

Earth Week got off to a great start! The US Supreme Court rejected the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts' petition to take up their case that the State Water Board's authority to issue a Water Quality Certification (conditions) for the new licenses for Don Pedro and La Grange Dams on the Tuolumne should be waived. Previously, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) denied the Districts twice, as had the DC Court of Appeals. This puts an end to a potentially very harmful, precedent-setting case that has dragged on for more than two years. TRT appreciates the great work of Morrison Foerster in representing our interests, as well as our solid partnership with Chris Shutes of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (Chris will be honored at the FOR River Awards on Friday — see below).

River's End: California's Latest Water War

This excellent documentary reveals California's complex struggle over who gets water and how moneyed interests game the system. It will air on KQED Plus tomorrow at 11pm and on KQED World on Sunday at 9:30am. You can watch the trailer [here](#).

Closure of the Salmon Fishing Season

KQED Forum had a program on salmon yesterday featuring TRT friends Jon Rosenfield from Baykeeper, John McManus from the Golden State Salmon Association, and Kasil Willie from Save California Salmon. You can listen to it [here](#).

Important State Water Board Meeting

On May 18 at 10am, the Water Board will hold a Zoom meeting (remote) to receive comments on possible amendments to the Bay Delta Plan that would allow consideration of the extremely flawed Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement. Details are posted [here](#). We need a really big turnout, so please let me know if I should keep you in the loop. TRT will host a Zoom to prepare for the meeting on May 11 at 7pm.

Become a River Guide

Friends of the River (FOR) is coordinating a river rafting guide training in June. I participated in their 2002 training and it was a life-changer. You can learn more [here](#). FOR is hosting their annual CA River Awards (great event) this Friday evening. Details are [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

June 4, Noon-4pm — Join TRT for River Fest to celebrate the 50th anniversary of World Environment Day. This awesome event will take place at Marina Green in San Francisco. Details and tickets are available [here](#). Early-bird tickets are available until May 1.

June 6 — Day of Action for sustainable water policies in Sacramento. Details are being worked on. Please let me know if you would like me to keep you in the loop.

Maven's Notebook

This is a great source for water-related news. You can check it out and sign up for daily updates [here](#).

Happy Earth Week

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