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Please, please support SB427! I used to live for 25 years in a small city with a river running next to it in a, about 5,000 people. It was a tourist destination in wine country, and the river was a good-sized river. It went dry three years ago. The river just slowly disappeared as mismanagement, illegal use of the water, and local people not realizing the fall of the dominos that would cause. We saw the handwriting on the wall and the political ignorance that allowed it to happen and moved away. Since then, tourism has dropped off, the wineries are in trouble, and the town now has a 2.8B deficit. The place without the river and the habitats and wildlife it supported is not the same, and visitors can't miss it. This will inevitably happen where rivers disappear. The lives of salmon, frogs, the present of natural, running water are intricately woven into our human lives. Loss of a river is where it begins to go down.

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