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## Labor Day booze ban fails, floaters can still drink on Sacramento River

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**WILLOWS** — The effort to ban alcohol consumption and possession of open containers Labor Day weekend on a popular floating stretch of the Sacramento River failed by one vote today.

The Glenn County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 for the urgency ordinance, which required at least four supervisors in support to be enforced.

Though the Butte County Board of Supervisors passed the restriction unanimously Aug. 23, Glenn County also had to support it for law to become effective. Glenn board Chairman Steve Soeth and Supervisor Dwight Foltz dissented, defeating the prohibition.

The ordinance would have made it illegal to drink alcohol or possess an open container during the holiday weekend from the Highway 32 bridge to the mouth of Big Chico Creek on the river. It would have also prohibited drinking and possession on the riverbank within 50 feet of the water's edge. The ban would have run from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 11:59 p.m. Labor Day Monday.

During past Labor Day weekends, as many as 20,000 people in tubes, rafts and homemade floating devices jammed that section of river.

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