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## Bypass to Bisect Montara State Beach



The recent acquisition of additional land for Montara State Beach has been threatened by the possibility that the State Department of Transportation may opt for a realignment of state route one which bisects the parcel. The McNee Ranch addition to Montara State Beach consists largely of the steep, rugged granitic ridges of Montara Mountain, which provide magnificent vistas of the San Mateo coastline. The property also has the potential of providing a massive, unspoiled coastal mountain trail corridor. If the National Park service acquires their proposed Sweeney Ridge addition to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Montara State Beach could be the trailhead for a spectacular outing spanning portions of one National and three County of San Mateo park units. The continuity of such an open space corridor could only be heralded by future generations.

Causing the discussion of the realignment of State Highway One is a section

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# Election Tally

For those who are interested in the numerical statistics of our recent CSPRA election, below are the final results for the published candidates for office and the proposed constitutional amendment.

Treasurer (vote for one) \*Ken Gray 134 John Falk 37  
Director (vote for two) \*Bob Grace 123 \*Joan Grammer 89 Randy Hawley 55  
President (vote for one) \*Jeff Price 124 Steve Horvitz 27 Don Murphy 30  
\*elected

Constitutional Amendment Yes 56 No 121 Defeated

At the January 1984 meeting of the Board of Directors Joan Grammer was elected to the post of CSPRA vice president by a vote of the board members in attendance.

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The typographical error  
Is a slippery thing and sly;  
You can hunt 'til you are dizzy,  
But it somehow will get by.

'Til the forms are off the presses,  
It is strange how still it sleeps;  
It shrinks down in a corner,  
And it never stirs or peeps.

That typographical error  
Is too small for human eyes;  
'Til the ink is on the paper,  
When it grows to mountain size.

The remainder of the issue  
May be as clean as clean can be;  
But the typographical error  
Is the only thing they'll see.

Bypass continued

known as Devil's Slide, which lies between Montara and Pacifica along the San Mateo Coast. Devil's Slide is a steep, unstable section of the California coastline. The present route of State Highway One transverses several active landslides. During heavy winters this segment of Highway One frequently closes. In the winter of 1983 large cracks occurred in the pavement and roadway settlement, up to six feet in some locations, made Highway One impassable. This road segment was entirely closed from March 4th to May 27th 1983.

CSPRA believes that a proposal to modify the existing road alignment to negate the effects of the reoccurring slides is the best alternative. At the January meeting of the CSPRA Board of Directors, CSPRA Resolution 84-1 was adopted (the full text is on page four) which will formally notify the California Department of Transportation of our position. *✍*



CSPRA RESOLUTION 84-1  
DEVIL'S SLIDE BYPASS - MONTARA STATE BEACH

WHEREAS, California Department of Transportation is currently seeking relocation alternatives for highway one from existing landslide - prone "Devil's Slide" adjacent to Montara State Beach, and

WHEREAS, one of the current alternative remedies proposed. The "Existing Alignment" (also known as the Marine Disposal Alternative) appears less damaging to the coastal environment, has the least damaging impact to scenic, natural and operational values of Montara State Beach, and

WHEREAS, the other alternatives (Adopted Alignment and Martini Creek Alignment) would bisect the recently acquired McNee Ranch portion of Montara State Beach, therefore be it

RESOLVED, CSPRA President write Marie Pang, CalTrans, P.O. Box 7310, San Francisco 94120 (before closing of the open comment period on February 23, 1984) and go on record supporting the "Existing Alignment Alternative" and request that a scaled-down alternative be explored as the best possible choice, and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSPRA encourage the Department of Parks and Recreation to support the Existing Alignment Alternative as the least objectionable choice.

Submitted by members,

Jonathan B. Thompson

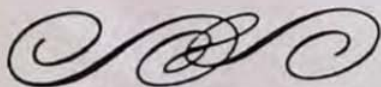
Sandra Y. Laird

Jeffery B. Price

Roger W. Werts

Walter Ward

Mark Faull





# PROPOSED BUDGET

Each year, as prescribed in our Constitution, CSPRA members attending the business meeting of our annual convention may question, support, and (with a majority of votes) change the proposed budget for the following fiscal year.

The CSPRA Board of Directors recently reviewed and endorsed this proposed 1984-1985 budget prepared by Ways and Means Committee Chair Denzil Verardo. If you have any comments, questions or concerns about this budget come to the GEC and let your feelings be known!

<u>ESTIMATED INCOME</u>	1984-85	1983-84
Dues (estimated)	22,194	21,810
Advertising, Donations, Sales	800	1,000
Annual Convention	10,000	3,000
Reserve from previous year	<u>2,800</u>	<u>1,003</u>
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME</u>	<u>35,794</u>	<u>26,813</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Executive Manager	2,700	2,100
Staff Services, Supplies & Repairs	2,500	2,390
California Ranger (3)	2,700	2,700
Newsletter (12 w/ 1st class postage)	3,600	2,800
President	2,200	1,800
Board Meetings	2,000	2,000
Board of Directors	1,300	1,100
Controller Fee	544	523
Annual Convention	10,000	3,000
Scholarships	2,000	2,000
Sales/Promotional Items	800	800
Committees	3,450	2,700
Retired Members \$ 250		
Legislative 450		
Maintenance 250		
Education & Trng 300		
Environ. Issues 1150		
Site Selection 250		
1985 GEC 300		
1986 GEC 100		
Park Integrity 200		
Historian 50		
Installations 50		
Ways & Means 100		
Reserve to 1985-86	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,900</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (DEBITS)</u>	<u>35,794</u>	<u>26,813</u>

# MEMBERS LIST CHALLENGES

The last ballot asked you "What three major issues face CSPRA?" President-elect Jeff Price has personally read, analyzed and summarized your responses into the top ten issues. He also developed a list of "one of a kind" responses. The CSPRA board will be using your comments to develop an action plan for 1984/85. The plan should be ready by our Joint Convention in March.

The top ten issues follow with the actual number of people listing that issue in parenthesis.

1. Take a positive stand on the integrity of the Ranger profession; reverse erosion of standards. (22)
2. Boost/expand membership. (13)
3. Protect integrity of the State Park System. (13)
4. Get more active politically and in legislation. (13)
5. Get more active in environmental issues. (13)
6. Provide local training and workshops. (9)
7. Fund and promote interpretive materials/assistance. (8)
8. Restore training center schedule cuts. (7)
9. Get support for Operations Division from all levels. (4)
10. Higher quality publications. (4)
  - Mellow out DPR cops. (4)
  - De-emphasize fee collection. (4)

## ZIGGY



Donation by William Penn Mott, Jr.

CSPRA would like to personally thank Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr. for his generous donation to CSPRA's scholarship fund. CSPRA's scholarships are used for the improvement of individuals, with the philosophy that by doing so the profession as a whole will benefit. We are pleased that Mr. Mott recognizes these goals and gave generously toward them.



## Reflections on a Conference

With the joint conference of WIA/CSPRA/PRAC rapidly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to share with CSPRA members my experiences at a similar conference last September at Mammoth Lakes, CA. The Association of Interpretive Naturalists (AIN) held their regional workshop in the perfect setting for a conference on "Interpreting Controversial Issues."

As many of you may know, the Mammoth Lakes region is the site of renewed geologic activity. Specifically, earthquakes have trembled through the area at rates of up to hundreds per day, possibly signifying renewed volcanic activity (which was originally responsible for the present topography). Mono County Supervisor Al Leydecker outlined the emergency evacuation measures he had implemented (including a new access road to the mountain community) in the event of more drastic and life threatening volcanic activity. Mr. Leydecker, incidentally, was the target of a recall petition because of his efforts on behalf of all the residents and visitors to the Mammoth Lakes area. Talk of controversy! Mr. Leydecker also conducted a fascinating and extensive tour of the area to point out the geologic history.

Within one hour's drive north lies Mono Lake, one of California's most spectacular natural features and the site of a nationwide controversy concerning its future. Our own David Carle, representing the California State Park System from the Mono Lake Reserve, sat on a panel discussion with a representative from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and David Gaines, President of the Mono Lake Committee. Each representative outlined their position on this sensitive subject.

Afterward, those attending all piled into a big yellow bus and headed for the lake. Janet Carle, another state park ranger at Mono Lake, gave a fascinating interpretive introduction to the lake and its magical tufa formations. Quite a few of the naturalists took the opportunity to swim in the highly alkaline lake (including me). It proved to be a very buoyant experience! Happy, tired and ghostly white from the alkaline we boarded the bus back to camp.

If the days were busy and filled with stimulating conversation, the nights were filled with camaraderie and good times. Dancing, drinking, playing music and singing around a campfire were just some of the evening's activities. Naturalists came from as far away as Michigan, Colorado, and the East Bay of San Francisco to share ideas and have a good time. Many agencies and organizations were represented: California State Park System, National Park Service, East Bay Regional Parks, Yosemite Institute, and two nature centers from Colorado all had healthy representation. The feeling that we all were sharing in a common goal and interest ran high. The enthusiasm for interpretation

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and the enjoyment of the outdoor environment created an instant rapport among the participants. By the end of the conference everyone agreed it was a fantastic experience both personally and professionally.

For me, I have been lucky enough to have been granted remuneration by the CSPRA Education and Training Committee. CSPRA realizes the importance of interpretive training events and supports its members' efforts by offering financial support. Not only was the conference a fantastic learning experience, but CSPRA helped support my enthusiasm for this kind of training by offering financial support.

I would like to encourage park personnel to take advantage of conferences and meetings which contribute to professional excellence and personal growth. Organizations like CSPRA are also there to help members when the department cannot. My thanks go out to Steve Horvitz and the Education and Training Committee for their support and encouragement!

## **Tax Advantage of Conventions**

Do you realize that attending the annual convention will not cost as much as it appears? IRS Publication 17 (free from the IRS) states under "Employee Business Expense": "You may deduct travel expenses...to attend a convention if you can show that your attendance benefits your own work or business..."

Food, lodging, transportation (current real costs or 20¢/mile) and registration are entered on Form 2106 and are deducted from gross income. You do not have to itemize deductions in order to take this "adjustment" to income. Remember to be fair to the tax collector. If part of your motivation for attending the convention is social or for personal reasons, that percentage cannot be deducted as a business expense (i.e. banquets, beer testing, golf and pistol tournaments are not deductible - they do not benefit your work).

Remember:

1. Keep records and receipts of your expenses for attending the 1984 Joint Conference.
2. Contact your IRS office for Publication 17 and Form 2106.
3. Contact a CPA or the IRS if you have any questions.
4. Write off your legitimate expenses when you file your 1984 tax return.

Don't forget to claim legitimate expenses for attending the 1983 conference at Reno on this year's tax return.



## The CPRS Alternative

Although our 1984 Joint Conference at Santa Cruz promises to be the best ever, some of you will not be able to attend due to time, distance, or scheduling constraints. A possible option is to attend the March 1984, 36th annual, Recreation and Park Conference sponsored by the California Park and Recreation Society, National Recreation and Park Association, and the City of San Diego. There will be numerous workshops which are directly relevant to the professions represented within CSPRA. Some of the workshops will even be presented by DPR representatives. Under our Special Affiliation Agreement with CPRS, CSPRA members are invited to attend this conference at the \$70.00 CPRS member pre-registration fee.

The theme of the conference is "In Pursuit of Excellence." Workshops include:

Coping with Unionization  
Creative Personnel Management  
Building Staff Commitment to Quality  
Maintenance as a Deterrent to Vandalism  
Becoming a Campground Concessionaire  
Stress-Our National Headache  
You and Your Aging Parent

and dozens more! A keynote speaker will be Dr. Lane Longfellow, author of Leadership, Power and Productivity. The conference is held March 9 through March 12, 1984 at the San Diego Convention Center.

For more information contact CPRS by calling (916) 441-0254 or simply clip out and mail this coupon:

Dawna Scotti  
Executive Secretary  
C.P.R.S.  
1400 K Street Suite 302  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Scotti,

Please send me a Registration Packet and detailed information regarding the 36th annual conference in San Diego March 9 through 12. I am a CSPRA member and may attend this conference under the provisions of the CSPRA/CPRS Special Affiliation Agreement. Thank you very much.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## cspra welcomes dpr officials

Mr. Garth Tanner, Department of Parks and Recreation Chief Deputy of Operations, recently told CSPRA President Mott that he, as well as DPR Director William S. Briner, and DPR Regional Directors Robert G. Macomber, Richard E. Felty, Herbert L. Heinze, and Curtis B. Mitchell will be attending the 1984 CSPRA/WIA/PRAC Joint Conference in Santa Cruz. All officials should be able to attend the conference from Tuesday March 3, 1984 at noon until Wednesday March 14, 1984 after the Awards Banquet.

CSPRA, WIA, and PRAC welcome Director Briner and his key administration leaders to our conference. CSPRA's President Mott told the Newsletter, "This is the first time in our organization's history that so many DPR decision makers have attended our annual convention for such a long period of time. Director Briner has made a major step forward toward promoting direct and free flowing professional communication within our department."

Do not miss this unique opportunity to speak to, attend workshops with, and meet some of our department's key decision makers.

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John Mott

## cal ranger editor to change

For over two years California Ranger editor Heidi Doyle (SPR I, Channel Coast) has done an outstanding job of coordinating CSPRA's tri-annual journal. She has told me the next issue (focusing on the papers and activities of our '84 Joint Conference) will unfortunately be her last. Although she enjoys editing the California Ranger, new motherhood responsibilities and other developments prevent her from continuing.

President-elect Price is currently looking for volunteers to take over editorship responsibilities. If you would like to help edit or co-edit the California Ranger please contact Jeff as soon as possible. A background in journalism or English would be helpful but is certainly not required.

We all thank Heidi for serving our profession above and beyond the call of duty for the past two years! Her California Rangers have been true inspirations to all of us.



# Board Highlights

The January Board Meeting, held in Santa Cruz, was attended by both the newly elected officers and the outgoing Board. This arrangement helped ensure a smooth transition between officers.

\*\*Preparations for the March CSPRA/WIA/PRAC Joint Convention are going well, with 400 - 500 people expected to attend. The 1985 Convention will be held in southern California; no definite location yet.

\*\*\*Education and Training Committee: Steve Horvitz was commended by the Board for his outstanding work as chairman. Because so many scholarship requests are coming in, the Board voted to limit awards to \$200.00 per person per year. A DPR 392 (Employee Training Request) is no longer required to be submitted with a scholarship request.

\*\*Continuing their regular meetings with the DPR Director, President John Mott and President-elect Jeff Price will have met with Director Briner on February 3.

\*\*\*Park Integrity Committee: This new CSPRA committee will concern itself with threats to the integrity of State Park System units. Examples of threats: commercial exploitation (logging, grazing, commercial fishing), development of features that are attractions in themselves (restaurants, golf courses, waterslides), or development that doesn't directly enhance public enjoyment of resources. This committee has been meeting in Sacramento and would welcome input from members. Ken Gray is interim chairman.

\*\*Funding Appropriations: \$42.50 to the Semperviren's Fund for additions to Big Basin State Park.  
\$500.00 increase in budget for the Environmental Issues Committee.

\*\*\*GEC Resolutions: Any CSPRA member can submit a resolution to be voted on by the membership at the annual business meeting. The resolution must be signed by five members and be in correct written form. Send resolutions to Doug Bryce by March 11, 1984.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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# Fahey Reward Fund

On November 26, 1983, twenty-four year old Shaun Fahey left work at Big Basin Redwoods State Park and has not been seen since. The only clue was the recovery of her car in Watsonville on December 2, 1983, containing her park uniform.

The California State Park Rangers Association has set up a reward fund. Contributions to the fund are encouraged and may be made by sending a check to the Shaun Fahey Reward Fund, c/o CSPRA, P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95828. Please state if you wish to have your contribution returned if a reward is not paid.

California State Park Rangers Association pledges a reward for information leading to a determination of Shaun Fahey's whereabouts. In the event she has become a victim of foul play, CSPRA offers an additional reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. The reward offers will expire March 1, 1985, unless extended by the CSPRA Board of Directors. At the request of the family, unpaid rewards will be used to purchase a memorial at Big Basin Redwoods State Park through the Sempervirens Fund. Sempervirens Fund is a respected conservation organization dedicated to completing Big Basin and Castle Rock State Parks.

If you have any information, please contact Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (408) 425-2431 or call the TIPLINE 425-2081/688-5146.



Editor's Note: On February 3, 1984 CSPRA President-elect Jeff Price accepted the first donations to the Shaun Fahey Reward Fund. The first two contributions of \$20.00 each came from Department Director William Briner and Chief Deputy of Operations Garth Tanner.

## Confirmation Hearing

The Senate Rules Committee has set February 22, 1984 as the date opening appointed Department of Parks and Recreation Director William Briner's hearings for confirmation. Senator Roberti, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, will oversee the confirmation hearings of the Governor Deukmejian appointee.



# ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

REQUIEM FOR A LAWSUIT As reported in the January Newsletter, CSPRA was one of 22 conservation organizations which joined to sue the Interior Department in order to block lease sale #73. Two years ago a similar suit involving lease sale #53 was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In January the court ruled that while drilling may damage the marine environment, lease sales themselves (the exchange of money for marine tracts) have no impact. In one stroke both lawsuits were defeated. Also, now that the oil lease sales do not have to be shown to be consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Plan, all lease sales can proceed unimpeded. The only thing blocking lease sale #80 in southern California and lease sale #91 in northern California is a one year moratorium on sales in this area that was included in the Interior Department's Appropriations Bill. This temporary moratorium expires in October 1984. There are several avenues CSPRA and other groups will be pursuing to block the development at that time:

1. Renew the moratorium in the next Interior Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1985.
2. Pass a permanent moratorium bill.
3. Pass federal legislation that will strengthen the Coastal Zone Management Plan and extend its authority to pre-drilling phases of oil recovery, such as the lease sale itself.

SECRETARY CLARK In a highly publicized pronouncement, Secretary of the Interior Clark says he will delay lease sales #80 and #91 (see above). It was a wise decision on his part since it would have been illegal to do otherwise. Both of these areas are included in a one year moratorium on lease sales passed by Congress earlier in the year. He also announced he would increase the amount of money for NPS land purchases to \$150 million. This is not really an increase since this is precisely the amount that Congress has allocated for NPS purchases for the past few years. The difference is that Watt always returned a great deal of the money to the General Fund. Under the Carter Administration \$700 million was spent in one year for NPS acquisitions.

## Notes from the Iron Ranger

Like many areas throughout the state, the San Mateo Coast Area has installed "iron rangers" to help facilitate the collection of additional revenue in the absence of an employee operating an entrance station. Similar to the other areas which also have installed self registration devices we receive an amusing assortment of notes dropped into the receptacles. For levity we have decided to include this column as a regular entry featuring the

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## SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHED FOR COM. MCCLEAN

John Mott

Over the past several months dedicated State Park Commissioner and long time CSPRA ally, Martha McClean has been fighting cancer. Despite steady improvements she unfortunately had to re-enter the hospital last December. As of mid January she is at home, has a very positive attitude, and is regaining her energy. I recently received a very warm note from Commissioner McClean. I thought you would enjoy some of her comments:

"Dear John,

I am afraid I shall miss the Commission meeting in January. I am "hanging in there," no pain, but not much energy. I am certainly glad we were able to get the Commission policies passed when we did... If there are omissions, remember they can be ammended. We respect the ideas from our rangers.

I've been impressed with the breath of interest of CSPRA since I've been on the Commission. Your Newsletter is excellent! I wish you and the Association the very best in the coming year.

Sincerely, with love,  
Martha"

We all hope and pray that Martha will be attending Commission meetings very soon. She is an asset to the Commission - extremely active, diligent, and courageous.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Martha McClean from the entire CSPRA!

## Cal Ranger Changes Deadline

To facilitate expanded coverage of the 1984 conference the deadline for article submission in The California Ranger has been postponed to February 29, 1984. The spring issue will be mailed the first part of April. The editors are seeking articles which focus on the conference theme, "New Frontiers." Whether your current interests are the new frontiers of interpretation, park law enforcement, resource protection and survival in the 1980s, there is plenty of white space waiting to be filled. If you have an idea or concept you would like to share, The California Ranger is your professional medium. Just remember the deadline is February 29, 1984. Feel free to contact the editor, Heidi Doyle, at 2451 south M Street, Oxnard, CA 93033 or (805) 483-5920 (H), (805) 654-4610 (W).



Notes continued

various notes placed into our iron rangers around the system. If you have a printable quote from an amusing iron ranger poet please drop us a line. Below are a few recent examples we have encountered.

"We came down from the Sierras to see the ocean. We didn't think it would cost us \$2.00 to see what God had made. We don't charge you to see our mountains. We'll never come back again." (Needless to say they did not choose to pay the fee.)

"We threw in the \$2.00 before we saw your convenient envelopes. You'll find it flying around."

"As long as your at all this, could you grade the beach, so it's flat? Then it would be good to jog on. Also, maybe a boardwalk like southern California."

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## WELCOME NEW SUPPORTING MEMBER

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## KIOSK KWIPS



## ARAUJO

Commissioner Victoria Araujo has been endorsed by two additional organizations urging Governor Deukmejian to reappoint Ms. Araujo to an additional term on the State Park and Recreation Commission. The Hispanic Recreation and Leisure Services Association endorses her reappointment stating, "Ms. Araujo has served all the citizens of California admirably on the Commission." The San Francisco based organization entitled People for Preservation of the Natural and Wild in Bay Area Open Space wrote to Governor Deukmejian praising, "She has displayed an uncommon concern for the integrity of our parks and beaches and for the people who use them." CSPRA has previously endorsed Ms. Araujo's reappointment in writing, and hopes that Governor Deukmejian promptly will confirm her stay on the Commission for an additional term.