

Tuleyome honors lawmakers for key fight over Cache Creek

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Tuleyome held an award presentation on Wednesday at its office in Woodland honoring three individuals that played key roles in the designation of Cache Creek as a State Wild and Scenic River.



Andrew Fulks, left, and Bob Schneider, Tuleyome president, (third from left) talk to Sen. Mike Machado and Supervisor Helen Thomson, about some of his experiences along Cache Creek. Both Machado and Thomson are holding oars presented to them as a token of gratitude by the Tuleyome organization. (Deo Ferrer/Daily Democrat)

Presentations of wooden rafting paddles engraved with the Cache Creek Wild and Scenic tag line were made to state Senator Mike Machado and Supervisor Helen Thomson.

Tuleyome Board member and Yolo County farmer Helen McCloskey was absent but was also awarded for her contribution in support of the bill.

"Cache Creek is a viable natural resource for Yolo County and the Wild and Scenic designation shows what a few people can achieve when they join together," stated Machado, D-Linden.

One year ago on Oct. 6, 2005, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assemblywoman Lois Wolk's bill (AB 1328) to protect upper Cache Creek as a State Wild and Scenic River for future generations.

This 30 mile stretch of the river is home to bald eagles, osprey and tule elk.

There are steep canyons where black bear and mountain lion roam and river otter frolic as the river flows through oak woodland, chaparral and riparian forests.

"Assemblywoman Lois Wolk and her staff spearheaded this campaign," said Bob Schneider, president of Tuleyome.

"Supervisor Helen Thomson worked hard to protect Cache Creek while ensuring that the concerns of Yolo County residents were addressed," he added.

"And, Helen McCloskey, Rumsey farmer and now also a Tuleyome Board member, was always there testifying and working to ensure that this was a bipartisan campaign. Hundreds of volunteers worked on the campaign and we could not have done this without them. We appreciate their efforts."