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Kings River Conservancy Gives Money to Help Fund Extra Warden Patrols.

The Kings River Conservancy donated \$7,200 to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to fund additional warden patrols along the Kings River. The money will directly benefit sport fishing to help stop poachers along the river.

Each year the Kings River Conservancy hosts the Frank Jones Memorial Warden Patrol Fund Barbeque to raise money. The funds raised at the barbeque are matched by the Edward K. Martin Family Foundation administered by the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF). CVCF will be giving KRC an additional \$8,000 to fund this project.

“A huge thank you to the Kings River Conservancy for their generous and continued support for law enforcement efforts along the Kings River,” said Nathan Smith, wildlife officer, Department of Fish and Wildlife. “We are grateful for our partnership. This donation will greatly assist in the enforcement of special regulations along the Kings River.”

Over the past nine years in excess of \$115,000 has been raised by this effort and has been effective in enforcing fishing regulations along the river. The increased warden patrols help ensure fishers are releasing and abiding by other limits.

“Among the many accomplishments of the Kings River Conservancy, our collaboration and partnership with the Department of Fish and Wildlife is one of the very best,” said Nancy Jones, Kings River Conservancy board member. “It provides both financial assistance and

visible recognition of support in our efforts to Save The Kings.”

Jones’ husband Frank enjoyed catch-and-release fishing on the Kings River and throughout the U.S., as well as in Argentina and Canada with both family and friends. An annual barbecue is held to raise money for the California Department of Fish and Game and is named in Mr. Jones’ honor.

The Kings River Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to encourage public safety and sound public conservation practices along the Kings River corridor from Pine Flat Dam to Highway 99. To protect, enhance and educate more about the Kings River. They participate in functions such as invasive species removal, a trout incubator house to release trout into the river, adding warden patrols and maintaining safe public trails and access points along the river.

For more information about the Kings River Conservancy contact the Kings River Conservancy at 559-787-9500 or visit www.kingsriverconservancy.org.

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