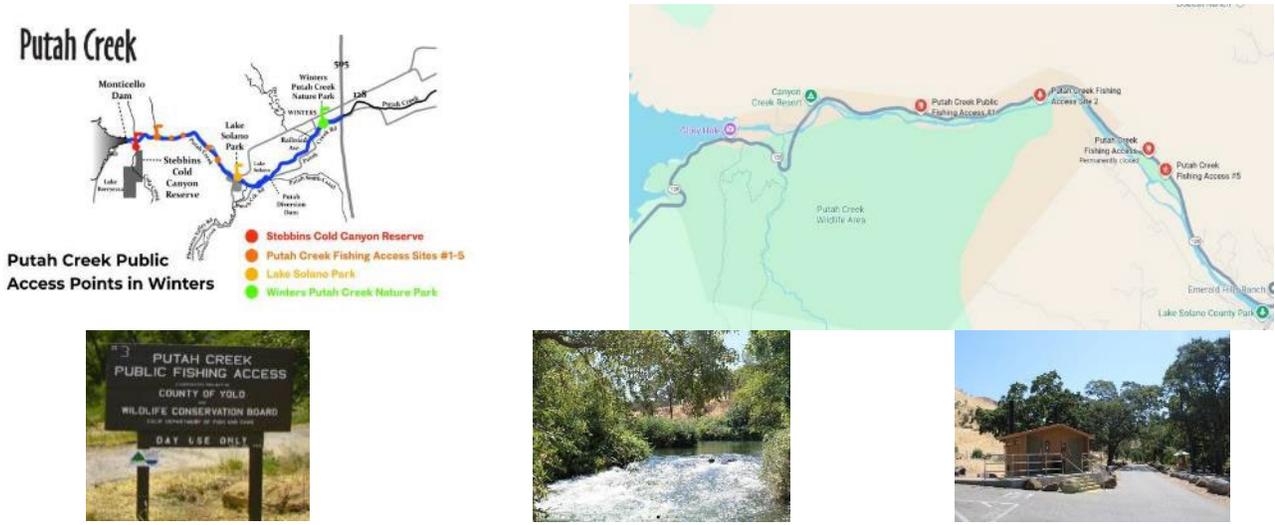
Since Putah Creek is the closest Heritage and Wild Trout stream to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento, we are asking local fly clubs to put the word out and solicit volunteers to help with this effort on January 10th. We will send out additional information about this cleanup effort in December and ask people to sign up on the NCCFFI website at that time (complete details to be announced in the December RiverMouth). The general plan is to start working early in the morning on January 10th and finish about 1 PM...at which time lunch will be served to all the volunteers (details pending). Please save the date (January 10th) and join us to care for Putah Creek.

Putah Creek – Background Information

The Heritage and Wild Trout Program (HWTP) of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife designated the Putah Creek Interdam Reach (IDR) from Monticello Dam to Lake Solano (with five public access areas) as a Wild Trout water in 2014 and added Lake Solano in 2015.

During the evaluation of the Putah Creek IDR and Lake Solano for Wild Trout designation, which took several years, Putah Creek Trout and its partners provided volunteer resources and support to HWTP, including angler use surveys, population monitoring, fish movement telemetry, and spawning and gravel scarification studies. As a Wild Trout water, CDFW has implemented a resource management plan to monitor and protect the wild trout fishery, while supporting public access and enjoyment.

[November 2025 NCCFFI Newsletter RIVERMOUTH](#) [Putah Creek Cleanup Restoration Project January 10th 2026](#)



FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS STRIPER OUTING OCTOBER 25, 2025

By Dana Hooper

We had a great day out on the California Delta, fishing for Stripers, with a few Largemouth Bass and some Sacramento Pike minnows. The weather was as good as it can be on the Delta, heavy clouds and light breeze. The breeze picked up late morning but settled down few hours later. Conditions were just perfect. I believe everyone caught some type of fish. Make sure you sign up next year for this fun outing.



Dan Galloway, on his first Striper Trip, caught a nice schoolie



Jacob having a fun day catching Schoolie Stripers



Dr. Donn fishing with Dan Galloway enjoying the perfect weather



Son and Peter trying to find the fish



Ryans Personal Best Stripper 9.5 lbs.



Dana with a large Sacramento Pike or Squawfish



Dana with his largest of the day at 6.5 lbs. and a fun fight



Peter with a nice one

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For more than three decades, *California Fly Fisher* has been the go-to publication for anglers who care about California's fisheries, wild trout, and the craft of fly fishing. In July 2024, the magazine underwent a beautiful redesign and relaunch—and it's better than ever in both print and digital formats.

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CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

An important reminder to all FFD boaters!

If you do not have a California Boater Card you are **not in compliance with California Law.**

The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) state-approved boater safety education examination. The California Boater Card program was phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats on state waterways.



As of January 1, 2025, all persons who operate on California waters were required to have one. The lifetime card fee is \$10. The lost card replacement fee is \$5.

The card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, and after taking an approved course and successfully passing the test, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved.

Not only is mandatory education the law, the California Boater Card Program promotes boating safety on our waterways. U. S. Coast Guard accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements.

For more information, or to apply for the card, please visit <https://californiaboatercard.com/>



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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, please let us know at the next meeting.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2025 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
* November	Chris Dewees	November 18	Gyotaku or Japanese Fish Printing FFD Officer Nominations
* December	FFD Club Members	December 16	Homegrown, White Elephant FFD Officer Elections

* **Note:** The November and December meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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 2024. 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 many 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 support!



UTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Luk Lake	Trout, Bass	November 22 nd .	drdan@mac.com	Day Trip
Luk Lake	Trout, Bass	December 6 th .	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip

Jeff Putnam's
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President:	* Open *	Through Dec. 2027	Stuart Meyers	Through Dec. 2026	
Vice President	* Open *	Through Dec. 2027	Marc Wilson	Through Dec. 2026	
Treasurer	Andan Bailey	Through Dec. 2026	Matt Perry	Through Dec. 2026	
Secretary	Matt Perry	Through Dec. 2026	Dan Galloway	Through Dec. 2027	
			* Open *	Through Dec. 2028	
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COMMITTEES					
Outings	Dana Hooper	Programs	Peter Hawes	Youth Fish Camp	Andan Bailey
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Membership	Ryan Mitchell	Raffle Chair	Peter Hawes	Website	Beverlin / Berliner
Newsletter	Wilson / Meyers	Fly Tying	Bob Zasoski		
NCCFFI	Lowell Ashbaugh	Youth Programs	Adney Bowker		

The Fly Fishers of Davis

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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) is a non-Profit 501.C.4 charitable organization dedicated to the education, participation, conservation and enhancement of fly fishing. FFD meets monthly. Our regular meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except for December, and other exceptions are noted in our newsletter. December meetings are held the second Tuesday to accommodate holiday schedules. FFD meetings and membership are open 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 prior to the meeting. To view our PDF newsletter, download Acrobat reader at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. 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 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. For more information or if you have questions, please email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org

- Membership benefits: go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
- New members ONLY: to join, go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>
- Existing members, login and dues assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org

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