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South Yuba River Citizens League  
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## Let us thank you

If you have included SYRCL in your estate plans, please let us know. We would like to thank you for your generosity, make sure the purpose of your gift is understood by SYRCL, and be able to recognize you as a member of our Yuba Legacy League.

### PLANNED GIVING BASICS & SAMPLE LANGUAGE

#### ORGANIZATION NAME AND ID NUMBER

SYRCL's official name is the South Yuba River Citizens League. Our federal tax ID number is 68-0171371.

Here are some examples of bequest language that will direct your gift to the South Yuba River Citizens League:

I hereby give \_\_\_\_\_\* to the South Yuba River Citizens League, Tax ID #68-0171371, a river conservation organization, to support their mission.

\*Fill in the blank with the dollar amount, percentage of estate, or specific property you intend to give SYRCL.

**If you would like to make a gift to SYRCL, we recommend you contact your attorney or estate planner.**

**If you would like to contact SYRCL directly regarding SYRCL's Planned Giving Program, please contact our Development staff at:**

**(530) 265-5961  
info@syrcl.org**

## SYRCL is founded on the premise that *People Can Save a River.*

Starting in 1983, grassroots activists successfully fought to protect the South Yuba River from dams and won permanent protections for 39 miles of the South Yuba River under California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

In doing so, they created SYRCL, the central hub of community activism to protect, restore, and celebrate this watershed we love. With over 30 years of achievements, 3,500 members and 1,000 active volunteers, SYRCL is doing great things for the Yuba watershed.

We are working to restore wild salmon to their native waters. We are replanting the banks of the lower Yuba River with trees. We are inspiring activism across the globe with our environmental film festival. Together, we are extending our powerful coalition from the summit to the sea.



John Dye

South Yuba River Citizens League

# Yuba Legacy League PLANNED GIVING

Bob Lickler



**The South Yuba River Citizens League** unites the community to protect and restore the Yuba River. Motivated by our love for this watershed, we advocate powerfully, engage in active stewardship, educate the public, and inspire activism from the Sierra to the sea.

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# Leave a Living Legacy

The most effective way to contribute to our watershed's future health is through **planned giving**, also known as granting a legacy or making a bequest. A gift to the South Yuba River Citizens League through your will or estate plan is a powerful statement of support for your community and a wonderful way to support a cause you believe in while making a lasting difference. With a planned gift to SYRCL, you can experience the deep personal satisfaction of helping to ensure a healthy future for the greater Yuba River watershed. Some gifts virtually eliminate estate taxes, while others greatly reduce taxes during your lifetime. It is important to explore your options with an estate-planning attorney to maximize your tax benefits.

There are many ways to leave a legacy that supports a free-flowing Yuba River for future generations, while at the same time providing yourself and your family with significant tax benefits.

In addition to outright tax deductible gifts, there are other creative ways to give, including:

- Gifts of stock or other assets
- A bequest in your will
- A beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy, 401(k) plan or IRA.

## What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift from your estate—a transfer of cash, securities, or other property made through your estate plans. You can make a bequest to SYRCL by including language in your will or living trust leaving a portion of your estate to SYRCL, or by designating SYRCL as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.

- A bequest costs nothing now
- You retain control of your assets during your lifetime
- You may modify your bequest if your circumstances change



## Bequests, Wills, & Trusts

- Leave a specific dollar amount
- Designate a percentage of your estate to be given through your will or living trust.
- Give only the remainder of your estate after bequests to loved ones have been made.
- Provide for a gift of specific property such as real estate or stocks.

## Retirement Plans

You can create a legacy by naming the South Yuba River Citizens League as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), Keogh account, or other qualified retirement plan. Upon your death, all or a portion of the unused balance in your account will be transferred to SYRCL as a charitable gift.

## Life Insurance Gifts

Life insurance policies are a meaningful and often overlooked method of making a charitable gift. One way to do this is to name SYRCL as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy. Another is to transfer ownership of a paid-up policy to SYRCL, thus receiving an immediate tax deduction. You can also take out a policy and make SYRCL the owner and beneficiary. In this case, your annual premiums may be tax-deductible.

Yes, I want to leave a Yuba Legacy!

I would like to be contacted by SYRCL with more information on how to grant a legacy or make a bequest.

I have already included SYRCL in my estate plan, and would like to be contacted regarding my gift.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your personal information will be kept confidential, and will not be shared or sold, or used in any way without your consent.*

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The South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) has been an integral part of our community for over 30 years and will be around for many more to come. Our mission is to unite the community to protect and restore the Yuba River and greater Yuba watershed.



John Daily