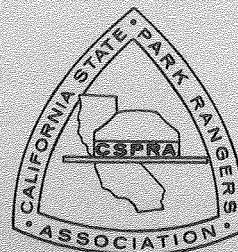


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LEGISLATIVE VICTORY IN SIGHT

Tired park "tax collectors," relief is just a vote away! AB-1427 (Kate), the CSPRA bill to abolish local camping taxes at state beaches, passed out of the Revenue and Taxation Committee on July 17.

Planning and Conservation League (PCL) director, Jerry Meral, expects the bill to pass an Assembly floor vote in August with relative ease.

This is a major piece of State Park legislation to come directly from CSPRA's legislative partnership with PCL.

DPR was a strong supporter of the bill in hearing, and we extend our sincere thanks to Director Briner's legislative office staff.

SPR I Tom Nixon of Carpenteria SB and RAO Linda Fletcher of San Simeon worked hard on researching the bill for hearing testimony presented by Vice President Parmer and lobbyist Meral.

So, take heart, employees at South Carlsbad, Carpenteria, Morro Bay, Atascadero, and Half Moon Bay state beaches. Your tax collecting days are numbered.

Any letters or phone calls to Assemblyman Katz's office thanking him for carrying AB-1427 would be appreciated.

TAHOE MINE ???

A bill to allow gravel mining in a new Sierra District park acquisition almost passed the Assembly in July.

Much to the surprise of CSPRA and DPR, AB-2554 (Norm Waters) was introduced at the request of a local asphalt company.

The Amacher Ranch quarry was closed when the department purchased the property along with a golf course and wetlands at South Lake Tahoe.

CSPRA is actively lobbying against the bill which, if passed, could set a dangerous precedent.

COASTAL COMMISSION LOSING PROTECTIVE IMAGE

by Rick Parmer

In a San Francisco Examiner article (7/21/85) by Carl Irving, he documents the recent movement of the California Coastal Commission away from its past history of coastal protection and access.

Two state park units, Asilomar SB and the McNee Ranch acquisition adjacent to Montara SB, are affected by recent CCC developments. The controversial Devil's Slide four lane highway project which would bisect McNee Ranch, lacks only one vote for Commission approval. Highway backers hope to get the plan approved as soon as a more development-oriented appointee is named to replace outgoing Chairman Melvin.

In 1972, California voters endorsed a statewide proposition designed to protect the coast and provide public access. The Coastal Commission was set up to carry out that mandate. Today, eight of 12 commissioners are developers or represent local interests. This orientation toward development is expected to continue.



CSPRA NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

Nominations for the offices of President and Director are now open. You now have the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of our Association's primary decision making body! To nominate yourself (or any other member) simply contact Nominations Committee Chairman John Mott or attend the Nominations Committee meeting on 10/15/85 at Henry Cowell Redwoods SP Nature Center at 7:30 p.m.

As President you would be actively involved in meeting with key DPR personnel, other government officials and environmental leaders to express CSPRA's views on a variety of issues, many relating to protecting the integrity of the State Park System.

As Chairperson at quarterly board meetings you would play a major role in determining where and how CSPRA would direct its energies.

As President you would gain a unique statewide view of many problems and potential problems affecting the

SPS and our profession.

As Director you would discuss, act on and help implement many Association activities. Board members represent the membership at large and frequently focus in on specific issues of particular interest or in which they have valuable expertise.

Both positions offer the opportunity for exciting and challenging involvement in timely issues facing DPR and our profession. Although your time, energy and professional commitment are donated, your travel and administrative expenses are fully reimbursed.

Remember, "He or she who hesitates is lost." Do not delay! Your nominations must be received by the October 15 Nominations Committee meeting.

Nominations may be phoned in (collect) (408) 438-6763 or may be sent to: John Mott, Chairman, Nominations Committee, 120 A Christal Oaks Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

EDITOR NEEDED

As with many of you, I too have run short of the time needed to do all that I would like to do each month.

Editing and producing the CSPRA newsletter has been fun, however, besides working in DPR's Marketing and Public Affairs Office full-time and running a small business, I am going back to school in September to complete work on a Master's degree. The point is, I must give up doing the CSPRA newsletter, so a new editor is needed.

It's not an easy job, but then few are. If you have the slightest inclination for doing this type of work, but feel that you can't because of little or no experience, I will be more than happy to show you a few tricks along with the basics. It really isn't too difficult.

If you would like to discuss this, feel free to call Doug Bryce or me. Keep up the good work.

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Featured this month will be a quick look at one of the legislature's committees dealing with aspects of the department.

The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee has 13 members with broad jurisdiction. The committee's basic responsibility is to analyze, draft, and vote on the disposition on issues related to water, parks, and wildlife. For example: Issues such as agricultural drainage, water rights, water quality, state park operations-concessions, parkland acquisition, DPR funding, endangered species, wildlife habitat, and wildlife management including fisheries, all fall within the committee's jurisdiction.

The jurisdiction is extremely broad in nature and therefore overlaps with the jurisdiction of several other committees including the Assembly's Natural Resources, Agriculture, Public Investment committees, and others.

Current members include:
(Occupations listed when other than full-time legislator)

Jim Costa D-Fresno Chair
Doris Allen R-Cypress
Vice-Chair (Businesswoman)
Rusty Areias D-Los Banos
(Dairy farmer)
Robert Campbell D-Richmond
(Insurance Broker)
William Filante R-Greenbrae
(Physician)
Dan Hauser D-Arcata
Wally Heger R-Rio Oso
(Cattle Rancher/Businessman)
Phillip Isenberg D-Sacramento
(Attorney)
Richard Katz D-Sepulveda
David Kelley R-Hemet
(Citrus Rancher)
Stephen Peace D-Chula Vista
(Businessman)
Norman Waters D-Plymouth
(Cattleman)
Committee consultant:
Linda Adams

Committee Secretary:
Matthew Orr

Some of these members may be located close to you. You may wish to stop in at their local offices and make your views known, as their interests seem varied as listed in the occupations above. If you are in Sacramento anytime and wish to sit in on a committee meeting, they meet in the Capitol, Room 437 at 4 p.m. on Monday, every week the legislature is in session. The Committee's telephone number for specifics is (916) 445-6164.

Thanks to Matthew Orr, Committee Secretary, for supplying some of the above information.

Continuing our look at legislative committees which deal with aspects of DPR legislation and bills of interest to CSPRA members, we will also take a short look at the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife has broad jurisdiction covering the management and conservation of many different types of natural resources. The majority of bills referred to this committee concern the following subjects: Parks, recreation and historic resources, fish and wildlife, particularly commercial fishing, coastal resources, forestry, wildland fire protection, marinas and water-related recreation. It also includes some land use issues, such as the Tahoe Basin and data gathering concerning agricultural lands, mining, geothermal development, shoreline erosion, wilderness and wild and scenic rivers, acid deposition (acid rain and fog), California Environmental Quality Act, and beverage containers and other litter issues.

Remember, parks was the

first word mentioned in the duty statement of concerns, so let's see who we are dealing with and what their interests could be. Occupations of the legislators are listed only when they are other than FULL TIME LEGISLATORS. The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife is made up of nine members:

Robert Presley, D-Riverside, Chairman

H.L. Richardson, R-Glen-dora, Businessman/Legislator

John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove

Gary Hart, D-Santa Barbara Educator

Milton Marks, R-San Francisco, Attorney

John Seymour, Realtor/Businessman

Dan McCorquodale, D-San Jose, Teacher

Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, Farmer/Businessman

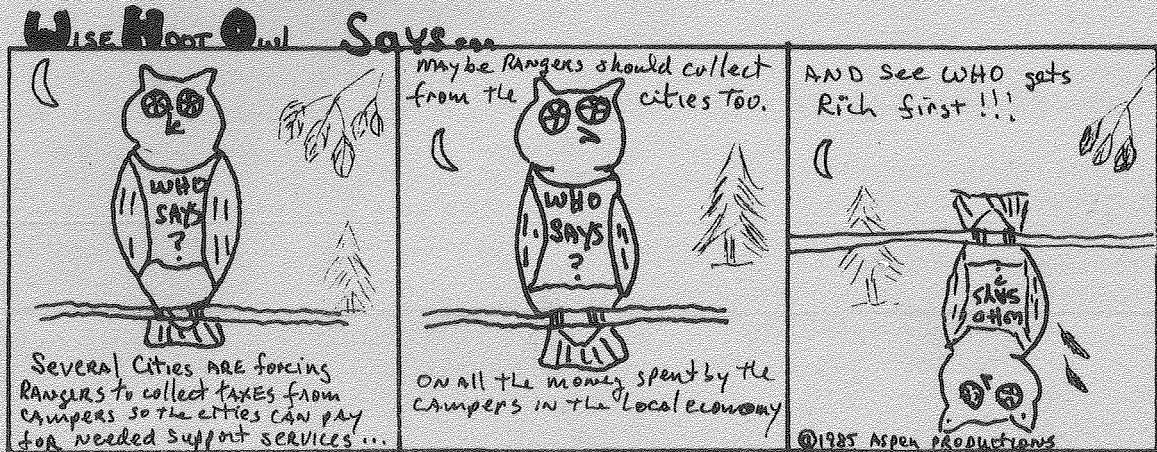
Jim Nielsen R-Woodland, Farm Management Consultant

Principle Consultant: Jeff Arthur

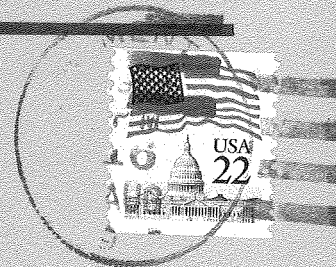
Associate Consultant: David Bunn

Secretary: Marlyn Chapman
Again, as we see, the interests of our representatives may be varied. One may wish to become more familiar with their office locations and staff if you have concerns and the offices are near you. Quite frequently, a legislator has more than one office within his district. If you wish to attend a committee hearing next time you are in Sacramento, the committee meets at 9:30 a.m., in Room 4203 in the Capitol on the second and forth Tuesdays of each month. For further information on the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife, please call (916) 445-5441.

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