



# NEWSLETTER



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## BOARD VOTES IN NEW VP

Board Member Rick Parmer was elected to the office of Vice President at the January Meeting of the CSPRA Board of Directors.

According to CSPRA by-laws, the Board will elect from among their members a person to serve as vice president. Rick was elected by unanimous vote.

Parmer\* has been active in CSPRA as a member of the Environmental Issues Committee and as a Board member for the past two-years.

He was re-elected to the board in the 1984 elections and is now the most senior member of the CSPRA Board.

## DPR Staff Shortages

CSPRA has received 16 responses to our request for information on the effects of staff shortages on the operation of the State Park System. In the DPR report **Stewardship—1983**, lack of actual staff and funds was identified as a threat to the resources in 226 of the 300 units. If we are to seek a legislative solution to this problem, we need additional information.

Send your information to CSPRA, P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95828. All information is welcome. Upon request, the source of all information will be kept confidential.

**Editor's Note:** The last newsletter listed the above address as P.O. Box 2390. That is incorrect. Box 2390 is DPR Headquarters in Sacramento.

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## President's Message

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Director Briner and DPR deserve CSPRA's complements for an outstanding effort in recognizing the recently graduated class of State Park Peace Officers from the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center.

In early January, I received a personal invitation from Don Murphy to represent CSPRA at the first formal graduation ceremony ever held for a peace officer class.

The evening of January 23rd was very special for members of the graduating class and their parents, spouses, friends and relatives in attendance. The evening was also very special for our department. Each of the Regional Directors, Chief Deputy Director Tanner, a representative from Monterey Peninsula College, the Training Center staff and other special guests were present. All peace officers were in full dress uniform. All our top level management team in one room, in dress uniform, looking very sharp; it was truly a special occasion.

The program, MCed by Bob Culbertson, was very formal except for a well received humorous

slide show recap of the 16-week course by Jackie Ball. It seemed as though Jackie had kept her camera ready at all times to render a capsulized look at the triumphs and tribulations of the group and the instructors.

Regional Director, Bill Monaghan and Training Center Director, Broc Stenman, presented talks on the challenges and rewards of becoming peace officers and the professionalism that is expected. Chief Deputy Director Garth Tanner led the group in their peace officer's oath and swearing in ceremony. The evening concluded with a hosted reception.

The department staff showed a level of dignity and pride never before shown to a graduating class of State Park Peace Officers. CSPRA must commend all involved for this honor bestowed upon those who completed a difficult 640-hour course and now represent State Parks for the people of California.

If this special ceremony and recognition concludes each future SPPO training class, a spirit of professional commitment and enthusiasm will also leave with the participants.



# PCL Symposium

On Jan. 26-27, 1985, the Planning and Conservation League hosted the second California Environmental Legislative Symposium at CSU, Sacramento.

The stated purposes for the gathering were to plan new environmental legislation for introduction in the 1985-86 legislative session. Conversely, it was to plan for the defeat of anticipated legislation that would be environmentally destructive if enacted. The goals were given as facilitating a gathering of environmentalists to establish legislative priorities as a whole and to provide information to organizations and individuals to better judge their own best course of legislative action.

As you are aware, CSPRA became a PCL board member in 1984 to provide a forum and to attain an ability to introduce legislation when deemed necessary with a varied environmental support base throughout California. CSPRA Board of Directors members, Ken Gray (Park Integrity Committee), Mike Whitehead (Legislative Committee), and CSPRA member Gary Fregien were among the 200 people to participate in the symposium.

Numerous environmental concerns were presented and literature tables were abundant with handouts. Topics of the many workshops included toxics, environmental lobbying, wildlife, native plants, forestry, state parks, water development, energy, renewable resources, coastal protection, pesticides, CEQA, air pollution and transportation. Ken Gray co-chaired a workshop on coastal protection and state park concerns as perceived by CSPRA. Issues mentioned regarding system integrity included golf courses and similar philosophies within DPR, and questionable lease practices such as cattle grazing.

Other issues raised during the workshop were related to possible DPR reorganization which would significantly weaken the role of the Resource Protection Division, the possibility of introduced legislation allowing state park General Plans to be prepared outside of DPR, and current study needs in the realm of staff augmentation for DPR to offset possible negative effects on state park system resources and public use. PCL is currently working on a proposal for augmentation of Fish & Game wardens in needed areas.

Judging by the number of varied questions asked during the CSPRA presentation, there are a number of individuals interested in the plight of state parks who are now aware of CSPRA's concerns. Much discussion occurred during the breaks and at meal time with many people being curious about CSPRA—its goals and philosophy.

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## GEC Golf Tournament

Louie Wakefield, Chairman of the golf tournament, has arranged for \$150 in golf prizes through the Sierra Toyota dealer in Lancaster.

The golf tournament will be held at the Antelope Valley Country Club on March 15th, with tee-off at 10 a.m. Green fees and cart are \$17.

Indicate your interest on the registration announcement and submit early to insure a starting time reservation at the country club.

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The symposium also hosted other guest speakers including Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, Attorney General John Van de Kamp, Senator John Garamendi, and Jan Sharpless who represented the Deukmejian administration as Deputy Secretary for Environmental Affairs. With the Kesterson Reservoir and San Luis Drain problems in the news, the general topic of discussion for all speakers was toxic waste controls, past triumphs and future courses of action. Secretary Sharpless probably wished she had stayed home and sent a Resources Agency representative instead as she could not answer most of the questions put to her by an audience that did not mince words.

The symposium and workshops were very valuable and the interchange of ideas between CSPRA and other environmental organizations was most important. With others interested in our concerns, more avenues can be covered and action taken. It was necessary that CSPRA be there!

Any questions regarding the Planning and Conservation League or the activities of the Park Integrity Committee should be addressed to Chair Ken Gray.



by Mike Whitehead

Numerous bills are being introduced, per the norm, early in the legislative session this year. Some are reentries of unsuccessful bids from last year, and some are new ideas. A reminder that each resident of California is entitled to a copy of 100 different bills per session from the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol Room B32, Sacramento, CA 95814.

A few of the newest bills of possible interest to CSPRA are listed below:

## Coastal Resources/Land Exchanges

(AB 20-Elder) Current law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to temporarily acquire land for specified purposes relating to preservation, use and enjoyment of coastal resources. This bill would provide for the exchange of coastal zone property having special significance for any property of equivalent value owned by the state and deemed surplus.

## LA/San Diego Rail

(AB-43-Mojonnier) A repeat bid from last session, this bill deletes from CEQA any rail project which institutes or increases passenger rail traffic on existing rail lines. Also makes CALTRANS the lead agency for EIR preparation and deletes requirement that 90-percent of routes within the coastal zone utilize existing rail or highway right-of-ways.

## Service Revolvers

(AB-85-Sebastiani) Would allow honorably retired peace officers authorized to carry concealed weapon by their department head to purchase his or her state issued service revolver.

## Off Highway Vehicle Fund

(AB-107-Peace) Appropriates \$40,000 from the DPR OHV fund to the county of San Diego for EIR preparation for a proposed OHV site at Otay Mesa if the feasibility study is positive.

## Peace Officer Assist to Disabled Drivers

(AB-158-Cortese) Would require every peace officer (starting with PC 830) while operating a plainly marked official vehicle, to render assistance to the driver of a disabled vehicle. Exceptions would be if enroute to a call or if unsafe to do so.

## State Bodies/Meetings/Agendas

(AB-214-Connelly et al) Would mandate that (except under limited, specified conditions) no action could be taken by a public body unless previously published in an agenda which states

in advance, items of business and proposed actions. Provides mechanism and attorney fees for a person wishing to challenge any action done in violation.

## Fish & Game Wardens

(AB-335-Felando) Would require Fish & Game Commission to formulate a general policy to rotate wardens to "guarantee the fair and impartial enforcement" of the provisions of the Fish & Game Code.

## Salton Sea Development Plan

(AB-432-Bradley) Makes the Governor's Office of Planning and Research the lead agency for planning the development of the Salton Sea. Requires a plan be submitted to the legislature prior to Jan. 1, 1987.

## Santa Monica Mountains

(AB-471-Davis et al) Extends the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act from July 1, 1986 to July 1, 1990.

## Mountain Lions

(SB-76-Presley) Currently, mountain lions are considered specially protected mammals and can only be taken under pursuit and depredation permits. After Jan. 1, 1986, under this bill special status would be lifted and they would be considered game animals able to be taken under a hunting license with special tags.

## State Lands

(SB-132-Presley) Currently, if purchase negotiations for state lands are not completed within six months, specific legislative members must be notified. This bill would delete that requirement. Also, provides for any proceeds from sale of any property originally acquired for state park purposes be deposited in the State Parks and Recreation fund for further extension, improvement or development of the state park system. Current proceeds are deposited in the General Fund.

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As a qualifier, all bill choices, interpretations and errors are the authors. Due to Newsletter deadlines, some bills may have been changed, withdrawn, or otherwise modified. Please contact the Legislative Bill Room or your local representative for current status. Any suggestions relating to this column or subject matter, please contact me at P.O. Box 3639, Idyllwild, CA 92349 or call Home: 714-659-4478, Work: 714-659-2607.

## New CPSRA Members

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## SPS CRITISIZED

In a report issued in January, the Auditor General of California stated that DPR could more effectively manage the State Park System.

The department has prepared general plans for only 98 of the 289 units of SPS. General plans are required before new permanent facilities can be developed in a unit. In addition, the department does not collect all lease payments when they are due. At the end of the 1983-84 fiscal year, the department had not collected \$92,550 in unpaid lease payments. Finally, DPR lacks accurate information about its land. DPR lacks ownership maps for 62 units and does not have current maps for another 76 parks.

According to the Auditor General, these problems have resulted in limited public access to some units, the state loses revenue because of late lease payments, and the state does not have accurate information about land within the State Park System.

Copies of this report (# P-381) are available from the Office of the Auditor General, 660 J Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814. The cost is \$2.

### DPR Bulletin Board

For those with a computer and a modem, DPR now has a bulletin board up and running. The telephone number is (916) 445-0717 or ATSS 8-495-0717. The board is up 24-hours a day except when the computer is being used—Call and leave a message.

## GEC Child Care

Parents: Would you like to attend some of the 1985 conference sessions without your children? There is a solution! Contact Sue Whitehead and she will arrange a child care co-op! For a two-hour contribution of time, you can have six-hours free to attend the sessions of your choice.

We are also looking for a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who lives in the area and might be willing to watch the children the evening of the banquet (3-17-85).

For further information contact: Sue Whitehead at (714) 659-4478 or P.O. Box 3639, Idyllwild, CA 92349—or see Sue in Palmdale as soon as you check in to reserve your space.

### Retiree's Golf Game

A golf game for retired DPR employees will be held at Morro Bay on April 16th and 17th. This will be the third get-together and each time a few more retired members meet to play golf and reminisce about past experiences.

Please make motel reservations through Motel 6 or mail remittance to Motel 6, 298 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay, CA. 93442. Reservations should be for the nights of April 15th and 16th.

If you plan to attend or would like more information, contact Wes Cater at 2870 Ironwood, Morro Bay, CA 93442. (805) 772-2832.

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