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BOARD HEARS DIRECTOR

Director Pete Dangermond was invited to attend the December CSPRA Board meeting in Sacramento. In a short address to the Board he covered several personal concerns and answered questions from the group.

Dangermond expressed a desire to increase DPR revenues which would offset proposed budget cuts. He asked all DPR employees to stretch services and try to make do with what they had. He asked for ways to increase revenues at the local level to be sent to him.

"It is alright to be a critic" said Dangermond of CSPRA, "but you also have to provide leadership for your members." Dangermond said that working together, CSPRA and DPR could provide the synergistic energy necessary to solve current problems facing parks and recreation in California.

The subject of Lake Matthews in Riverside County was also addressed. CSPRA members may have read Department of Fish & Game article on the lake which appeared in their July-Aug. 1981 issue of "Outdoor California". The author led readers to believe that DPR was going to open up this important wildlife area to water sports, boating, fishing and skiing.

Dangermond said that when he was Director of Riverside County Parks, he wanted to open the 10,000 acres around the lake to public use. He didn't feel locking the area up was the correct attitude by DFG. The County funded a DFG study of the area which Dangermond says showed limited use possible.

Recently the Metropolitan Water District declared their lands adjacent to Lake Matthews as surplus. MWD looked at the possibility of DPR acquisition and took the land off the open market. When the recent Bond Issue passed, Lake Matthews was on the list for acquisition. (It appears as a line item in the Mission 1990 report)

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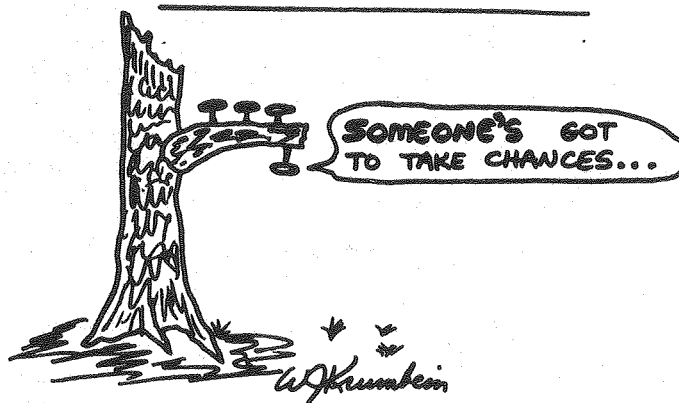
by Jerry Waggoner

The last issue of the California Ranger should have caught your attention. The article "Proposal for the Re-establishment of the 'Generalist' State Park Ranger" was reprinted much to the delight of the author but without an introduction or any history.

The proposal was written to get some discussion and debate started so that we, State Park Rangers, may be able to address the issue of our careers and not just accept the subtle changes which are taking place that are changing the job of State Park Ranger.

As CSPRA Regional Director, I drafted Resolution 1981-2 for discussion at GEC in Ventura. There was a call in the resolution "that CSPRA take an active role to promote open discussion, poll its members, work with department administrators to study for the next six months the concepts stated this the proposal and that those results be transmitted to all members."

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New Editor

The Board selected Heidi Doyle, a Ranger at Channel Coast Area, to be the new Editor for CSPRA's "California Ranger". Plans discussed included publication twice per year, probably June and December for the professional journal. She will be preparing an article outlining her plans in detail for an upcoming Newsletter. Good luck Heidi!

Dangermond said the planning process for such an acquisition would be guided by the resources and State Park Commission recommendations. He said DPR had no intention of intense development at Lake Matthews. A study by DFG showed recreation use could occur. Fishing could be catch and release. As far as concern over bald eagle sites, Dangermond said the study showed they were there in the winter only.

Dangermond's concern is that adjacent lands be administered for the public rather than having them go for a subdivision. He also sees Lake Matthews becoming a "turf battle" between DPR and DFG for control.

Dangermond said he spoke with the local Warden who told him DFG is managing the lake correctly. He told of "protecting" it by citing over 1,000 people who tried to gain access to the area and of the \$50.00 fine each would have to pay. Dangermond says this is NOT the correct way to manage Lake Matthews, and that the lake should be available on some level to Californians.

A large group of CSPRA members from Lake Perris sent a five-page letter to the Environmental Issues Committee over concerns of a rumored rock concert to be held at the lake. They voiced objections to an estimated 300,000 attendees and associated problems with crowd control, damage to park features etc.

EIC Chairman John Mott had a chance at the December Board meeting to ask Director Dangermond about the rumor. Dangermond said that his office had been contacted by promoters of a "Family Fair" for suggestions on a location to hold their event. They were given several possible sites including Lake Perris. Dangermond said no special event permits had been received and that he doubted the group had any actual backers since they didn't have any performers signed in advance. He said if a proposal was made, it would go through the normal processes beginning at the Area level.

On a related matter, Mott asked Dangermond if it was true DPR was putting a giant water slide at Lake Perris. The Director answered that several proposals from a Regional level brainstorm had his attention and that they all concerned methods to expand and increase DPR revenue. Dangermond is determined to increase revenue rather than take budget cuts, as he believes any increases will correspondingly decrease proposed cuts in the DPR budget.

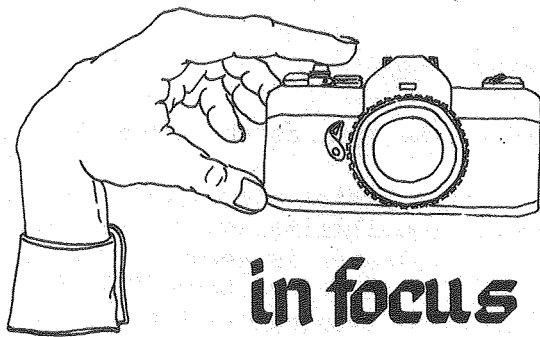
Niel Johannsen, who accompanied the Director, expressed a sincere interest in working closely with CSPRA. (Ed. note - Mr. Johannsen is our newest member!) He felt many problems could be avoided by better communications between the Board and his office.

After the Director left, we learned his father had passed away the day before, and that staff hadn't expected him to attend the CSPRA meeting. Apparently, the opportunity meant quite a bit to Dangermond for him to share his time during this period of grief. CSPRA offers condolences and prayers.

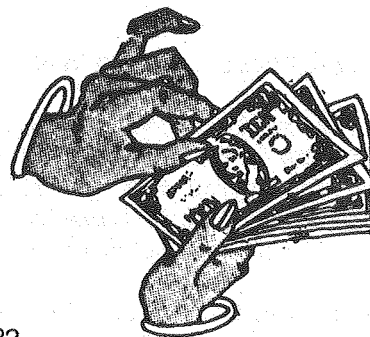
GEC EXTRA APPROVED BY DIRECTOR

On the recommendation of Associate Director Russ Porter, Pete Dangermond approved some special extras for those attending 1982 Sacramento GEC. The State Railroad Museum, including the movie and Passenger Station will be open to GEC participants on the evening of Saturday March 8. Hours will be extended to 7 PM allowing conference delegates an opportunity to miss the crowds. There will be no charge to those wearing their GEC conference badges/nameplates.

According to Porter, "Since Sacramento is the host city, we would like to make the State Railroad Museum a major feature of the conference activities." CSPRA thanks Messrs. Porter and Dangermond for their cordiality!!



in focus



GEC * * PHOTO CONTEST * * 1982

PARKS, PLEASURE FOR PEOPLE will be the theme for this year's GEC Photo Contest. Entries should depict visitors enjoying their parks. Contemporary slides of your current park are encouraged.

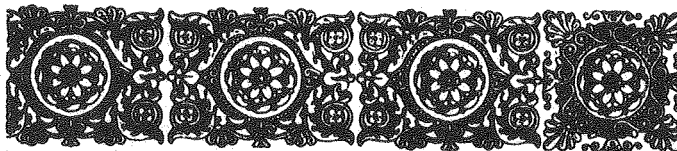
Professional judges will award first, second, & third place awards of \$50, \$35 & \$25 gift certificates at Brooks Camera Stores (they'll ship anywhere in the state).

A special award of a \$35 gift certificate will be given for the entry which best depicts the spirit of the International Year of the Disabled.

Three slides per person may be entered. Any slide entered will be subject to duplication for DPR files. Slides must have been taken in a California park. Slides will be judged on composition, quality & interpretation of the theme.

All entries will be shown to CSPRA members and the public in the Railroad Museum theater on Saturday afternoon, March 6th.

Send your entries by Feb. 22nd to Photo Contest Coordinator Steve Hill, 5857 Sharps Cr., Carmichael, CA 95608. Please send slides clearly marked with your name in a reusable container. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for returning slides. Questions? Call Steve at (916) 323-9274.



GENERALIST from pg 1

We may want to start again now that you have had a chance to read the proposal. At Ventura's GEC, Resolution 1981-2 failed and therefore the membership was not polled and no formal discussions took place.

Now that the membership has had the opportunity to read, study and form opinions on the ideas presented, I will write a resolution for the 1982 Sacramento GEC and keep this discussion alive. The questionnaire is still valid and will be ready to be sent to all members if the resolution is accepted.

Whether you agree or disagree with the proposal the Year of 1982 "Back to Basics" is a good year to express your opinion on the role of the State Park Ranger.



GEC SACRAMENTO 1982

An exciting conference is planned for March 3rd - 6th, 1982 at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento.

Activities will begin on Wednesday, March 3rd, with a pistol shoot in the morning and a golf tournament in the afternoon. A fun run is another possibility as the American River Bike Trail runs right behind the Woodlake Inn. Arun coordinator is needed - - anyone interested please call Dave or Janet Carle at home (916-791-0276) or work, Dave (324-0971) or Janet (323-9278). A hospitality gathering will be held Wed. evening in the CSPRA suite.

The GEC will be held on Thursday, March 4th, beginning at 9AM. CSPRA faces a turning point: the structure of the Board has changed and the employee organization, SPPOAC, has won the election. Many important issues need to be discussed. The GEC will provide a forum.

A square dance & bar-b-que dinner will be held Thursday evening.

Friday, March 5th, is workshop day. Nine different sessions will be offered in the morning including:

MONO LAKE: Its future & how CSPRA members can effect it. The proposed State Park Tufa Reserve. (Paula Pennington, SPR I)

LOOKING AT LAND USE: Parks as a part of the total environmental picture. The field ranger's opportunity to monitor conditions & affect policy. (Rick Parmer SPR I)

STATEWIDE NEEDS ANALYSIS: A report on this long-term Departmental project from Donna Pozzi, State Park Planner at Headquarters.

THE BOTTLE BILL: Senator Omer Rains will discuss the ballot initiative he instigated.

BUILDING A CONSTITUENCY FOR YOUR PARK: As times get tighter, interaction with the local community becomes a lifeline rather than an afterthought. Rick Parmer & Tory Long (Urban Services, DPR) will discuss how field rangers can get the community involved in & excited about their parks.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT: Ticked off at the supervisor? PRAC will present a workshop on the productive management of conflict between people.

INTERPRETATION: ITS PRESENT & FUTURE IN STATE PARKS: A statewide view of where we are in the field on interpretation. Innovative programs & continuing problems will be discussed. (Dave Vincent, Interpretive Programs Unit)

PUBLISHING IN PARKS: The growth of cooperating associations has provided many parks with a source of funding for publishing projects. Denzil & Jennie Verardo will share their experience.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING RANGERS: A synopsis of current legislation rangers should know about. (Diane Blackman, PRAC, East Bay Regional Parks)

Mike Lynch will teach a 2 hr. Citizens Mace course on Friday morning to anyone interested.

Retired CSPRA members are invited to a noon luncheon on Friday.

Director Pete Dangermond & his staff will open the Friday afternoon session. Following this will be the debut of THE FIELD AND ITS HEADQUARTERS -- A LAUGH-IN EXTRAORDINAIRE, 1½ hours of vignettes, jokes, hilarity, and maybe even a little clarification on what all those people do at Headquarters. The show will be presented by a host of employees who have worked both in the field & at Headquarters. (See Bud Getty fall off his tricycle!)

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The famous Rattlesnake Trainers of Santa Cruz will wind up Friday's program. Alvord & Ferguson will sponsor a cocktail "rattlesnake recovery period" following the show. Friday evening will be free to visit with old friends & sample the Sacramento nightlife.

Activities on Saturday, March 6th, will take place in downtown Sacramento. The California Park & Recreation Society, whose conference is happening simultaneously, has invited CSPRA members to its Saturday sessions. Keynote speaker Rev. Robert Schuller (Garden Grove Community Church) will open the program at 10:30 AM, followed by DPR Director Pete Dangermond.



Tours of the California State Railroad Museum, newly-restored State Capitol, and the Department's Interpretive Collections Storage - Exhibit Lab complex will be offered on Saturday afternoon. Entries for the GEC Photo Contest will be shown in the Railroad Museum theater all afternoon.

CSPRA members are also welcome to attend CPRS's afternoon workshops in the Sacramento Community Center, including Pigs in the Park, Making the Case for Public Recreation Services & Recreation Projections for the 1980's.

The traditional banquet, raffle & dance will conclude the conference on Saturday evening. We're looking forward to an exciting gathering -- hope you can come!

MONO LAKE

NEW UNIT ADDED



Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve became a reality as of September 1981. One full time and some seasonal positions have been allotted. Currently some question exists as to who owns the land now designated as a State Reserve, State or Federal governments.

The lake itself has not been saved. If current water diversion continues the lake will also continue to decline. What has been preserved are the tufa towers and lake shore area, and eventually the lake bed.

MLTSR is currently under the Sierra Area for management purposes.

In a related matter, EIC Chairman Mott tells Newsletter that the 11 participants made over \$5,000 to save Mono Lake in the recent Bike-A-Thon.

USFA Experiment**CONCESSIONAIRES WILL OPERATE
FOUR CAMPGROUNDS IN STATE**

Three of the Sierra's most popular national forest campgrounds will be part of a U.S. Forest Service experiment next year in which camping facilities will be operated for "reasonable fees" charged to users by private concessionaires.

The campgrounds are French Meadows Reservoir and Jackson Meadow Reservoir, both in Tahoe National Forest, and Pinecrest, in Stanislaus National Forest.

The three are among four throughout the state that will be included in a nationwide attempt by the Forest Service to cut maintenance and operation costs because of budgetary restraints in Washington, D.C. according to Frank Waldo, regional Forest Service recreation expert in San Francisco.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE
FOR STATE PARKS DURING STATE CUT-BACKS?**

Officials of the state Department of Parks and Recreation, the other major operator of campgrounds in California, expressed fears that user fees would rise substantially if concessionaires are used.

"They are not often a good idea," parks director Pete Dangermond said.

The state, he said, has about 180 individual concessions, like grocery stores and canoe rentals, but has tried only three park concessions, and they did not work well.

Neil Johannsen, deputy director and chief of operations, said it takes \$70 million annually to operate the state parks system, and user fees return only a third of that. "The private sector has not found it cost effective," he said.

The Forest Service program probably will mean an increase in user fees and a decrease in such traditional things as nature walks and campground programs, Johannsen said.

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by Rick Parmer

WHITTILING AWAY AT THE COASTAL ZONE

Senate Bill 1220 (Craven) is an attempt to withdraw further Los Penasquitos State Preserve watershed lands from the Coastal Zone near San Diego. This will deny Coastal Commission scrutiny of land use activities in a major portion of this unique coastal wetlands watershed. The San Diego Association of Governments has recently completed a Penasquitos Lagoon Watershed Management Plan to deal with the deteriorating water quality problem in the lagoon. This requires solution through the coordinated actions of several agencies including DPR. The lack of involvement by the Coastal Commission, if this bill reaches the Senate floor and passes, will seriously hamper this management effort. The bill will be heard in the Finance Committee in January 1982. Members are urged to drop a short note to Chairman; Alfred Alquist; 777 North 1st St., San Jose, 95112, opposing this bill. Our letters can make a difference on this one.

P.S. Anyone interested in helping present a Land Use workshop at the GEC please contact Rick Parmer, (714) 942-9500 or work -753-5091.

THE \$25.00 BOOMERANG

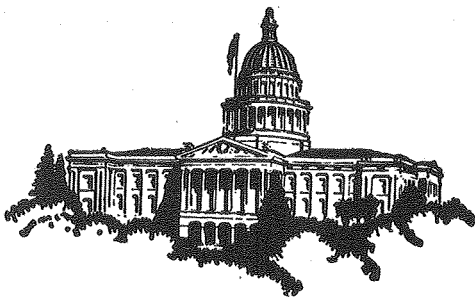
A year ago, the CSPRA Board voted to support the Can and Bottle Initiative and Californian's Against Waste (CAW) by donating an Annual Pass as a raffle prize. A letter of intent was sent, but when prizes were given out, ours wasn't among them.

At the next CSPRA Board meeting the \$25.00 unused by CAW was re-directed to the Mono Lake Committee. Any CSPRA member who rode in the Bike A Thon would get the \$25.00 donation for the Committee. No one rode from CSPRA.

At the next meeting of the Board, they had to deal with the same \$25.00 again. This time they were more inwardly directed and vowed to give the money to the CSPRA member who gathered the most signatures on the Can and Bottle Initiative petition drive for CAW.

At the December meeting, the Board found that CAW had no way to tally CSPRA member input, so they couldn't decide a winner. The \$25.00 was on the table again!

To put an end to the year long travels of this \$25.00, the Board voted to give it as a direct donation to CAW to assist in signature gathering.



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PRIZES NEEDED

One of the more popular fund raisers at recent annual CSPRA conventions has been the raffle. Money raised from ticket sales is used to off-set expenses for those attending GEC, for example to pay for a band, catered luncheons, guests and speakers.

If you have an item that CSPRA could use as a raffle prize please contact 1982 GEC Co-Chairmen Dave and Janet Carle at (916) 791-0276 or Executive Director Doug Bryce at (916) 383-7299. Also accepted are donations of items from other supporters of CSPRA. If you know of an interested business or individual, get in touch.

Memorable items from past raffles:
1 gallon can of chili peppers, a hand made plant hanger, pair of mounted bull horns, flowering plants, wine, cheese, Coleman products, passes and tickets to local attractions, 10 gallons of gas, motel accomodations, bumper stickers and many others.

Get busy now and support this CSPRA fund raiser at 1982 Sacramento GEC.

WANTED

Patricia L. Clark-Gray
Cherry Valley

Neil Christian Johannsen
Sacramento

CEA DEFINED

...and all these months we thought CEA stood for Career Executive Appointment. An informed source at Headquarters tells Newsletter that it now really means "Can Expect Anything".

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