

Projects and Resources Committee

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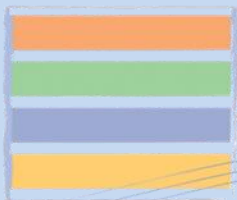
**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Soon to be Sacramento River Forum
“The Forum”**



Organization History & Evolution

Concerns of the Sacramento Valley & many meetings and questioning over:

- Bond measures
- Land acquisitions – changes in ownership and impact to local tax revenue
- Implementation of Federal laws & State statutes and regulations
- Agricultural landowners concerns
- How to achieve “balance” to decision-making
- Local communities expressing their concerns
- Communications with and between agencies



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Organization History & Evolution

Senate Bill 1086

Authored by

Senator Jim Nielsen

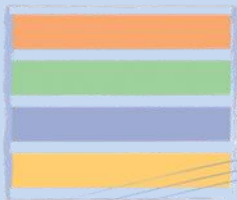
Enacted September, 1986

Created the Upper Sacramento

River Fisheries and Riparian

Habitat Advisory Council

(1086 Advisory Council)



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Senate Bill No. 1086

CHAPTER 885

An act to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 1385) to Chapter 4 of Division 2 of, and to add and repeal Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 1400) of Division 2 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to the Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Riparian Habitat, and making an appropriation therefor.

[Approved by Governor September 18, 1986. Filed with Secretary of State September 18, 1986.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1086, Nielsen. Upper Sacramento River: fisheries and riparian habitat.

(1) Under the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947, the Wildlife Conservation Board may authorize the Department of Fish and Game to acquire real property for the benefit of wildlife.

This bill would require the board by January 1, 1988, to inventory the lands along the upper Sacramento River, as described, to identify and determine the priority of those lands that are valuable to fish and wildlife. The bill would prescribe related matters.

(2) Existing law does not provide for an Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Advisory Council.

This bill would create that council composed of specified members, and would require the advisory council to develop, for submission to the Legislature, the Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Management Plan to provide for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and riparian habitat and associated wildlife for the area between the Feather River and Keswick Dam. The bill would provide for an action team with specified members to develop proposed plan elements. The bill would specify related requirements for preparation of the management plan. The bill would require the advisory council to submit the management plan to the Legislature by January 1, 1989. These provisions of the bill would be repealed on January 1, 1989.

(3) The bill would appropriate \$250,000 from the California Environmental License Plate Fund, with \$150,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the inventory and \$100,000 to the Secretary of the Resources Agency for the preparation of the management plan.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 1385) is added to Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code, to read:

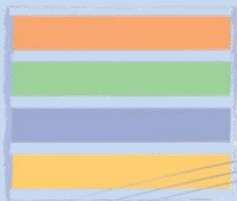
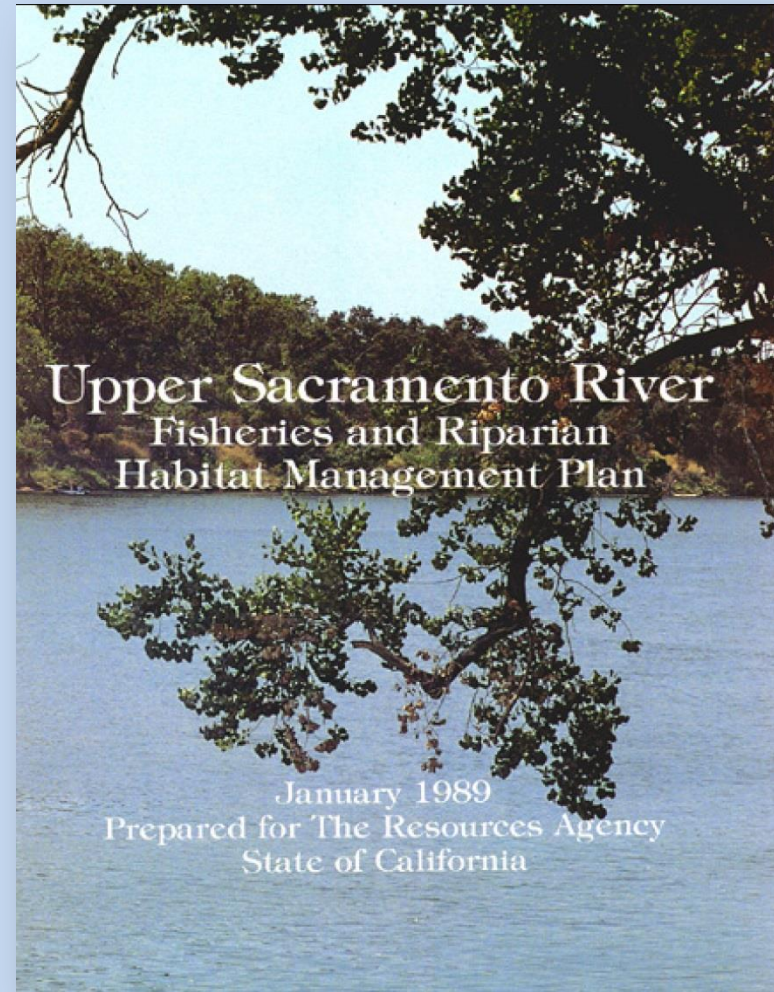
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1086 Advisory Council

comprised of 24 members from State & Federal agencies/Boards, County Supervisors, farm and sports fishing organizations.

Charged with creating the Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Habitat Management Plan, Submitted to Resources Secretary January, 1989.

Statute sunset January, 1989

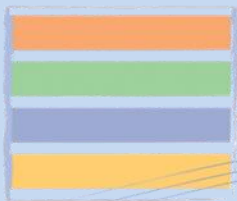
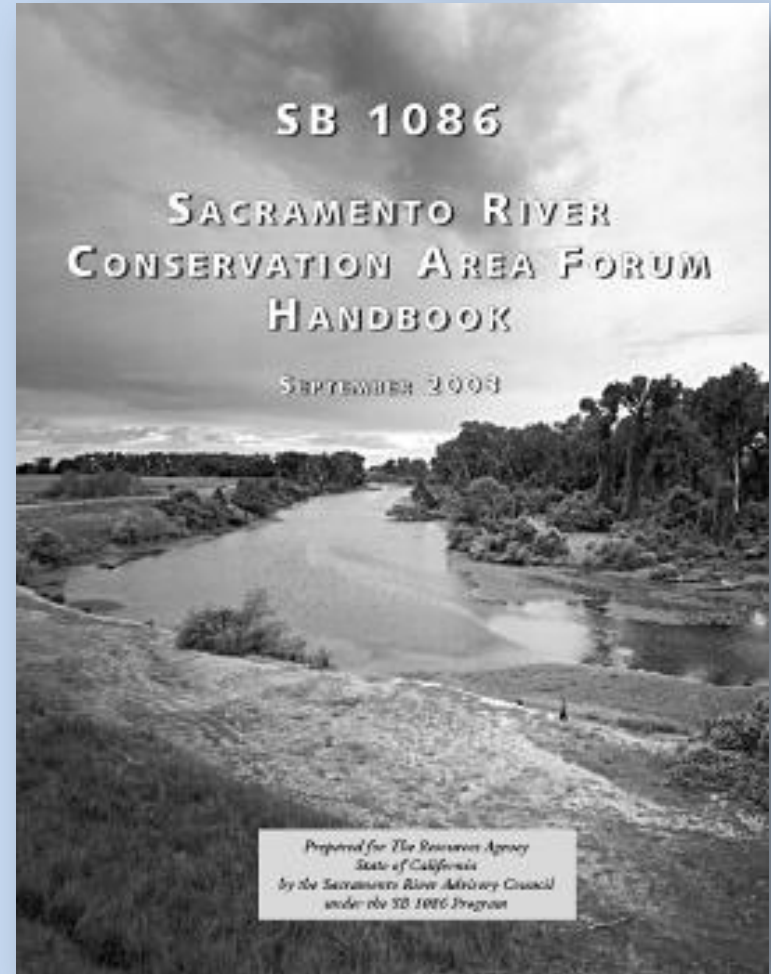


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Council members continued to volunteer as a Riparian Habitat Sub-committee, with staff from then Dept. of Fish & Game, and developed the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook, published September, 2002.

A recommendation within this handbook called for an organization to be established to further the work of the Advisory Council & Sub-committee.



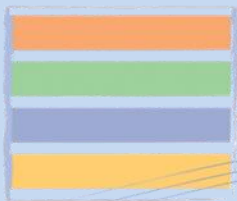
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A non-profit organization formed called
Sacramento River Conservation Area

First meeting held May, 2002 and Board
organized

In 2003 changed the name to Sacramento
River Conservation Area Forum.



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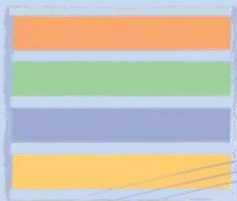
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Boards of Supervisors of 7 counties requested to appoint 2 persons from their county: an agricultural landowner on the river corridor and a public interest representative, typically but not required to be County Supervisor. 5 counties presently make appointments.

In addition, 7 state & federal agencies designate an Advisory Board member:

CDFW, DWR, CDPR, CVFPB, USACE, USFWS, USBR, BLM, USFS

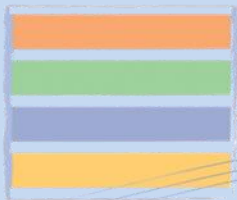


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Issues & People

FORUM MISSION STATEMENT

The Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum brings communities, individuals, organizations and agencies together along the Sacramento River from Keswick to Verona to make resource management and restoration efforts more effective and sensitive to the needs of local communities. The Forum supports restoration done well, and serves as a forum for sharing, a facilitator of solutions, and a partner for projects that protect both the natural values of the Sacramento River and the communities it runs through.

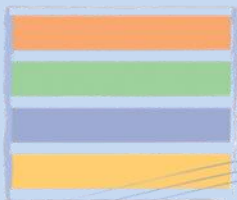


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Present Work

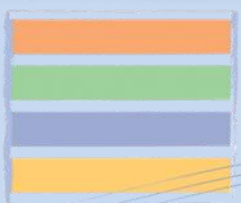
- Identify projects & provide stakeholder collaboration & involvement:
 - M & T/Llano Seco Intake & Fish Screen Project, Kopta Slough Project, concerns of Board
- Administer a Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement enacted with Forum Implementation Policy
- Investigate stakeholder interest and possibilities of a Corridor Management Planning
- Habitat Mapping & Economic Report
- Maintain www.sacramentoriver.org
 - information about the Forum, an extensive Resources Library of documents, reports and information, projects the Forum works on, projects of other agencies & an archive of projects



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Organize committees, workshops and outreach to inform, discuss and seek solutions to concerns: Projects and Resources Committee – the PARC!



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