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RIVER EXCHANGE HIRES DAN OLSTEIN AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dunsmuir, CA- After receiving many qualified applications for the open Executive Director position, the River Exchange has hired Dan Olstein of San Francisco to start work in early October. Dan will replace Dea Knox of Mt. Shasta, and will round out the existing staff team, consisting of Robin Singler as Administrative Director and Phyllis Skalko as Finance Director.

Dan's background includes extensive work over the past twelve years with the Nature Conservancy, an international non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of plants, animals and natural habitats for future generations. With the Nature Conservancy, Dan has served as a land steward, planner, and project manager in Florida, North Carolina and California. His most recent position was Project Director of the Nature Conservancy's 1.5 million acre Mount Hamilton Project in the Central Coast. In this role, Dan garnered experience in working with water districts, open space districts, land trusts, and local landowners to secure funding for floodplain easements and restoration programs. Dan also serves as the chair of the steering committee for the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition, where he promoted communication among diverse stakeholders regarding water quality, wildlife management and multiple-use land management.

"The River Exchange's role in the Upper Sacramento River region is unique and expanding, especially in light of the two-year Integrated Regional Water Management Planning process that has just begun," says Dan Olstein. "I am excited to bring my skills and passion for conservation and community-building to the River Exchange's dedicated team."

Founded in 1996, the River Exchange is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting healthy watersheds through community involvement in education, stewardship and restoration. For more information about the River Exchange visit www.riverexchange.org, email mail@riverexchange.org or call (530) 235-2012.

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