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Reg.: California Red Legged Frog

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are asked to believe that the California Red Legged Frog is the fabled frog Mark Twain wrote about. Evidence suggests the contrary. The California Red Legged Frog is said to have made it into the San Francisco restaurants and was eaten by the thousands. The CRLF is only 2 to 5 inches long. This means it is too small to be eaten. You only eat frog's legs and this would be like eating toothpicks. Furthermore, it should be noted that a recent article in the Calaveras Enterprise says the following;

***"Basey came under fire from several people for his claim that the red-legged frog was the famed jumping frog from Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." Basey set the record straight after the meeting.***

***"In the 1970s, it dawned on me that if there was any truth to the Mark Twain story the winner of that contest would have to be the red-legged frog because bullfrogs did not exist in California until 1922," he said. "I was making presentations across the state at that time, and said the jumping frog was a red-legged frog to make my speeches more interesting."***

So Mr. Basey was just trying to make himself sound more interesting. It should be noted that Samuel Clemmons AKA Mark Twain was a "fable" (fiction) writer. He was neither a biologist nor historian. When Californian's are losing their homes, can't feed their children and when teachers, firefighters and law enforcement officers are losing their jobs, billions of taxpayer dollars are being spent on what amounts to a lie. We are being told that the CRLF has been found in areas where they were believed to be extinct. Just as likely they have migrated into areas where they never previously existed. The CRLF lays 2000 to 6000 eggs and lives 10 years. How can this amphibian be endangered? It sounds more like it is prolific and should be removed from the threatened/endangered species list. Should we add the common mosquito to the threatened species list because it is the mainstay of the CRLF's diet? It is time to stop this taxpayer sponsored boondoggle.

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