



Meeting Date: January 12, 2017

A Fish's Best Friend

Before the meeting, **Jennifer Finnegan** rocked us with her beautiful piano playing. That lady can put out some music! Thanks, **Jennifer**. **President Ray** then introduced **PP Pat Corey** who got things going. **Kelli Anthis** led the pledge and **Mike Mangas** gave the invocation. **PP Pat** doubled back and introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. We had many guests, and notable among them was **Alejandra** from Colombia who was our exchange student four years ago. She was visiting her many friends in Redding for a few days.

Announcements: **PP Amelia Ward** will be the District 5160 Governor in 2019-2020. This is a six-year commitment so will be a lot of work. Congratulations, **Amelia**. We appreciate the many many hours of work you donate to Rotary.

Mary Brace announced that the Keyway Committee has once again decided to organize the Bowlathon. It will be held on February 25th. See **Mary** or **Eva Jimenez** for more details. This is an event that has been a lot of fun. Plan to participate.

Blood Drive: **Dar Barzin** announced there will be a Rotary Blood Drive on Thursday January 26th at our club. Starts at 11:00am. Please plan to participate. If you can't give blood, bring someone who can. Our club has always supported our Blood Drives. Lets keep up the good work.

Craft Talk: **Dan Waldrop** gave his craft talk today. **Dan** has been an optician for 27 years. He has owned and operated Dan's **Optical** in Shasta Lake City for the last 17 years. He is very generous and has helped immensely in providing eyewear to underserved citizens of Redding through the Homeless Connection. **Dan** has two beautiful children of whom he understandably proud. He is currently the Exalted Ruler of the Redding Elks Lodge. Nice talk, **Dan** and thanks for all you do.



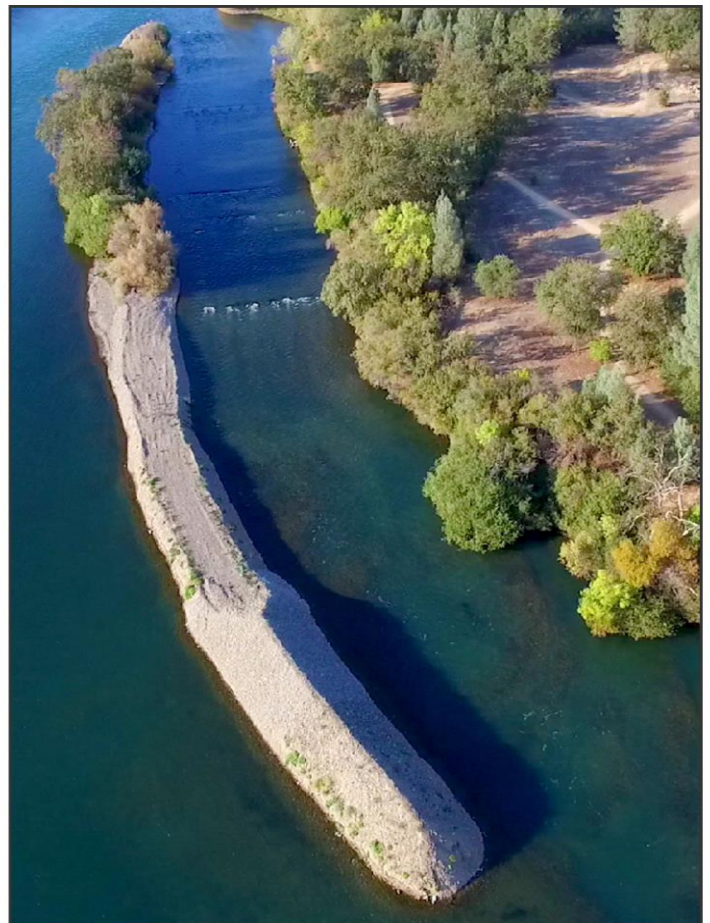
Wild Game Feed: **Greg Balkovek** announced that the Wild Game Feed is coming up on Saturday, January 28th at the Elks Lodge. Event runs from 6-9 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations may be obtained by contacting **Karen Stovall** at the weekly Rotary meeting, by calling 241-1240, or by email at karenstovall@shasta.com.

Recognitions: **PP Pat Corey** took his family hunting. Seems everyone filled their tags except for Pat, who came up empty. Thanks for the \$100, **Pat**.

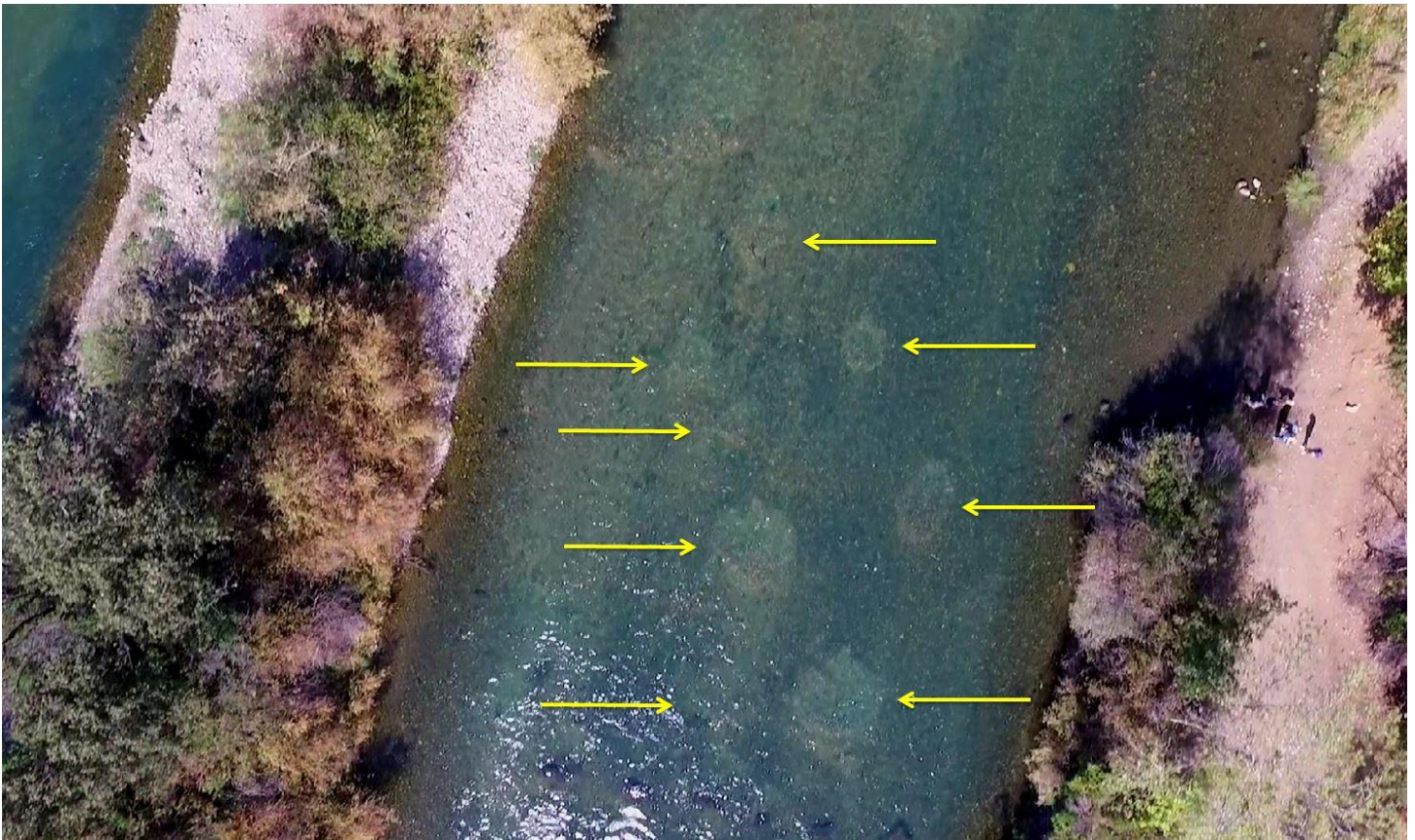
Program: **Randy Smith** introduced **Thad Bettner**, the Executive

Director of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. The GCID was formed in 1920 and covers 175,000 acres and has an annual budget of \$15,000,000. The GCID provides water to farmers, wildlife refuges, fisheries, while protecting endangered species within their borders. In order to keep fish mortality to a minimum, the GCID has the longest flat screen fish screen in the world.

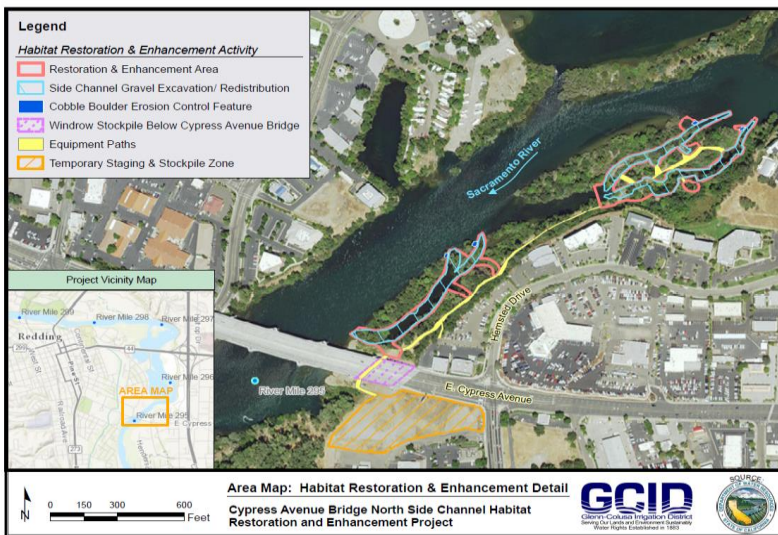
But, the real story for the Redding area is the millions of dollars that GCID has spent in the Sacramento River as it courses through Redding. Painter's Riffle is pictured below. The "before" picture is on the left. It shows a gravel bar impeding the river's flow. On the right, the gravel



bar has been removed. The picture below shows salmon spawning beds, (redds) noted by the yellow arrows after the riffle has been restored.



Salmon spawning at repaired Painter's Riffle



North Cypress Project



Market Street Spawning Gravel

Pictured above are two more of the multimillion dollar projects that GCID has committed to the Redding area. This is really important and valuable work and will pay dividends in the future as we all try to protect the jewel that is the Sacramento River. Great program.

Calendar

January 19	Adoption Process—Joe Ayer
January 26	Catalyst Youth Center—Aaron Hayes
February 2	Girls on the Run—Joanne Cosetti and Clair Johnson
February 9	Matilde—Our New Exchange Student
February 16	California Humanities—CEO Julie Fry
February 23	AirBnB—Rachel Hatch and Larry Vaupel

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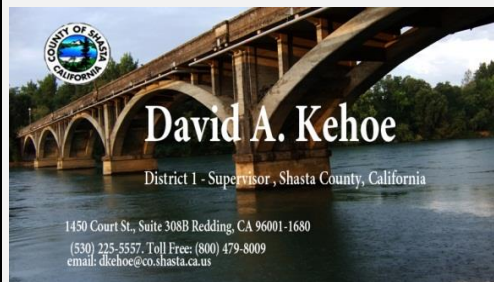
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