



Statement of Expert qualification for Ron Stork
Senior Policy Advocate, Friends of the River

On the staff since 1987, for the last 16 years Ron has had the principal responsibility for organizing Friends of the River's flood-management advocacy efforts in the American River watershed, including Congressional and agency outreach.

During that time he has worked with the Sacramento Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to fashion floodwater management approaches in the Sacramento Region that could garner strong community and environmental support. As part of that effort, he served as a liaison to the National Research Council's Committee on Flood Control Alternatives in the American River Basin, DWR's Independent Review Panel on Central Valley Flooding chaired by General Gerald Galloway, and continues to serve as a member of SAFCA's Lower American River Task Force

In recent years, Ron has worked on a number of Central Valley and California water management issues, serving on the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) California Floodplain Management Task Force, on working groups of the Corps/Reclamation Board Sacramento & San Joaquin Basins Comprehensive Study, and continues to serve on the interagency Yuba Feather Workgroup focusing on flood-management issues in this basin.

Ron is also a founding member of the Sacramento Area Water Forum, a group of community leaders working to fashion water-development approaches that protect the area's riverine environments (including the American River Parkway) while helping to satisfy developing community water supply infrastructure needs. He serves on the steering committee of the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

Before beginning his work on the American River for Friends of the River, he had primary responsibility for dam licensing and permitting proceedings (and associated legal and legislative policy initiatives) before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Ron has also had responsibilities for Friends of the River's wild & scenic river designation and planning programs, including serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Lower American River Parkway Plan update. He has also worked with major water-quality challenged rivers as well — serving on the DWR/Department of the Interior Citizens Advisory Committee for the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program.

Ron received his Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Agriculture at the University of California at Davis in Plant Science in 1975.