

Monthly Meeting:

Date: May 4th
Day: Friday
Place: Life Style Center,
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia
Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm

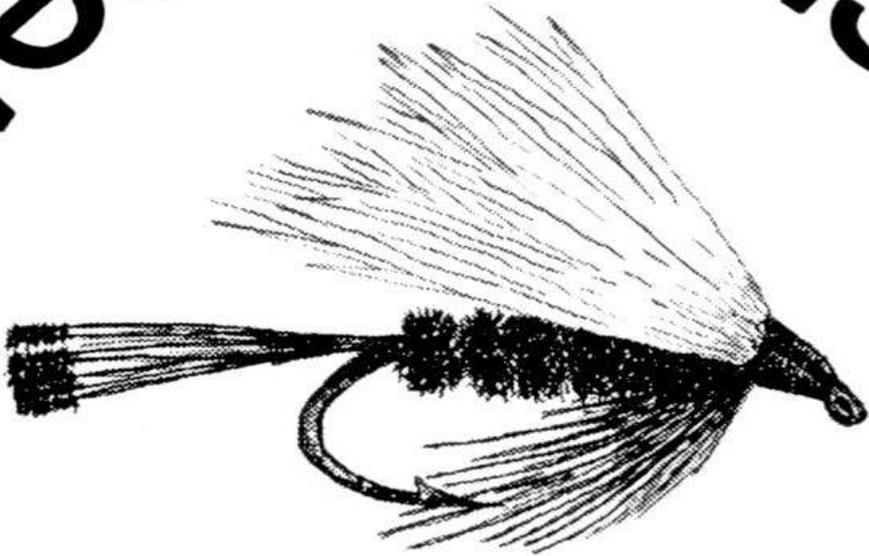
*FLY of the MONTH TYING SESSION with
Don Lieb, from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm before the
meeting. Bring your own vise, tools and materials.
If you do not have materials the club will supply
them.*

Monthly Board Meeting:

Date: May 6th
Day: Monday
Location: Life Style Center,
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia
Time: 700pm-900pm
All members are welcome to attend.

**May 4th Meeting Program:
information soon**

Kaweah Flyfishers



Kaweah Flyfishers Aims and Purposes

- To improve and promote the sport of fly fishing as one means of enhancing and conserving high quality fisheries.
- To educate the public as to conservation practices needed and used in fishing.
- To promote and provide instruction in fly tying, fly rod building, fly casting and general stream-manship.
- To promote and work for the betterment of all fisheries in the Central Sierra with particular interest in the Kaweah, Kings, Tule and Kern River watersheds.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This time last year we were worried about the high flows on the Kings and when runoff would become low enough to fish. This morning's paper (April 1st) had the flows on the Kings at or around 500 CFS, last year we were in flood release conditions.

Kelsey is coming up in less than two months (Memorial Day Weekend) it looks like the rod fees are still \$100 a day so get your reservations into Mark Cave and your checks to mark Bonar. Good fishing and great food is in store.

The quasi annual Lake Hume outing, in conjunction with the Fresno Club is scheduled for the 19th of May. Lunch will be provided but side dishes are welcome. Bring anything that will float as long as it isn't gasoline powered (fishing vessels, not food).

The annual fund raiser is in September. Lee Terkelson is the speaker and we need items for the live and silent auctions. Also we need some volunteers to help with set up, food prep, auction management etc.

Yesterday was the last TIC release on the Kings for this year. The kids seem to have had a great time, even some of the adults tried their hand at casting; I think the kids enjoyed seeing that the foibles of the new casters were not the exclusive property of the young.

Several times I have asked for input for suggested outing destinations and speakers; haven't had much feed back.

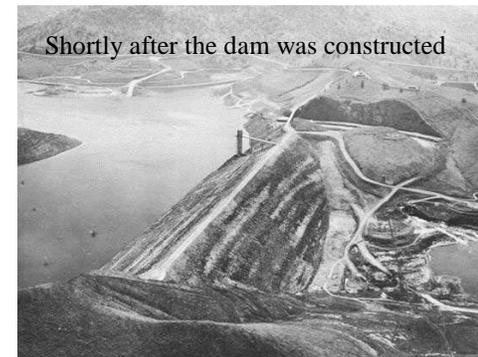
Wayne

On Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19, Lake Kaweah is celebrating 50 years! We have many events that we are planning and invitations to send out. One of the events that I am planning is a Kids Water Carnival on Saturday from 1pm-2pm. The carnival will be on dry land, at the Lake Visitor Center. I was wondering if someone from your club would like to have a little booth or game the kids could play. There will be other games and booths for kids to interact with, carnival style. We thought the fly fishers would be super engaging for kids.

thanks for entertaining the notion. I can be reached a sfi@sequoiahistory.org or (559)565-4251 for questions and to let me know of your interest.

Sincerely,
~Savannah

The lake was formed by the construction of Terminus Dam on the Kaweah River. The dam was completed in 1962 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide flood control and water conservation. During the spring run-off season it stores 143,000-acre feet of water. Energy production was added in 1990 with the construction of the Terminus Power Plant. The new hydroelectric plant produces an average of 40 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, which is equivalent to 67,000 barrels of oil..

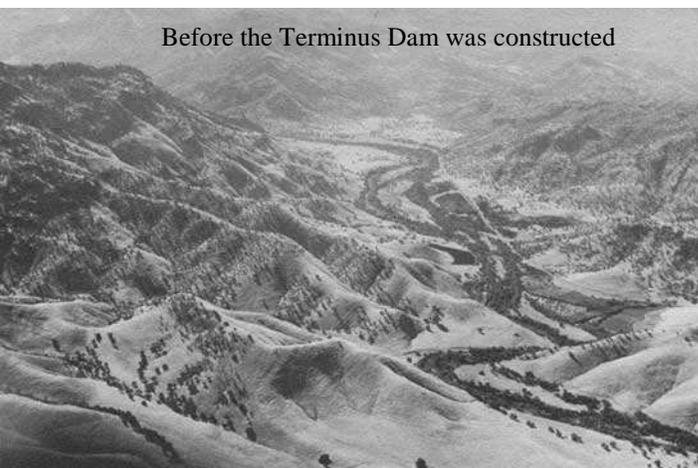


Lake Kaweah is fed by the Kaweah River, which originates in the Sierra Nevada at Sequoia National Park. Long ago, Yokuts, Wukchumne, and Kaweah people lived and hunted along this river. Spaniards were the first Europeans to explore this area two centuries ago. Settlers arrived fifty years later. Cattleman Hale Tharp started a ranch at the confluence of the Kaweah River and Deer Creek in 1856. He lived here until his death in 1912. Several landmarks still bear his name. The Lake Kaweah

Terminus Dam, America's largest spillway fusegates, diverse wildlife, Native American history. Terminus Dam is located on Kaweah River in the Tulare Lake sub-basin of the Central Valley of California. It is situated about 2 miles northeast of the town of Lemon Cove and 20 miles east of the city of Visalia. The reservoir covers an area of about 4 square miles. The dam and reservoir take their name from the place-name "Terminus," which was applied to the end of the Visalia Electric Railroad spur line extended into the area in the early 1900's. The dam provides irrigation and municipal water supply, and as a result, the Kaweah River below the dam is usually regulated for a stable flow year round. The South Fork and the main-stem of the Kaweah both flow into the reservoir and the North Fork joins a short distance upstream. The dam is about 20 miles (32 km) east of Visalia, California, and faces California's Central Valley.^[1]

The earthfill dam is 130 feet (40 m) high and approximately 870 feet (270 m) long, and can control up to a 1,000 year flood.^[2] The dam lies alongside California State Route 198, just before it enters Sequoia National Park.

Built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Terminus Dam was completed in 1962 to provide flood control and water for irrigation. A project to raise the lake 21 feet (6 m) was completed in 2004. The project included the construction of six 21-foot (6 m)-tall fusegates in the spillway. **Terminus Dam** is a dam on the Kaweah River, which serves to form Lake Kaweah.



Dating back almost a century, Kaweah River Valley residents fought to protect their towns from flooding by damming the Kaweah River. Native American sites are scattered throughout the basin with an excellent example of grinding stones at the Kaweah Heritage Visitor Center. Hale Tharp, the first Caucasian to visit the Giant Forest Sequoia grove, lived along what is now Lake Kaweah.



The Kaweah River rises in the southernmost part of the Sierra Nevada and flows southwest into the dry basin of the southern San Joaquin Valley, begin in or near Sequoia National Park. There are five primary forks to the Kaweah River: the Middle Fork, East Fork, North Fork, South Fork and Marble Fork, ordered by size. The Middle Fork, the largest tributary and sometimes considered the main stem of the Kaweah River, rises along the Great Western Divide, fed by a series of lakes, springs and snowfields. The river flows west, passing Moro Rock and crossing underneath California State Route 198, more commonly known as the Generals Highway (the main road through Sequoia National Park) between the confluence with Paradise Creek and the Marble Fork. It receives the Marble Fork from the right, forming the Kaweah River proper, which soon receives the East Fork from the left near Three Rivers.

The **Kaweah River** is an approximately 58.5-mile (94.1 km)-long river in the U.S. state of California. It rises in four major forks in the Sierra Nevada within Sequoia National Park, flowing southwest through the Lake Kaweah reservoir and onto an alluvial plain northeast of Visalia. Formerly the river continued southwest to empty into Tulare Lake, the terminal sink of an endorheic basin in the southern Central Valley. However, the river is heavily diverted for irrigation water, and its lower reaches are dry for most of the year.

The river continues southwest to the confluence with the North Fork from the right, then the South Fork enters from the left just before Lake Kaweah, formed by Terminus Dam, impedes the river's course. After passing out of the dam, the Kaweah receives Dry Creek from the right then curves south through farmland past the town of Lemon Cove. Cottonwood Creek enters from the right and Yokohl Creek from the left. The river then splits into distributaries, including the St. Johns River and Deep Creek. The main channel continues southwest, joining with the Tule River. In wet years, the river occasionally reaches the now-dry Tulare Lake bed, which even emptied into the San Joaquin River during extreme floods through forks of the Kings River.



Kaweah River was known as *Rio San Francisco* by early Spanish explorers, as *Rio San Gabriel* by later Spanish expeditions, and as River Francis (or Frances) by some of the early Americans in the region. The Kaweah River Delta was called the Four Creeks Area because of the four principal distributaries the stream divided into easterly of present-day Visalia—Mill, Packwood, and Outside Creeks and St. Johns River. The name "Kaweah" is of Indian origin and its meaning has not been clearly defined. It has been variously interpreted as meaning "crow cry," "happy land," or simply the area inhabited by the Kaweah Group of Yokuts Indians. The Indians pronounce the word "Ga-We-Hah," with equal accent on each syllable.

The dam provides flood control, irrigation and municipal water supply, and as a result, the Kaweah River below the dam is usually regulated for a stable water supply.



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Kaweah Fly Fishers will once again take over Kelsey Bass Ranch for the Memorial Day weekend. The ranch is located between Snelling and Lake McSwain. It is \$100/rod/day to fish Saturday and/or Sunday. You may dry camp Friday through Sunday night. This year I intend to feed participants Saturday and Sunday for all meals. Donations to Kaweah Fly Fishers will be accepted for food. Members, their guests and friends from other clubs are welcome to try some solid quality bass fishing.

There is no alcohol allowed on the Lake and life vests must be worn for night fishing. You can fish from the bank, float tube, canoe or even launch a full on bass boat. I enjoy the quiet beauty of what the Valley may have looked like in years gone by.

If you plan to go, please let me know so I can plan chow. It is fine to pay there or bring a check to Mark Bonar, KFF treasurer, at our meeting or send it to our mailbox (Kaweah Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 3704, Visalia, CA 93278) . I hope you can make it even for a day. We had a great turnout last year and everyone had a fine time.

Contact Mark Cave at mdcave@sbcglobal.net



From the desk William Carnazzo, Department of Fish & Game

April 4, 2012

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Suction Dredge Mining—

Honorable Governor Brown:

On February 17, 2012, the Department of Fish and Game (“DFG”) issued a set of revised draft regulations for issuance of suction dredge mining permits. A comment period of 17 days, ending on March 5, 2012, was set in the notice that accompanied the revised regulations. DFG has also stated that it intends to issue the “Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report” on March 7, 2012, just two days following close of the comment period on the regulations.

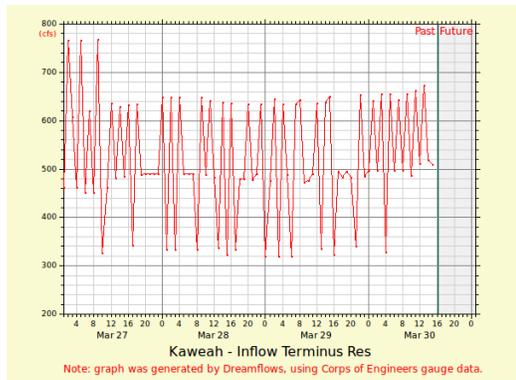
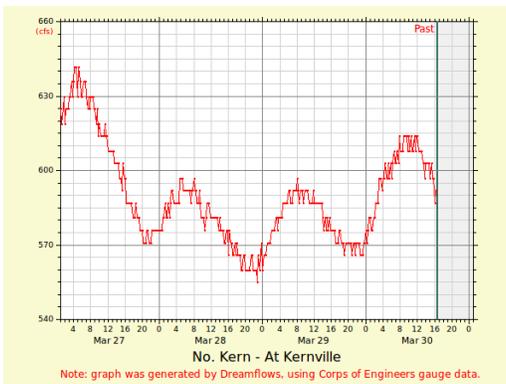
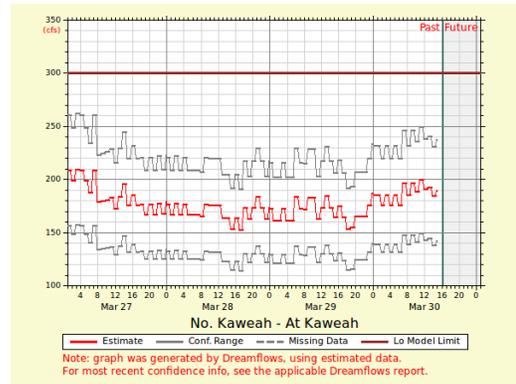
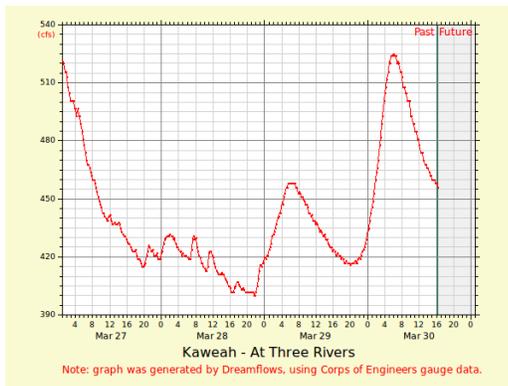
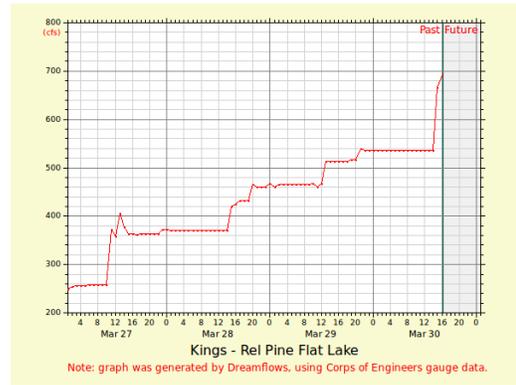
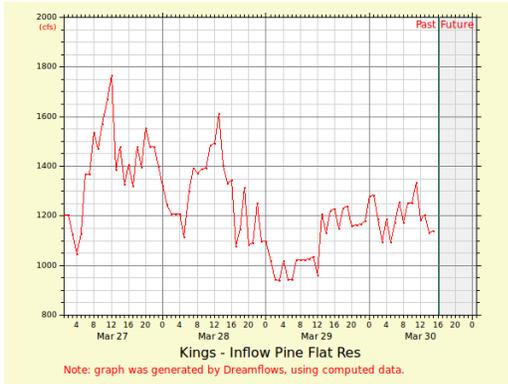
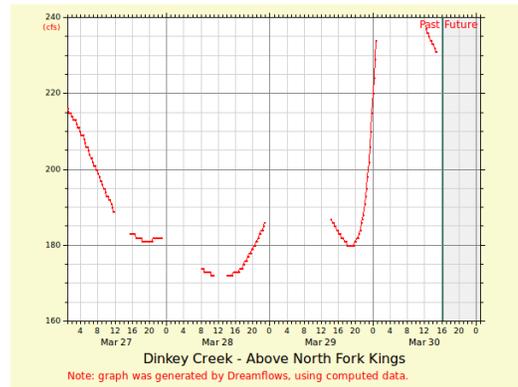
The 17 day comment period for the currently proposed regulations is far too short to allow the large number of persons and organizations statewide, who commented on the previous version, to review, digest, understand and provide cogent comments on the current draft regulations. This period should be extended to at least 45 days. There appears no logical reason for such a short period, and none is offered by DFG. This is a highly controversial and complex subject, and more time is clearly needed.

The problem is further complicated by the fact that DFG has stated that it intends to release its Final Supplemental EIR on March 7, 2012, as mentioned above. From this mere two-day hiatus between the closure of the regulations comment period and issuance of the EIR, it appears that DFG either expects no significant comments on the regulations that would need to be addressed in the EIR, or it intends to ignore comments entirely. Neither premise is acceptable. Furthermore, it is difficult to comment on the regulations without having the EIR in hand, so that DFG’s reasoning and rationale for the various provisions of the regulations, can be taken into account in commenting on the regulations. In the aborted process that preceded your signature of AB 120 on July 26, 2011, DFG issued its then-proposed revised regulations along with its draft EIR.

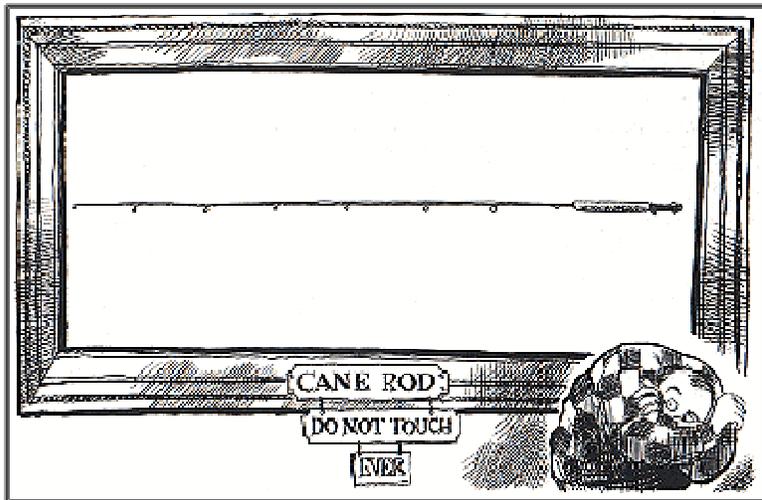
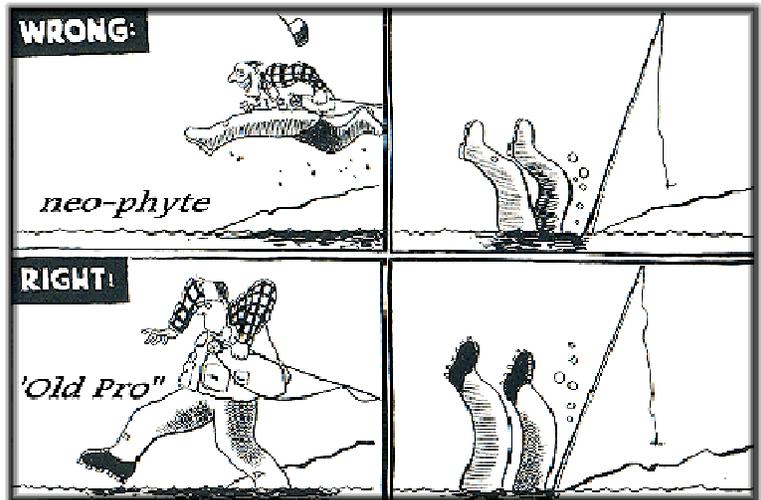
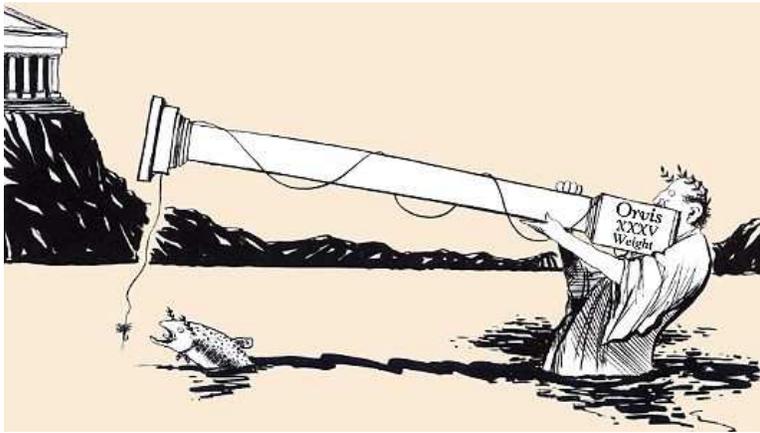
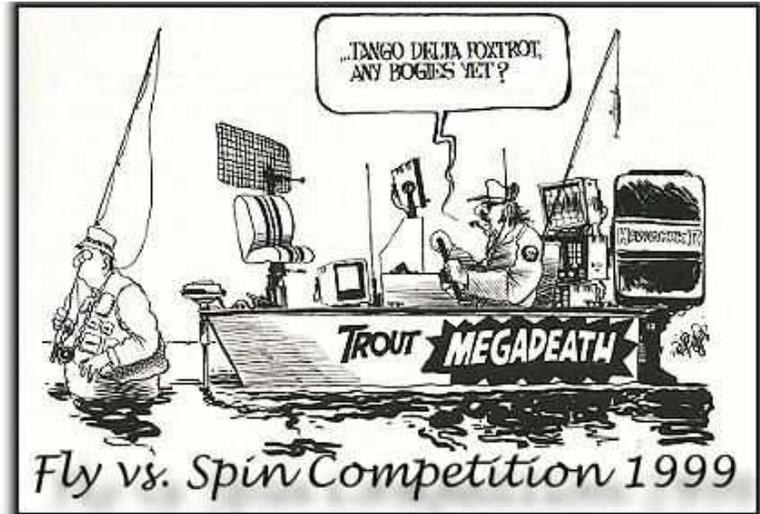
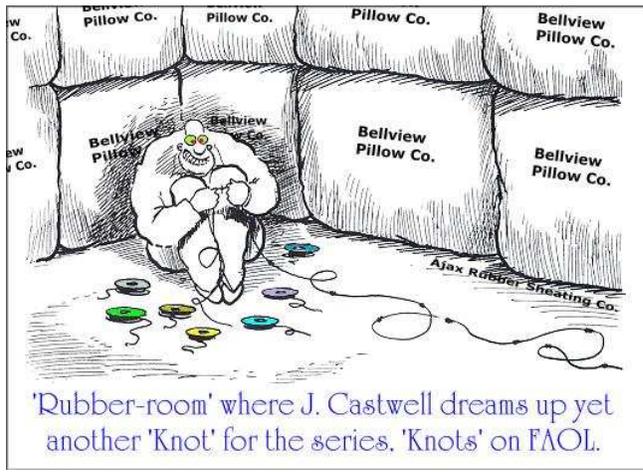
It is respectfully requested that you order Mr. Chuck Bonham, Director of the Department of Fish & Game, to lengthen the comment period to at least 45 days, and to provide the Final Supplemental EIR to the public so that it can be used to assist in formulation of intelligent comments on the proposed revised regulations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Local River Flows



Fish Tales



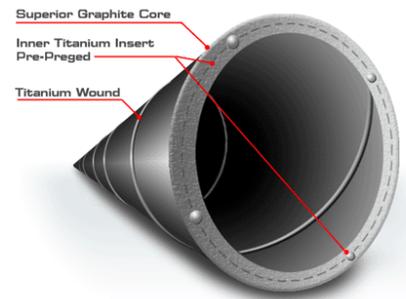
Tying Instructions: Barr's Damsel

1. Tie in small Black Chain eyes just behind the eye of the hook , leaving enough room to tie off. Lay a thread base back along the shank of the hook to just behind the hook barb.
2. Tie in an Olive marabou tail that is about half the hook shank length. Wrap the marabou up to the thorax location and bring thread back to the base of the tail.
3. Attach a monofilament ribbing and also a plastic strip about 1/4" wide to the tail tie-off position.
4. Dub Olive Brown Scintilla to the thread and start the dubbing at the tail-in position. Try to keep this as thin as possible.
5. Dub over the marabou abdomen with Olive Brown Scintilla. Stop just past the midway point on the shank.
6. Bring the plastic strip over the abdomen and secure with thread wraps. Wrap the monofilament ribbing over the plastic up to the thorax region and tie off.
7. Dub a thorax of Olive Brown Scintilla.
8. Tie in an Olive Mallard Flank Hackle and adjust the fibers so that they extend just past the thorax from each side.
9. Bring the plastic wingcase over the thorax and secure.
10. Apply more dubbing to the thread .
11. Wrap the Olive Brown Scintilla dubbing over the mono eyes to form a head.
12. Tie off and Whip finish. Tease out a number of fibers from below the fly with a piece of Velcro and sweep back.

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 Visit the Clubs web-site at www.kaweahflyfishers.org

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>INFORMATION</i>
Wed	April 18th	KFFF Casting Classes	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Tues	April 24th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb Olive Partridge & Foam Backed humpy	7pm – 9pm at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village
Wed	April 125h	KFFF Casting Classes	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 28th</i>		OPENING DAY OF TROUT FISHING SEASON!!!
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 28th</i>	Open House & free BBQ Yosemite Rivers Fly Shop	12pm – 3pm , 40827 Hwy 41 In Oakhurst, CA 559-641-7788 . See page 12 for more information
Wed	May 2nd	KFFF Casting Classes	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
<i>Friday Night</i>	<i>May 5th</i>	Club meeting - Tony Krizan presents- Ansel Adam's Wilderness	7:30pm – 9:30pm at the LifeStyle Center, 5105 Cypress, Visalia . Tony Krizan, writer, author, photographer, hiker and adventurer. For the last 30 years he has been hiking the remote regions of our Sierra Nevada Mountains. Over the years he has gathered information and photos to share with you of this precious wilderness. Tony said that "At times history and wilderness cross paths and hopefully my slide show presentation will awaken a few memories from your past. This evening I'll be focusing on the Ansel Adam's Wilderness. The silver screen will bring to you those familiar areas such as Mono Hot Springs, Edison Lake, Florence Lake and Devils Bathtub. Plan your day hikes and venture into the surrounding mountains to enjoy fly fishing at those hidden smaller lakes. Don't forget to test your skills along the historic San Joaquin River. "My website (www.sierrahilite.com) will have photos and a link to Mono Hot Springs. Enjoy the wilderness, Tony Krizan



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