

Hi Folks,

Many of you haven't heard from me in a while. This isn't because things are slow. On the contrary, it's been an incredibly busy summer and fall, so I've been very busy and targeting my outreach. I don't want to overwhelm you, so I'll keep this message brief (with lots of links). Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more regular updates on any particular issue(s).

**Big Changes at the SFPUC:** In early September, it was announced that three of the four Commissioners (one seat has been vacant since April) would not be reappointed. Three new Commissioners were seated on Tuesday (there's still one vacancy), and now the Commission has a combined tenure of two years. We greeted the new Commissioners with a good turnout to raise awareness of our interests. Some of the issues we covered included the [SF vs. EPA lawsuit](#) before the US Supreme Court that could lead to further gutting of the Clean Water Act, SFPUC staff not following through on [directives from the Commission](#), the desperate plight of salmon, general [SFPUC shenanigans](#) and much more.

SFPUC meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30. Please let me know if you might be willing to comment at a future meeting.

**Paddle with the Salmon:** Fall-run Chinook salmon are now spawning, so our [Paddle with the Salmon](#) trips are about to start. We'll be floating the Tuolumne (480 salmon counted so far) on November 2 and 3, and the Stanislaus (1,076 salmon counted so far) on November 9 & 10. For details and to register, please click [here](#). On the 2nd and 3rd, we'll be visiting TRT's new [habitat restoration project](#) downstream of La Grange Dam.

**Upper Tuolumne River Improvements:** The SFPUC recently released an Environmental Flow Study for a 12-mile stretch of the Tuolumne below Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. TRT has been involved in this issue for decades, and is working with a coalition that has produced a lot of [background information](#) and has engaged with the National Park Service, SFPUC and many other stakeholders. An article written by my colleague, Renee Rhodes is posted [here](#).

### **What's Happening with the Bay Delta Plan?**

We're expecting a new staff report for Phase 2 (Sacramento Basin) any day now.

The Scientific Basis Report for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (boo) has been delayed, but is expected in the next few months. An honest assessment will make it clear that the TRVA will not meet the objectives of Phase 1 (San Joaquin Basin) of the Bay Delta Plan. We want the Water Board to reject the TRVA and focus exclusively on implementation of Phase 1.

The Irrigation Districts issued a Notice of Intent to move forward on environmental review for a Water Quality Certification for inclusion in the licenses for Don Pedro and La Grange Dams. This is the State Water Board's opportunity to insert conditions (such as the Bay Delta Plan flow requirements) into the federal licenses. Our NGO coalition submitted comments and will follow this process closely.

Thanks for all your support!

-Peter

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