



## NEWSLETTER



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## **Board Meeting**

The CSPRA Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting June 6, 1981 in Sacramento. Present were: President Verardo; Vice President Lynch; Region I Director Robert Allen and Executive Secretary Bryce. Absent were: Region II Director John Lunday; Region III Director G.E. Waggoner; Region IV Director Don Caffey: Region V Director Mike Curry and Region VI Director Louis Wakefield. Committees represented were: Environmental Issues, John Mott and Newsletter, Jeff Price. Voting by proxy were Doug Bryce, Region II; Mike Kania, Region III; and Jeff Price, Region V. Regions IV and VI were unrepresented. A quorum was present.

Concern has been expressed to various CSPRA officers by Area Managers regarding representation. It appears some Managers are frightened since they feel "left out" by bargaining and representation. Several Managers are unsure of how to get heard on issues such as the curious upgrading of Los Lagos, Folsom and San Simeon to Manager V Areas. The President continues to stay clear of employee representation issues. continued pg 3



CSPRA Again to Aid in Sponsoring Special Olympics

The Board of Directors of CSPRA voted once again to give monetary support to the Special Olympics. CSPRA has co-sponsored the run to benefit the Olympics since 1979, the event's first year.

Anyone wishing to jog in the "Special Olympics" as part of a <u>CSPRA</u> team, please contact President Denzil Verardo (home 408-633-2726). The team will jog as a group to show our support for the special people the Olympics benefit.



## REBELLION

FEDERAL LANDS - A THING OF THE PAST?

What do you think would happen to all the resources in the National Forests and BLM lands if they were transferred to State ownership? Most states don't have the manpower or money to manage them, so they would be sold. is the whole thrust of the Sagebrush Rebellion. California has already passed legislation to transfer Federal lands within it's boundaries to State ownership but before this happens, the U.S. Congress has to pass it's own legislation doing the same. This legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Hatch of Utah, and Congressman Santini of Nevada. If this legislation were to pass, nearly 700 million acres of Federal lands in 11 western states would go to State ownership, but the state wouldn't have the funds to manage them so they would be sold. A well funded organization called LASER (League for the Advancement of States Equal Rights) has a 1981 budget of \$1,538,000 to lobby this issue. LASER members are made up of oilmen, miners, cattlemen and timbermen.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Heidi Doyle Oxnard

Catherine L. Palacios



## **ECTIONS**

Elections Coming Soon!! In November of this year CSPRA will be holding elections for several Board of Directors slots, as well as for President and Vice President. If you are interested in running, or know someone who is, make your interest known now!

## Los Angeles to Mono Lake

## BIKE-A-THON

CSPRA would like to have several members ride part or all of the LA - Mono Lake Bike-a-thon. If you are interested in riding and being sponsored by CSPRA, please call John Mott at home (408) 438-6763 or write him at 2977 Graham Hill Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. CSPRA has pledged 10¢ per mile for any member who will participate. The Mono Lake Committee gives us the following info:

We will bicycle out of Los Angeles on Tuesday, September 1, and arrive at Mono Lake on Sunday, September 6th. To symbolize our commitment. we will each carry a vial of L.A. water

back to Mono Lake (this ancient lake is shrinking and dying because its major tributary streams have been diverted into the L.A. aqueduct).

JOIN US! If you cannot make the entire 350 mile journey across deserts and mountains, we O HONO LAKE would like to have you along for at least the first

few miles. Or join us anywhere along the route.

WE ALSO
NEED YOUR
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT.
Pledge a
nickel, dime,

dollar or whatever per mile to the bicyclist of your choice. Contributions can be tax-deductible."

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact:

The Mono Lake Committee, 1355 Westwood Blvd. #212, Los Angeles, CA 90024

(213) 477-8229

LOS ANGELES

The Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541 (714) 647-6386

Bike-a-thon Coordinator, David Heine, 15053 Indian Springs Road Rough and Ready, CA 95975

## Apologies

Our "Parks for Profit" article in the May '81 Newsletter contained an incorrect statement regarding former DPR Director William Penn Mott Jr. The misinformation originated in a Santa Cruz Sentinel editorial of April 12. 1981. The editorial stated that Mr. Mott "recommended a program years ago" for intensive commercial development of DPR units in Santa Cruz County. (In truth, Mr. Mott never recommended any such program.) In paraphrasing the editorial, our article asserted "William Penn Mott (was) recommending such a program..."

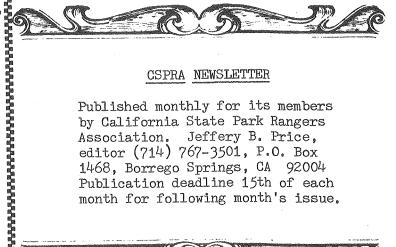
Recently the Newsletter learned that Mr. Mott was misrepresented. He has assured CSPRA that he never supported and remains opposed to the Sentinel's intensive development proposals for State Park units in Santa Cruz County. CSPRA regrets any misunderstandings or inconvenience caused by our reporting of incorrect information from the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

#### NAMESAKES

It seems the list of items bearing the name RANGER goes on and on. Bob Foster, Big Sur, writes his area has a 1 gallon metal can labeled....

> "Park Ranger Stove and Lantern Fuel"

... from The Chase Co., Pacoima, CA. Bob also notes the can has a picture of "Yogi The Bear" and his foil, "Mr. Ranger".



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#### from pg 1 REBELLION

Can you imagine these special interest groups owning all National Forest & BLM lands and how well they would protect and manage our current Federal resources. All I can see is destroyed resources and no trespassing signs. This may all seem far fetched, but eight of the fourteen major committees of the Senate are chaired by western Republicans and both Pres. Reagan and Sec. of Interior Watt are avowed Sagebrush Rebels. If you don't like the sound of this, please join CSPRA in writing your U.S. Congressman & Senator in opposing the Sagebrush Rebellion.

R.L. Allen, Northern Regional Director

#### from pg 1 BOARD MEETING

Ranger Craig Burke made a short presentation to the Board seeking financial support for the pistol team that currently competes under State Park Ranger title. Burke explained how pistol matches are set up, various classes of competition and how expenses are growing.

In 1976 the Ranger team began by competing in the Expert Class, then moved up in 1977 to the Distinguished Master Class where they placed in the top two, and then in 1980 moved up to compete with the "best of the best" in the Grand Master Class. Currently in this years competition the Ranger Team is in the top 5 and has a chance to win California and go to the National Championships.

Burke said that as a Firearms Instructor he has seen PPC scores go up dramatically over the past 4 years. As Rangers become more familiar with handling firearms he hopes others will become interested in competing.

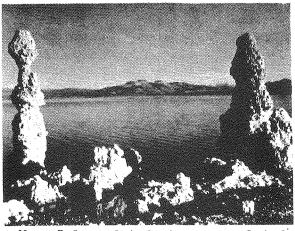
If the Ranger team goes to the Nationals, it will give California Rangers national exposure and recognition in this one area of professional excellence.

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A MYSTERIOUS, COOL, WHOSE SEED-YOU ARE NOW DAMP, DARK, PLANT LINGS BEGAN ENTERING A COMMUNITY ... TO GERMINATE PRIMEVAL HAVING UNIQUE AND UNBELIEVABLE .. MORE THAN REDWOOD 1500 YEARS AGO. FOR EST ... QUIET HONEY, I THOUGHT I HEARD

"Mono Lake is an important symbol telling California that there are limits. The state has a limited carrying capacity, and we better pay attention to the signals that tell us we are reaching it."

-Huey Johnson,
California Secretary of Resources



Mono Lake and tufa towers - slated for State Reserve status.

#### MEN WANTED!

A RANGER MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE
OF HIMSELF AND HIS HORSES UNDER
VERY TRYING CONDITIONS; BUILD TRAILS
AND CABINS; RIDE ALL DAY AND ALL
NIGHT; PACK, SHOOT, AND FIGHT FIRE
WITHOUT LOOSING HIS HEAD....

ALL THIS REQUIRES A VERY VIGOROUS CONSTITUTION. IT MEANS THE HARDEST KIND OF PHYSICAL WORK FROM BEGINNING TO END. IT IS NOT A JOB FOR THOSE SFEKING HEALTH OR LIGHT OUTDOOR WORK ....

INVALIDS

NEED NOT APPLY!

(wording from a U.S. Forest Service poster 1910)



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#### CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be to represent, advance and to promote the interests and standards of the profession of California State Park Rangers and to provide a medium of exchange of professional thought, and to promote sound judgement, high quality and economy in the planning, development, operation and maintenance of facilities and services offered the public by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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#### CSPRA Opposes CEQA Softening

CSPRA President Verardo acted mid-June to oppose AB 952 (Deddeh) which would negate a section of the Public Resources Code set up to protect archeological and palentological resources. The Board of Directors of CSPRA at their recent meeting voted unanimously to take action in opposition to the Deddeh bill. The Department of Parks and Recreation is also opposed to the bill and is working against its passage. Verardo was quoted as saying he views the bill "as a major attack on the California Environmental Quality Act's protection of cultural resources, and a potential detriment to the State Park System."

### History:

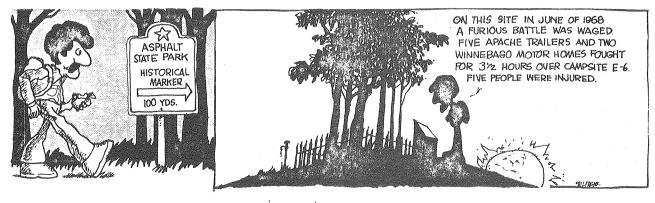
Within the past 20 years, packaged beer and soft drink sales have changed from a predominantly refillable bottle system to a system primarily dependent on single-use "throwaway" cans and non-refillable bottles.

This change can be clearly seen along our beaches, parks, and highways.

Refillable bottles now account for only 20% of the SEVEN BILLION beer and soft drink containers sold in California EACH YEAR.

A growing awareness of the many problems that non-refillable beverage containers create has prompted seven states to enact "Can and Bottle Bills"—Oregon, Michigan, Vermont, Maine, Iowa, Connecticut, and Delaware.

#### TRAVELS WITH FARLEY by Phil Frank



# DEFEND OUR RESOURCES Replace Interior Secretary Watt

A Petition to the Congress of the United States

We petition you under the First Amendment of the Constitution to protect our nation's environment by seeking the dismissal of Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt. As a public official, Secretary Watt is representing private economic interests rather than following the laws that define his responsibilities. He is sabotaging conservation goals supported by a vast majority of the American people. He is seeking to defy decades of legislation designed to protect our natural resources. Our heritage of national parks, wilderness areas, refuges, rivers, wildlife, and desert lands is coming under systematic attack, and Secretary Watt is the Administration's principal advocate of these destructive policies.

We firmly support the policies this country has developed over the years for managing and protecting our natural resources. We risk losing this heritage unless Secretary Watt is dismissed. Please make his removal from office your highest priority and resist legislation embodying his policies.

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#### PISTOL TEAM SUPPORTED

Burke told the Board that for State matches costs run about \$100 per match. Each participant shoots over 8 per year. The Nationals are expected to cost each of the 4 team members \$700 including travel to Des Moines, Iowa. The Ranger team has been turned down on requests for time and some costs by the Department, as has CSPRA on their behalf.

Several Newsletter articles and letters reported the dead end CSPRA hit when the Department refused to support a DPR Pistol Team. Other Federal, State and local enforcement agencies support the team representing them with travel, time, ammunition and vehicles. Many (such as CHP) have a written policy supporting their teams.

After Executive Secretary Bryce reported an on-hand balance of \$3,697.68 the Board voted to support the Ranger Pistol Team through the Education and Training Committee up to an amount of \$175. The team would also be required to prepare a Newsletter article and present a program at the 1982 GEC(Sacramento) on how the competition works. In a related motion the Special Olympics was voted a \$100 contribution for 1981 support.

A preview of what to expect for both the 1982 Sacramento GEC and the 1983 Reno GEC was given to the Board. 1982 AND 1983 GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS

In Sacramento participants can expect Capitol and RailRoad Museum tours, a joint program with California Parks and Recreation Society, Representative Omer Rains on the "Can and Bottle Bill", a program on how things work at Headquarters as well as workshops, panels and banquets. The team of Dave and Janet Carle are putting the 1982 program together.

The 1983 GEC Committee, headed by Mike Lynch, has quite a few details already sewn up. The site will be the El Dorado Hotel in Reno with a theme of "NEVADA and CALIFORNIA: Two State Park Systems in Action". The confirmed room rate is \$35.00 single or double.

CAN AND BOTTLE BILL

Environmental Issues Committee Chairman, John Mott, reported that the CSPRA supported "Californian's Against Waste" drawing netted \$90,000 for support of the Can & Bottle Bill. Mott also noted that the winner of the Grand Prize (a trip to Hawaii) bought his ticket as a result of CSPRA salesmanship efforts at Henry Cowell SP.

#### MONO LAKE BIKE-A-THON

Mott asked the Board to support the Mono Lake Committee (MLC) and its Bike-A-Thon. The Board voted to become a sponsor of MLC (\$25) and pledged ten cents per mile for any CSPRA member who will ride in the September 1st MLC event. (See article this issue)

#### REPLACE WATT DRIVE

Environmental Issues Committee (EIC) Chairman Mott recommended that CSPRA support a current Sierra Club drive to replace Interior Secretary James G. Watt. The Board voted to include a petition in the next Newsletter, for members to use if they wish to support the campaign.

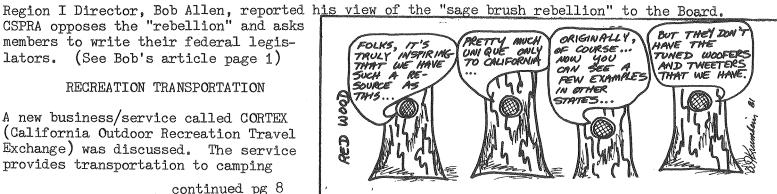
#### SAGEBRUSH REBELLION

members to write their federal legislators. (See Bob's article page 1)

#### RECREATION TRANSPORTATION

A new business/service called CORTEX (California Outdoor Recreation Travel Exchange) was discussed. The service provides transportation to camping

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and recreation areas in California. The Board wanted members to be aware of the service and suggest you write for a CORTEX brochure so you will be able to answer the visitors questions on "how can I get to your park?" CORTEX may not be available in all areas and is mentioned as an alternative to limited public transportation or personal behicle. (See article this issue)

#### PROPOSED CHANGE: OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing the current CSPRA Region boundaries, the confusing terms between Department and CSPRA officers (ie. "Regional Director"), and the way CSPRA elects its officers.

A motion was made to align CSPRA Region boundaries with current DPRRegions, change name from "Region" to "Chapter" and to select the Vice-President from among the "Chapter Directors" rather than a general election. The motion failed 3 to 2.

A motion was made to elect five Directors and the President at large in a popular statewide election and then select the the Vice President from among the Board. Discussion indicated this would eliminate Regions or any other geographical division of the membership. Some felt that since CSPRA has changed from being a "meet-once-a-year-and-vote-on-30-resolutions" group to a year around active professional organization that area or local meetings are not needed. Others agreed that meetings were usually not well attended. It was felt that CSPRA needs to focus on doing business efficiently and move away from current structure. All felt those who wished input or wanted activity could easily do so through the Board or Committees. The motion passed 4 to 1. The motion will require a ratification by the general membership before the Consitution and By Laws may be ammended. Executive Secretary Bryce will prepare the ballot.

#### ARCH AND PALEO BYPASS

A bill which would remove archaeological and paleontological review from environmental impact studies was discussed and is to be opposed by CSPRA. The Department also will oppose. Reportedly this bill to weaken the California Environmental Quality Act is "greased" by local interests and may be difficult to stop.

#### MEMBERS INVITED

The Board set its next meeting for September 12, 1981 at 0900 in Monterey/Pacific Grove Area. Site to be arranged. All members should attend at least a portion of this meeting to observe the Board in action. Your input is needed and welcomed!!

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