

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

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Bill Jennings

1988 – present: Chairman, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Executive Director since September 2005

1986 – present: Chairman, Committee to Save the Mokelumne

1995 – 2005: Deltakeeper, Deltakeeper Project of San Francisco Baykeeper

For more than twenty-five years, Mr. Jennings has:

- Submitted comments, complaints and participated in evidentiary proceedings concerning water rights, public trust, water transfers, water quality control plans and unreasonable use and method of diversion before the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Submitted comments, complaints and interventions and participated in mediated proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Reviewed, commented on and litigated California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act documents pertaining to the Delta and tributary waterways.
- Managed more than 150 successful enforcement actions against state and federal agencies and industrial and municipal violators of environmental laws established to protect habitat and water quality.
- Reviewed and commented on proposed NPDES permits and WDRs or waivers issued pursuant to state and federal clean water statutes. Appealed and, where necessary, litigated inadequate permits.
- Participated in numerous State and Regional Board proceedings related to policy development, promulgation of water quality criteria, 303(d) listings, TMDLs, basin plan amendments, enforcement actions, etc.
- Managed a monitoring program that collected water quality information that led to a number of waterways in the Stockton urban area to be listed as impaired waterbodies.
- Received numerous acknowledgments including the International Conservation Award from the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Director's Achievement Award from the Department of Fish and Game, the Conservation Achievement Award from the California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, the Quality of Life Award from the Land Utilization Alliance and the Delta Advocate Award from Restore the Delta. The Outdoor Writers Association of California recognized Bill as Outdoor Californian of the Year and the Delta Fly Fishers selected him as Fly Fisherman of the Year. His efforts in obtaining an historic cleanup of Penn Mine on the Banks of the Mokelumne River led to awards to both the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and Committee to Save the Mokelumne by the California Water Policy IX Conference.