

# Upper American River Foundation “The Voice for the River”



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## **Auburn, CA – “Granite Bay Flycasters contributes financial support to the Upper American River Foundation”**

**Who:** *Rick Radoff (President, Granite Bay Flycasters)* <http://www.gbflycasters.org/> ) is shown here with *Bill Templin (Upper American River Foundation)* on *Feb. 15, 2007* at the *Upper American River Foundation* meeting presenting one of his group’s two contributions totaling almost \$3,000 to support the work of this newly forming nonprofit group in our area.

**What:** The Upper American River Foundation (*UARF*) will be patterned after the Henry’s Fork Foundation on the Snake River (HFF) in Idaho, where it is the “Voice of the River.” The HFF is heavily supported by a very active international angler community. The UARF, formed to be the voice of the rivers of the Upper American River area, is presently supported by local organizations, but that will change over the next few years as more is known (and shared) about the unique resources that we share in our Upper American River watersheds.

**When:** The *UARF* presently meets monthly. We are, and are looking for, people who have their roots deeply set in this beautiful watershed, or who are interested in fishery preservation and enhancement. *UARF* is taking an active role in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) relicensing of Placer County Water Agency’s “Middle Fork American River Project” and *is now organizing fundraising and other activities & events for this year*. One already-planned event is a “*Clean Up/BBQ/Fish Out*” to be held this year at *Ralston Afterbay on Sunday, April 22 from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.*, as part of *Placer County’s “Creek Week” celebrations* co-sponsored by the *Dry Creek Conservancy* <http://www.drycreekconservancy.org/> . This UARF clean up event already has the support of the *Placer County Resource Conservation District, California State Department of Parks and Recreation, the American River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest*, as well as the *Granite Bay Flycasters*. Some of these groups supported a similar event last April at *Sugar Pine Reservoir* and may revisit that area again in March, if the weather and roads allow.

**Why:** Because we know how special this Upper American River Watershed is and we want to make sure that it continues to be special and get better for our children and grand children to enjoy throughout their lives. This may not happen without your help. For more information, you can contact Bill Templin (916-601-9954) [wtemplin@surewest.net](mailto:wtemplin@surewest.net); Bill Carnazzo (530-367-5209) [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net) or Grant Fraser (530-305-2942) [grant@sierraflyfishers.com](mailto:grant@sierraflyfishers.com) .