

# california state park rangers association REPORTER

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## DECEMBER BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

*Scanners, Mike Lynch*

Mike led a discussion of the difficulty of getting permission to purchase scanners.

The Board recommended that President Verardo request the Associate Director of Operations authorize the area managers to purchase scanners at their discretion.

*Park Transfers, John Kolb*

John led a discussion of a proposal by him to oppose further transfer of State Park lands to the National Park System.

Motion by Culbertson, seconded by Donahue, that we support John Kolb's proposal with additional reasons. Carried - unanimous.

### *Hunting Bears, Mike Lynch*

Mike led a discussion of hunting at Auburn area which has been highlighted by the recent killing of a bear in that area.

Motion by Hardcastle, seconded by Donahue, that we request that the Department limit hunting at Auburn to Deer and upland game. Carried - unanimous.

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## 14th ANNUAL

## GENERAL EXECUTIVE

## COUNCIL

## Fresno, California

**March 8 - 11, 1979**

## Details Enclosed

## CSEA / CSPRA Affiliation Agreement Terminated

President Verardo has received confirmation from the Governor's Office of Employee Relations that due to affiliation with CSEA, an employee organization, CSPRA cannot be recognized as a "bona fide association." Subsequently, Verardo has informed CSEA that CSPRA considers that agreement null and void.

President Verardo clarified our new posture stating: "CSP RA will, in its official policy correspondence, remain neutral in employee representation matters so as to conform with the Governor's guidelines."





Denzil R. Verardo, President

## california state park rangers association

**PRESIDENT:**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

With the recent passage of the National Park and Recreation Act of 1978 (S791), the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is well on its way to becoming a reality. An NPS Superintendent, Robert Chandler, has been appointed to oversee the acquisition and development of the area. As was mentioned in the last *Reporter*, the NPS has \$155 million for acquisition in the Santa Monica Mountains, a large sum of monies, to say the least. \$500,000 is also available for development of public use facilities.

There is, unfortunately, a good deal of mis-information as to what the Santa Monica portion of the NP & R Act actually provides for, and what its impact on the State Park System might be. The language of the Bill is quite clear in some aspects. First, private property purchasing will be done according to a boundary map already in existence. Any Federal property in the area will be transferred to the National Recreation Area. State lands may be acquired by donation or ex-

change, except that lands purchased by the State after the date of enactment may be acquired by purchase (this is significantly different from the legislation which created Redwood National Park in that lands *can be* exchanged). An Advisory Commission is established under the act to forward to the Secretary of the Interior its recommendations regarding future management, ownership and operation of the recreation area. These recommendations must be completed by January 1, 1981. The Advisory Commission will be composed of nine members - - five appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one each appointed by the Governor, the Mayor of Los Angeles, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

By January 1, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior must submit to Congress a report incorporating the Advisory Commission's recommendations which shall (1) assess the benefits and costs of continued NPS

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP OFFERED

The National Park Service and West Valley College in Saratoga are offering a Park Management Workshop at the College entitled "The Park Ranger, Enforcement Without Weapons". The program will begin January 29, 1979 and end February 2, 1979. The registration fee is \$30.00, everyone will have to provide his or her own lodging and meals. The workshop objective and course content is listed below.

A. Workshop Objectives

1. Learning the principles and procedures of handling disturbed people and people in conflict situations.
2. Learning methods of self-protections.
3. Learning methods of maintaining the Ranger image.

B. Course Content

Monday, January 29

- 8:30 - Registration & Welcome
- 9:00 - Ethics & Conduct
- 13:00 - The Ranger Image

Tuesday, January 30

- 8:30 - Ranger Services
- 13:30 - Juveniles
- 15:30 - Detention & Arrest

Wednesday, January 31

- 8:30 - Ranger Survival  
(bring gym clothes)

Thursday, February 1

- 8:30 - Non-lethal chemicals
- 13:30 - Patrol Procedures

Friday, February 2

- 8:30 - Abnormal Behavior
- 10:30 - Problems of Small Parks

The teaching staff for the workshop will include:

1. Herb Gerche, Pt. Reyes Nat'l Sea Shore
2. Butch Farabee, Yosemite Nat'l Park
3. Capt. Jim Woolfenden, Nat'l Park Police
4. Doug Morris, Sequoia Nat'l Park
5. Lt. Art Knopf, San Jose Police Dept.
6. Larry Rose, Pinnacles Nat'l Monument
7. Dr. Douglas Harper, M.D.

Anyone wishing to enroll or wanting further information should contact Tom Smith, Park Management Department, West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070.

The attending course should apply to the Department Training section for either Inservice or Outservice training. Should it not be granted, scholarship funds are still available through CSPRA.

Bill Beat  
Ed. & Training Comm.



Due to the recent, unfortunate, killing of a bear within Auburn S.R.A., the California State Park Rangers Association recommends hunting be limited at Auburn to the following conditions:

1. Season: Beginning of deer season until the end of quail season.
2. Species: Deer and resident small game birds in season.
3. Weapons: Deer - bow and arrow or rifle only; small game birds - shotgun only.

The above recommendation would bring Auburn in line with other units of the State Park System where hunting is allowed and would eliminate the taking of animals such as bears, bobcats and coyote while also limiting the type of firearm which may be worn in the area.

Denzil R. Verardo, President

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) supports your efforts in gaining the passage of a California Can and Bottle Bill. As soon as legislation is introduced, please let me know how CSPRA can be of assistance. We will take an active roll in this important environmental matter.

Denzil R. Verardo, President

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Dear Jim:

On behalf of the California State Park Rangers Association, my sincere congratulations on your appointment as a member of the California State Park and Recreation Commission. Your personal insight into parks through your years of experience, coupled with the respect all park people have for your abilities and achievements, makes you a valuable addition to the Commission. Please do not hesitate to request CSPRA's resources, opinions, or recommendations when they might be of aid to the Commission in its State Park System mission.

Again, my congratulations to you on this important appointment and honor.

Sincerely,  
Denzil R. Verardo, President

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**"ST. PARK VISITOR SERVICES ASSISTANT (INT.) - ILL CONCEIVED"**

Park Peace Officer (Int.) both seem to be ill conceived and the reasoning behind their creation invalid for many reasons. Enclosed is the Employee Affairs committee's comments based on rank and file employee membership input.

From a professional viewpoint, the California State Park Rangers Association is opposed to splitting the P.I. class into two new classes. The proposed class changes would increase the tendency toward a ranger series split which is an item this Association vigorously opposes. The State Park Visitor Services Assistant (Int.) and the State

Sincerely

Denzil R. Verardo, President

## REGIONAL OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

**DIRECTOR**

**ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

\* 42 Joe Hardcastle

* Gregory Picard	23
Joe White	6
George Kowatch	15

**DIRECTOR**

**ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

28 Tom Lindberg  
\* 42 Mike Lynch

Ken Smith	28
* Stephen O'Brien	34

**DIRECTOR**

**ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

\* 32 James Peat  
26 John Mott

David Vincent	11
Mike Stalder	6
* Dennis Doberneck	27
Michael lunsford	14

**DIRECTOR**

**ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

\* 15 Hal Hallett  
4 Nora Sterling

* Ron Sanches	16
Phil Claud	3

\* Indicates Elected

## FEATURED

## OPINION

### THE NITCH OF THE STATE PARK SYSTEM IN RELATION TO DIVERSITY AND EXTINCTION

*We have all been impressed from time to time by the similarities between the natural and socio-economic worlds. Certain similarities concerning diversity and extinction and present trends in the State Park System may have significant impact on your future and that of your family.*

In the simplest terms a nitch is defined as the way in which a species makes its' living. Each species is remarkably adapted to occupying a specific nitch far better than all competing species. Specific adaptations to a nitch are often subtle and yet always critical during times of shortage. Two species of Birds for instance, diverge only in the fact that one hunts bark insects from the bottom of a tree to the top while the other hunts from the top to the bottom. Each by being superbly adapted for "doing its thing" secures for itself, especially during times of shortage, its own food supply and thereby insures the survival of its kind.

Competition for resources in the socio-economic world is equally as intense. One can compare two species or organizations of the fast food/hamburger nitch and their subtle yet critical differences; i.e. McDonalds specializes in fast standard serving while Burger King takes more time but does it your way.

In any event failure to effectively occupy a nitch results in eventual extinction. It appears then that a primary consideration of a species or an organization is to "determine its' nitch" and effectively occupy it.


The process of extinction has long interested scientists. Initially it was believed that the primary cause of extinction lies in a species' inability to adapt to changing conditions in his environment. Recent measurements of the ability of living systems to adapt have shown this theory to be inadequate. The process of extinction is apparently more dependent upon over diversity than it is upon over specialization.

During periods of abundance species tend to expand into other niches and interbreed with populations from other habitats. The final results are offspring poorly adapted to either nitch of the parent organisms. As long as a high percentage of a species retains the necessary adaptive genes the species is secure. Once the population or species is overwhelmed by "diversity" types the species can no longer effectively occupy its' nitch or survive during periods of stress or shortage.

Examples of gene pool swamping are easily identified in both the natural and socio-economic worlds. Fish that survived under hatchery conditions are often planted in high sierra streams. Interbreeding takes place and offspring are produced that are neither adapted to stream or hatchery life. The finest recent example of gene pool swamping in the socio-economic arena is the bankruptcy of the Penn-Central Railroad.

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REMOVE AND SAVE FOR REDI-REFERENCE



# 14TH ANNUAL General Executive Council

MARCH 8 - 11, 1979

FRESNO SHERATON

GEC activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8th, with golf, shopping tours and a competition pistol match. In the afternoon a catered picnic sponsored by CSPRA will be held. For those planning to attend, please complete and forward the attached mailer.

**Room Rates:** \$20 single; \$24 double. No extra charge for children as long as extra beds are not furnished. Hotel registration forms will be mailed to membership by February.

**Camping:** Millerton Lake S.R.A., a distance of 20 miles.

**Baby-sitting:** If enough interest is expressed (use attached mailer); facilities and arrangements will be made.

**Workshops:** Panel discussion on "The Changing Role of the SPS," workshop by Project Development Section on the GDP process, work-

shop on "Tax Deductions" and "How to Buy a Home in Southern California With No-Down Payment," an 8-hour workshop conducted by Kodak; and a session to outline and discuss major Department changes - an issue which will become, for many, the issue in the months ahead.

**Disco:** In past years we have hired a band to perform at the dance following the banquet. This year we plan a change to lights, sound and music of the disco scene. There will be sounds all the way back to the 40's and 50's as well as current tunes.

**Registration Fee:** Due to rising costs and to offer professional speakers and programs, the Board decided a GEC registration fee is appropriate. In this way those members attending GEC will share a greater portion of the total cost.

**Registration Fees: Members - \$3.00**

**Non-Members - \$5.00**

**Fees include spouse**

## 1979 GEC PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline for submission is February 22, 1979 (postmarked). Send slide to:

**CSPRA Photo Contest**  
**Kenneth K. Smith**  
**22600 Lake Road**  
**LaGrange, CA 95329**

### Rules:

1. The contest is limited to CSPRA members, their spouses and their children living at home.
2. Each entrant is limited to 4 35 mm or 2x2 slides. Those which can be placed into a Kodak Carousel for projection.
3. The slides must have been taken in a California State, National, Regional, County, or Municipal Park.
4. There are no special categories, but the subject matter should be that which may be used in a campfire program.
5. Label each slide with your name, title of slide, and where photographed.
6. A self-addressed stamped envelope **MUST** be enclosed for the return of your slides.
7. Slides submitted to previous CSPRA Photo Contest **CANNOT** be entered.

Please enclose slides in containers or envelopes which can withstand the rigors of the U. S. Postal Service. All slides will be returned. Judging will be done by professional and amateur photographers in the Sacramento-Stockton area. The best competing slides will be on display all during GEC.

**Kenneth K. Smith**  
**Contest Coordinator**





MAIL TODAY !!!

1979 GEC - FRESNO SHERATON

I and \_\_\_\_\_ other(s) plan to attend:

- ☐ Thursday picnic (no fee) - how many in family will attend.
- ☐ Golf - registration fee (unknown due to fee changes in future).
- ☐ PPC - registration fee of \$5.00 (includes range fee & trophies).
- ☐ Banquet - \$10.50 includes tax & tip (Top Sirloin).
- ☐ Baby-sitting required.
- ☐ Kodak Sunday program - Kodak will put on a 4 hour program in the field if there is enough response.
- ☐ Shopping tour on Thursday, March 8.
- ☐ Antique and Historical tour, March 9.
- ☐ Duncan Ceramics tour - to be arranged if response warrants; this tour may be held on a Thursday due to their schedules.

Send to Dennis McMullin  
P. O. Box 279  
Friant, California

Name

Address

## PHOTOGRAPHIC TEACH-IN

Upon review of the Kodak article in the June-July REPORTER, I discovered that somehow I had omitted half of the Kodak Photographic Teach-in program schedule. The article covered the Introduction; Reviewing the Basics; Using Exposure Controls; Films; Lenses and Lens Attachments; and Depth of Field. The following was omitted.

- **Close-ups** Equipment for close-up photography, including macro lenses, M-rings, bellows, tubes and close-up lenses. Background variations and viewpoint.

- **Lighting** How to see and use its effects for clearer and brighter pictures. How to use its direction to create added dimension. Control of color, intensity, and reflective characteristics.

- **Flash** On - and - off - camera flash. Using both bounce and fill-in techniques. Guide numbers and calculating flash exposure.

- **Existing Light** What it is and how to use it. How it extends the picture-taking range. New films available and push-processing features.

- **Composition** What it is and how to easily understand and use it. Rule of thirds, sample compositional forms, patterns and rhythms, framing.

- **Production and Presentation** Review of projection equipment and audience analysis. Use of storyboards for an opportunity to see a program before it is complete to reduce unnecessary delays and costs. Filing of negatives and slides. Scripting. Adding background music, interviews and sound effects. Multi-image slide mounting techniques, including cropping, sandwiching, montaging, and inserting titles. Stage presence with some simple steps toward a smooth presentation.

- **Finale** If enough interest is expressed, there may be an in the field photographic session on Sunday morning. If you wish to attend the practice session, please confirmed by enclosed mailer so that we can plan accordingly.

KENNETH K. SMITH



## 1979 GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - VOTING CHANGES

Recent action by the Board of Directors has resulted in several changes in the structure of the Association. The most significant of these changes was the elimination of the Regional Delegates. This necessitated a change in the Associations Bylaws and, of course, a change in the voting procedure at GEC.

Any issue before the General Executive Council which, in the past, required a vote of the delegates, will now be decided by a vote of the Active and Active Retired members present at the time the issue comes before the Executive Council. Active and Active Retired members will constitute the delegates to the Executive Council. (Article IV [Bylaws] Section 2).

The elimination of Regional Delegates became possible after changes were made in the resolution procedure. It became apparent after the 1978 GEC that very few resolutions are heard at the Executive Council. Inasmuch as resolutions were the main issues voted upon by the delegates to the council, it followed that the delegates were really unnecessary and created an unneeded expense to Association members. Travel and per diem costs of delegates made up a large portion of GEC expenses.

The action of the Board was an effort to lower the costs of GEC which allows more direct benefits and services to the members.

Ron McCall, Chairman; Constitution and Bylaws Committee

How does all this effect you and the State Park System? Ask yourself the following:

Are priorities changing to the point that our original mission is becoming lost in the dust?

Are you and the State Park System immune from the governing laws of the natural and socio-economic worlds?

by Steve O'Brien



1979 GEC . . . Ken Smith &amp; Dennis McMullin

## BOARD ACTION Cont.

### *Californians Against Waste,*

*Denzil Verardo*

Denzil reported that the Californians Against Waste had requested that we support Senate Bill 4, a beverage bottle and can bill.

Motion Hardcastle, seconded by Flatt, that we support Senate Bill 4 if it has no wording that might make it objectionable. Carried - unanimous.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**78-7** Kowatch amend Constitution and Bylaws to increase number of alternate Regional Directors.

Motion Lynch, seconded Troy, that Resolution 78-7 be defeated with explanation sent to Kowatch. Carried.

Reasons for opposition include:

Geographical representation available through Region's Executive Committee.

Resolve clauses do not correct problems listed in whereas clauses.

Increased cost.

Total problem of representation needs review.

Reorganization of Operations Division may have effect on our organizational structure.

**78-8** O'Brien minimal physical fitness for Peace Officers Passed - unanimous.

**78-9** O'Brien limit take over of parks by film companies. Passed - unanimous.

**78-10** O'Brien poll membership

to determine whether they would like the option of carrying a 2" 38 cal. weapon. Passed - 8 yes, 1 no.

**78-11** O'Brien prime objective of CSPRA for 1979-80 to be definition of the proper role of the State Park System. Defeated - unanimous.

### Generators - Denzil Verardo

At the last Park and Recreation commission meeting the subject of Generators came up the commission wants to restrict the use of generators. Denzil will send a copy of the resolution, to be furnished by Doug, that we passed several years ago regarding generators to the Park and Recreation Commission.

### *Permanent Intermittent Split,* *Bob Culbertson*

After a lengthy discussion of the problems involved in this split Bob Culbertson made a motion that a letter be written opposing this split. Price seconded. Carried - unanimous.

### *Next Mini-GEC*

Region VI to host next September.

Open discussion of Task force action and cuts and their effect. No action taken.

GEC Expense Guidelines - Verardo officers, active committee chairman paid for Friday and Saturday. Unactive Committee Chairman will be paid for Friday only.

Alternate Regional Directors will not leave their expenses paid unless they are attending in place of the Regional Director.

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POLICY

Meeting in Sacramento, California on December 2, 1978, the Board of Directors of the California State Park Rangers Association adopted the following policy:

1. The Association supports the efforts of the past 50 years of the California State Park System in acquiring, developing, protecting and interpreting parks for the inspiration and enjoyment of the people.
2. The Association supports California State Government and encourages it to maintain a park system which offers a balanced system of parks with scenic, recreational or historic significance to the people of California. To be significant, the park should have appeal beyond the local area of the park itself, and should be an important resource for many Californians.
3. The Association opposes the transfer of State Park Units to other governmental agencies for the following reasons:
  - a. There is no net gain in land for preservation or recreational purposes.
  - b. Many State Park units have been acquired through public purchase with money obtained through the sale of government bonds. California citizens are then asked to pay off the bonds on parks no longer owned by the State.
  - c. State control of parks can offer more responsive management for the particular needs of Californians.
  - d. In some instances we have actually paid the Federal Government for land and then transferred the same land back at no return to the State.
  - e. There are numerous other reasons as to why the State should operate lands of Statewide significance, or lands which the public has essentially voted to become State Parks specifically.
4. In the case of State Park units which are not now of statewide significance, the Association supports transfer to other governmental agencies with compensation either in cash at market value or by exchange for other appropriate park lands.
5. Other transfers will be opposed by this Association through a concerted public information campaign, unless the Board of Directors of the Association deems the transfer to be in the best interest of Californians.

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Santa Rosa, California 95401

## NEW GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIPS

Each person wishing to apply for scholarship funds must provide the following to the Education and Training Committee.

1. A summary of the candidate's educational background including his major, minor, and school attended.
2. A statement explaining why the candidate wishes to attend and how his attendance will benefit the park visitors (be specific - how many programs will the candidate be presenting in the upcoming year).
3. A stated willingness to pay his or her own travel expenses and incidental expenses.
4. A willingness to use personal vacation time to travel to attend and travel home from the camp.
5. A signed statement from the candidate's Supervisor expressing a willingness to allow the candidate to take vacation time to attend the camp should he be selected.

Those wishing to apply for scholarships should send the above information to the CSPRA Education and Training Committee Chairman, Bill Beat, P. O. Box 65, Castella, CA 96017.

Anyone wishing to apply should do so as soon as possible as the camp will only take a limited number of applications each year.

All information requested of the candidate must be included in order for him / her to be considered. Candidates should attempt to get partial scholarship help from other sources such as their local Audubon Chapter. The CSPRA Scholarship Committee will grant scholarships based upon funds available and evaluation of the candidate's educational background and need for the training.

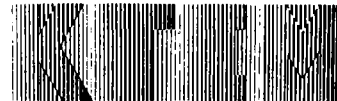
## CALENDAR

GEC Ad Sales Deadline  
..... 1/3/79

Audubon Scholarship Requests  
..... ASAP!

GEC Photo Contest  
..... 2/22/79

GEC - Fresno  
..... 3/8-11/79



(the North Bay Noise from  
San Rafael)

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*THE MOUNT TAM RANGERS*

*Bob Walker      Roy Flatt*  
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For Performing Extraordinary  
Service to Radio Listeners in  
the Bay Area.

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- - Denzil R. Verardo, President

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## CSPRA OPPOSES FILM COMPANY TAKE-OVERS

*The following resolution was unanimously endorsed by the Board of Directors and forwarded to Director Cabill for Consideration.*

Whereas the citizens of California have paid for the acquisition, development and operation of the State Parks;

and whereas the filming of commercial films of a non-historic or documentary nature do not contribute to the furtherment of park values;

and whereas the Director recently approved the virtual take-over of Columbia SHP by a movie company for several weeks which ruined the interpretive program during its peak school use period and excluded the public from the major portion of the park;

and whereas all levels of the department disapproved this temporary giveaway of a

unit of the State Park System;

Be it resolved that CSPRA contact the Director and request an agreement be made by which such unnecessary exploitation of units of the State Park System will be prohibited;

And be it further resolved that if the Director can not make such an agreement, due to political considerations, that CSPRA contact members of the State Parks and Recreation Commission and request that Policy No. 26 be strengthened to prohibit the take-overs of units of the SPS by film companies when such take-overs are not of an historic or documentary nature and deprive the public of their interpretive experience.

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