



**Chico  
Grange  
Hall  
486**

**AQUALLIANCE**  
DEFENDING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATERS

## **PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Release**

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### **MAKING WAVES to DEFEND Sacramento Valley Waters**

**Chico, February 12, 2013** – The Chico Grange is hosting a dance and AquAlliance presentation to defend waters in the northern Sacramento Valley. Wealthy, politically connected water districts south of the Delta have wanted northstate ground water for decades. They have already destroyed the abundant natural bounty of south-state watersheds by irrigating marginal lands, transferring massive amounts of water, and excessive ground water pumping. If you follow the money behind this transfer project, you will find desert agriculture south of the Delta with *junior* water rights pressing to abscond with more northstate water for private profit.

#### **Why worry?**

State and Federal water agencies (agencies) are moving rapidly forward to implement ground water banking in the Tuscan aquifer system that is under Butte, Glenn, and part of Colusa counties. To accomplish this there must be storage space created underground. Irrigation districts in Butte, Glenn, and Sutter counties have been developing huge production wells in the shared Tuscan aquifer system funded by the agencies that want to squeeze more water from the Sacramento Valley. If emptying the aquifer is accelerated as the agencies hope, which would create storage space, ground water exploitation would commence in earnest. Aquifer overdraft will not only affect wells, but is likely to impact overlying vegetation and stream-flow that depend on groundwater.

There will be live live dance music a silent auction, with drinks and food available for purchase.

**What: MAKING WAVES to DEFEND Sacramento Valley Waters dance and presentation**

**When: Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 7p.m. to midnight**

**Where: Chico Grange, 2775 Nord Avenue, Chico (<http://chicogrango.org/>)**

**Who: Chico Grange and AquAlliance**

**Music: Three Fingers Whiskey**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**The Chico Grange**, a subordinate of the National Grange, is known as a community service organization, with a mission to promote healthy local agriculture, environmental stewardship, and a vibrant community. Chico Grange #486 is one of the Granges established in Butte County.

#### **AquAlliance Mission Statement**

Water means life. Flora and fauna, land and people exist only with this essential element. High in the mountains, creeks and rivers commence their journey through majestic forests, oak woodlands, wetland savannas, and working lands before joining the mother river, the great Sacramento. AquAlliance exists to defend northern California waters