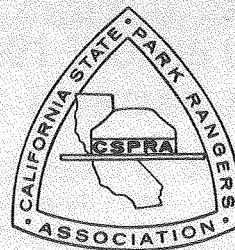


# CSPRA

## NEWSLETTER



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### DPR STAFF SHORTAGES

CSPRA is collecting information on the affects of DPR staff shortages on the operation of the State Park System. A letter was sent to all members on January 17th, asking members to provide specific examples of the negative affects of staff shortages.

If serious problems can be documented, the Planning and Conservation League has agreed to work with us to have the state legislature increase our staffing levels.

Please send specific examples of staff shortage problems to: CSPRA, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95826. For further information contact Jeff Price (415) 726-6238 or Ken Gray (916) 386-0527.

### Palmdale



### HIGH DESERT CONFERENCE

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### ◦ President's Message ◦

You are the only professional organization representing the interests of California's fantastic system of state parks. CSPRA may be one of a few organizations able to tell the general public just exactly what is happening to the units held in trust for their use and enjoyment.

Your Board of Directors has limited CSPRA activity to three central issues during this year, with the purpose of focusing activity and attention back on state parks. Those three thrusts are: environmental issues and threats directly affecting State Park System units; issues of professional nature which affect our membership; and political or administrative issues which threaten or endanger the State Park System. Each member should be able to answer the question, "What is CSPRA doing?"

I believe each CSPRA member has a special duty as a highly motivated professional. Our loyalty should be to parks and their protection. When anyone attempts to damage or degrade the value of California's state parks, we must stand up and fight. As Broc Evans of Audubon said: "...we are no longer managers of parks, ...we are guardians of islands." Challenges are many and they are unrelenting.

Groups that historically have been looked to

for support of the State Park System in California, are under the gun. The State Park Commission, for example, is subject to intense political and special interest pressure compared to just fifteen years ago.

In this Golden State there is much more than gold that is important. Those active over the past half century on behalf of California's state parks are alchemists. They have converted yesteryear's wilderness into the gold of today's System.

We must realize that our park system will continue to change and that its parts will come and go. We must defend the basic concepts that make the State Park System what it is. As author Barry Lopez told the 1984 Santa Cruz Joint Conference, "Society must have something against which it can check its direction. Parks are that unimpeachable source."

You should get active in supporting your professional organization in one of the three main focuses mentioned above. For those of you who would rather do nothing, remember the old saw: "The most difficult thing about doing nothing is that you never know when you're through." Become active, get involved.

The quality of life hinges on the quality of the landscape.



# CSPRA

## PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86

### Estimated Income

Dues	\$22,130
Advertising	-0-
GEC	3,000
Reserve from 84/85	3,000
<b>Total Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$28,130</b>

### Expenditures

Executive Manager	\$2,880
Staff Services & Support	2,750
Postage	900
Office Supplies	600
Equipment Repairs	200
Phone	300
Printing	500
Unanticipated Expense	250
Cal Ranger (3)	3,000
Newsletter (12)	3,000
President	2,200
Telephone/Postage	650
Travel/Per Diem	1,200
Clerical	250
Supplies	100
Board Meetings	2,500
Board of Directors	1,000
Telephone/Postage	200
Travel/Per Diem	800
Controller	600
GEC	3,000
Scholarship	1,500
Sales Items	-0-
Committees	1,700
Retired	300
Legislative	200
Education & Training	300
Site Selection	250
1986 GEC	250
PIC	100
SPPOAC Interpretive	100
Planning & Conservation League	2,000
Reserve to 1986-87	2,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$28,130</b>

### CSPRA Newsletter

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## DPR \$ AIDS CONFERENCE

DPR Training Support Policy #5 will allow state park employees to apply for 50 percent state time to attend the High Desert Conference in Palmdale. Also available will be 50 percent of the conference registration fee. All travel and per diem is paid by the employee. Those registering for the conference should complete a standard DPR Training Request and submit it to their supervisors before March.

This year's conference has 13-hours of

training included on Saturday and Sunday. Employee participants should be eligible for up to six and one-half hours of state time and half the registration costs.

So, if you are able to attend the CSPRA/PRAC High Desert Conference in Palmdale on March 15-17, you are eligible for DPR training support. All you have to do is file that request in advance.



## Rangers Receive Commendation

San Mateo Coast District rangers, Robert Breshears and Dave Horvitz, have received employee commendations for their actions in capturing two robbery suspects. They received the following letter of commendation from Chief Deputy Director for Operations, Garth Tanner:

"It has come to my attention that you were instrumental in the capture of two armed robbery suspects recently in the Santa Cruz Mountains area. Through your efforts, not only has the public been protected, but the Department of Parks and Recreation has received recognition from law enforcement agencies for its competent and professional personnel.

You are to be commended, on behalf of the Department, for your actions in a high-risk situation under stressful circumstances. I also extend my personal congratulations to you on a job well done."

## DPR REORGANIZATION

Major changes in DPR's organization are now being considered. The major thrusts of the proposals being considered are decentralization of functions, authority, and responsibility from Sacramento to Regions and Districts. The major organizational units to be affected are the Resource Protection Division (RPD) and the Office of Interpretive Services (OIS). The elimination or reduction of both of these units is being considered.

RPD is responsible for providing technical services to the field, administering the resource management program, and preparing resource documents for unit classifications and general plans. Staff specialties within RPD include geology, archeology, botany, wildlife, fisheries, forestry, and history. The RPD Chief has traditionally acted as DPR spokesman for environmental issues. If RPD is eliminated, there will be no voice for resource protection and resource management at the Director's staff meetings and the State Park and Recreation Commission meetings.

OIS is responsible for interpretive planning, interpretive productions, and maintaining DPR's interpretive collections. Creation of OIS several years ago signified a major Department commitment to interpretation. Elimination of OIS will be a major defeat for the interpretive movement.

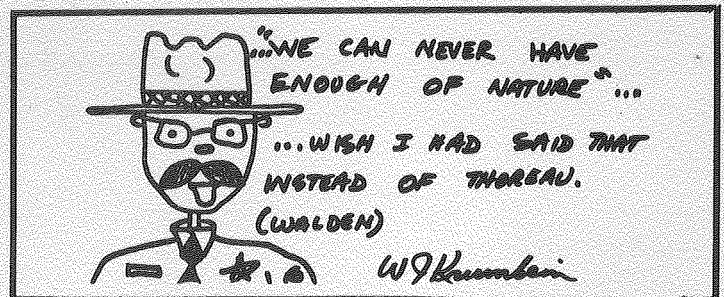
If RPD and OIS are eliminated and their functions abolished, two of the major programs of the Department will be eliminated. Are these changes in the best interest of the State Park System and the people of California?

## CSPRA HONORS MEMBERS

The CSPRA Board of Directors has awarded four members and one volunteer with the CSPRA Certificate of Appreciation. At the last Board meeting the outstanding efforts of members Larry Santoyo, Dave Horvitz, Wendy Lieber and Mark Faull were recognized. Technical assistance and volunteer work by Lisa Garrison was also commended.

Mark and Wendy were co-editors of the CSPRA Newsletter for most of 1983 and 1984. Larry was our Environmental Issues Chairman and Dave is outgoing Chairman of CSPRA's Education and Training Committee. Lisa, a CPA (and wife of member Robert Garrison) reviewed our financial statements, policies, internal controls and balance sheet. Her review of CSPRA's fiscal health also included an audit plan and several recommendations which have been implemented.

The hours these people gave to help CSPRA and the professional aims it represents are most sincerely appreciated. THANKS!!



## BULLET TRAIN ...DEAD?

American High Speed Rail Corp. threw in the towel earlier this fall on the proposed bullet train project between San Diego and Los Angeles because of a lack of money. Member, Randy Hawley, followed the project's evolution for CSPRA because of the potential adverse impact of the route as it bisected a sensitive wetland in Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Opposition by local communities along the route also contributed to the dwindling support.

Now, a Michigan manufacturer has revived plans to use the route for a space-age railroad. The new train would skim along on a monorail at speeds up to 250 mph, according to a spokesperson for Budd Co. of Troy Michigan. The new developer is simply testing the waters at this point in communities in north San Diego and Orange counties. CSPRA will continue to monitor this new proposal for impacts on all state park units along the route.



# Getty Leaves RPD

In a recent letter to Director Briner, CSPRA President Jeff Price expressed concern that Resource Protection Division Chief, Maurice "Bud" Getty, was leaving his CEA position in Sacramento. Price noted that Bud has been "effective in articulating the need for resource management and protection to DPR employees, the Commission and the public."

Briner was urged to appoint a replacement with similar knowledge and dedication to State Park System natural resource values. Price pointed out that there would likely be conflict with the public and conservation community if DPR resource concerns were not adequately considered. Price stated "...natural resources are the capital stock of the State Park System.... It is essential that someone with detailed knowledge of sensitive resource values be on your staff and be able to provide input into important DPR policy decisions."

The necessity of adequate staffing levels in key sections was noted in light of DPR's responsibility to plan and fund projects from the 1984 Park Bond Act.

A reorganization in RPD has been rumored, but no specific plans have yet been revealed by the Director.

## CSPRA HELPS SWAC

The Statewide Women's Advisory Committee (SWAC) recently wrote the CSPRA Board of Directors requesting \$600 to purchase the film **Power Pinch**. It was to be used as a training film for DPR employees to help educate them about the pitfalls of prejudice and sexual harassment in the work place.

SWAC had found funding sources exhausted in the Human Rights Office and asked for CSPRA's help.

In a phone call to the Director's office, January 15, President Jeff Price discovered that several loan copies of the film were available from the Department of Education. Price also found there had been some miscommunication about funds and, according to Human Rights Office Chief, Roberto Vallanoweth, if the loan films didn't meet SWAC's needs, he felt funds could be made available for a future purchase.

We hope this small gesture by CSPRA will get SWAC the film and DPR support they requested.

## AUDITOR CRITICIZES DPR

The state Auditor General says Californians' access to more than one-million acres of state parks is limited because of a planning backlog in DPR. In early January, Auditor General Thomas Hayes said that two-thirds of the state's 289 parks lack general development plans needed before more facilities can be built. That accounts for 84 percent of the Park System's acreage.

The report went on to say that DPR needs to get better organized. At the present rate, it will be 55 years before DPR clears its planning backlog.

The report recommends that DPR ask for more money, and that it computerize its map-making.

## EIC NEEDED

Are you a CSPRA member with a yearning to get more involved? Do you have a strong interest in exposing and stopping environmental threats to our park units? Do you have a flair for writing and basic organizational skills? Do you want a full mailbox?

If the answer is **yes**, you are needed to coordinated CSPRA's Environmental Issues Committee (EIC).

EIC was originally created to serve as a clearinghouse for the myriad of issues brought up by the membership. At its broadest scope in the past, EIC dealt with almost any issue that anyone suggested. At one time EIC members were tracking off-shore oil, sea cows in Persia, Mono Lake, radioactive waste disposal, gill netting, harp seals in Alaska and the bullet train. EIC championed many successful environmental causes and serves CSPRA well.

Under the current Board's narrowed focus for the Association, EIC has become leaner and more productive. EIC currently investigates and reports on only those issues which **directly** affect State Park System units. The EIC chairperson assists the Board by reviewing, coordinating and assigning monitors for environmental issues of concern to CSPRA members. With this narrowed focus, CSPRA hopes to better use the time and talents of its committed members.

If you would like more information on getting involved in your professional organization in a position that really counts, contact President Jeff Price by March 1, 1985.



by Mike Whitehead

On Jan. 8, 1985, Governor Deukmejian gave his State of the State address to the people of California. The word "parks" was mentioned twice during the 2,000-plus-word presentation. The following are references made to some of our interests:

"We need a statewide partnership for progress to rebuild California--our roads, schools, water systems, sewers, parks, jails and public buildings. Some call this infrastructure. Some call it public works. To me it is an essential investment in our future.

"Excellence also requires more attention to California's quality of life. All the prosperity in the world won't make us happy if our environment is allowed to deteriorate. In just two years, we have committed more money than ever to protect endangered species in their natural habitats. We have acquired 750 acres of sensitive land around Lake Tahoe. We negotiated unprecedented protections for our coasts during offshore drilling. We supported setting aside more than a million acres of California wilderness to preserve their resources and beauty for

future generations.

"We're not going to rest easy because the crime rate is dropping. In our first two years, we boosted the number of state law enforcement personnel by over 20 percent. I am asking for an additional seven percent increase this year.

"We're the number one destination for tourists and new businesses. We're first in national forests and state parks. We're first in high technology and manufacturing."

Also mentioned were new water quality measures, stricter vehicle emission standards, increased supplies of affordable energy, "without harming the environment..." through purchasing of "low cost hydro-electric power from our neighbors in the Northwest." A major push in the area of toxic waste cleanup and a new department of waste management were also discussed.

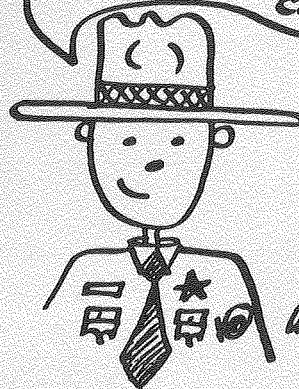
Legislation continues to be introduced and within the focused guidelines of CSPRA, the Legislative Monitor column will attempt to keep topics of discussion coming your way.

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WON'T GO PAST THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE.



W. Krumbein

### New CPSRA Members

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## CSPRA Position Opposed

### Members of CSPRA:

"I for one, do not support the president's opposition to commercial grazing in the State Park System. I take offense to his advice to the director to "prohibit commercial livestock grazing." While "park lawn mowers" (as the title of the article so aptly puts it) definitely have no place in many (if not most) of our parks, they do serve a need in some of our parks.

Many of our parks were "purchased" from ranchers who used the land for sheep grazing and cattle production. This facet of American life was and is as important as gold, railroads and off-road vehicles. For interpretive, historical and cultural significance, it has great value and shouldn't be downgraded to the "lawn mower" category.

Grazing also can help in reducing fuel in areas prone to wild fire. In areas that are against controlled burns this could be a benefit to both the parks and their neighbors.

A well run park can and does have room for grazing. Judiciously used livestock grazing can be a benefit to the park, not only from the revenue it brings in, but from its cultural and environmental significance.

As a professional organization, I ask that this opposition be looked at for each park and not statewide, as the article **Park Lawn Mowers** inferred.

Mike H. Stalder

# CSPRA Joins League

In the last poll of members on what areas we, as an association, should be working, environmental issues affecting state parks ranked high. CSPRA has recently taken a major step to increase our voice in the legislative arena where many of these issues are decided.

We have become one of thirteen organizational members of the Planning and Conservation League, a highly respected non-partisan lobbying group based in Sacramento. By joining forces with other members like the Mono Lake Committee and the California Native Plant Society, we look forward to helping shape the course of future bills concerning state parks.

PCL is now widely recognized for its sponsorship of the California Legislative Symposium (in late January this year). The purpose of the symposium is to plan and discuss environmental legislative strategy for the 1985-86 legislative session at the state capitol. The participants will also look for ways to defeat bills dangerous or harmful to California's environment. CSPRA representatives will be returning with their reports as this newsletter goes to press.

If you would like more information on PCL, or have ideas for legislation on state parks, contact a Board member or Doug Bryce. Submit your ideas before the end of February to ensure timely consideration for this legislative session.

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