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Riverflow

The Right to Keep Water Instream

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of the California State Water
Resources Control Board



There are many people and places connected to rivers: fishermen whose livelihood depends on river ecosystems, farms that need irrigation, indigenous groups whose cultures rely on fish and flowing waters, cities whose electricity comes from hydroelectric dams, and citizens who seek wild nature. For all of these people, instream flow is vitally important to where and how they live and work. *Riverflow* reveals the diverse and creative ways people are using the law to restore rivers, from the Columbia, Colorado, Klamath and Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds in America, to the watersheds of the Tweed in England and Scotland, the Fraser in Canada, the Saru in Japan, the Nile in North Africa, and the Tigris-Euphrates in the Middle East. *Riverflow* documents that we already have the legal tools to preserve the ecological integrity of our waterways; the question is whether we have the political will to deploy these tools effectively.

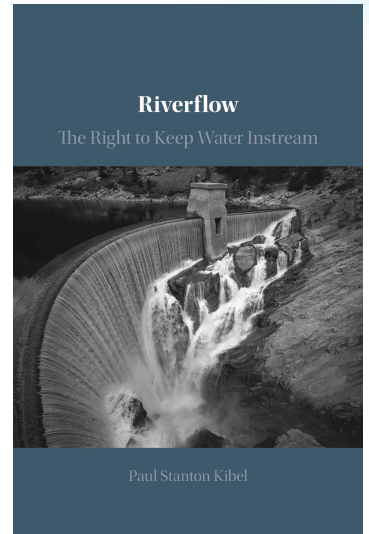
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'Riverflow is not an academically remote piece of scholarship but rather an inventory and revelation of how the law has been and can be deployed to preserve the instream values of rivers.' **Felicia Marcus**, *Former Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board*

'As a water law practitioner for the past several decades, I have witnessed the interplay between federal and state law in efforts to address the decline in the nation's fishery resources. Professor Kibel's focus on state law remedies to confront this existential threat to our fisheries is a critical reminder of the alternatives available to correct this decline when, as under the Trump administration, the federal government's environmental commitment has diminished or vanished completely.' **Clifford T. Lee**, *Former Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice*

'Professor Kibel offers the most advanced, in-depth analysis I have come across so far of instream rights. This masterful, comprehensive coverage of the subject from a US water law perspective compellingly dissects such an awesomely vast panoply of contemporary water law topics that any scholar and any practitioner of water and environmental law will feel compelled to drink from this book.' **Stefano Burchi**, *Chairman of the Executive Council, International Association for Water Law (AIDA)*

'Riverflow carefully analyses, among other matters, the myriad conflicts which have arisen from the often massive impact of water development on lakes and rivers, and the species they support. The book considers instream rights in a variety of contexts, both in the US and elsewhere, and it also reviews instream water use where rights are not an issue. Riverflow is a 'must read' for anyone who cares about instream flows.' **Harrison C. Dunning**, *Emeritus Professor of Law, University of California, Davis, School of Law*



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