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WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS POLICY

The following policies on Wild and Scenic Rivers have been developed by the C-WIN Board of Directors in order to guide our members, staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors in developing responses to related issues and to inform the public about our policies and directions.

The policies below are framed within the context of the C-WIN Strategic Plan that contains the following primary strategies: (1) ensure adequate fresh water flows through the Delta and in upstream rivers to protect and restore Public Trust resources such as open water ecosystems and salmon fisheries, (2) to stop poor irrigation practices from poisoning land, wetlands, rivers, streams, and wildlife, and (3) to ensure that decisions about water allocation are transparent, just, and in accord with principles of environmental protection.

1. Rivers designated as Wild and Scenic under state or federal law should remain Wild and Scenic. C-WIN opposes the concept of removing a Wild and Scenic River from state or federal designation because it is contrary to the spirit of the California and federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts, and it robs future generations from enjoying Public Trust assets.
2. C-WIN will collaborate with and support state, federal, and local entities who support the designation of Rivers which meet the criteria for Wild and Scenic under the federal and/or California Wild and Scenic River programs.
3. C-WIN will support research and studies that document the ecological and economic value of Wild and Scenic Rivers to the local and state economies.
4. C-WIN will support the development and activities of groups and individuals who will become "political watchdogs" and local advocates for important Wild and Scenic rivers throughout the state.
5. C-WIN will develop joint activities and collaboration with other state and national fishery, tribal and environmental organizations to carry out the policies described above, provided such collaboration will significantly add to policy implementation.