

# CSPRA

## NEWSLETTER



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### ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

by Gar Salzgeber

I recently became chairperson of the Environmental Issues Committee. I am now looking for anybody interested in joining the committee, anybody who might be willing to research a particular project, people interested in writing articles, or people who feel they have expertise, time or other valuable assets to offer the committee.

We have agreed to confine EIC to issues that are presently and directly affecting a unit of DPR.

A way of illustrating the parameter is to use two examples in my area. As I understand it, off-shore oil drilling platforms in Santa Barbara Channel are presently sending out so many air pollutants that they frequently exceed the air quality standards set up for Santa Barbara County. Since we have several DPR units on the Santa Barbara coast affected by the platforms exceeding air quality standards, their operation could be an issue for EIC.

A contrast is Diablo Nuclear Power Plant which just went up to 100 percent operation. For obvious reasons the plant poses the threat of future impending doom. However, the threat is not presently and directly affecting a DPR unit.

I'm hoping these guidelines don't make people angry. Our ultimate goal is to focus our energy on environmental issues affecting DPR units -- those we have a good chance of doing something about.

If you have an environmental problem affecting your DPR unit, or wish to get further information, contact me: Gar Salzgeber, 861 Merced, Pismo Beach, CA 93449. Home: 805-773-3703. Work: 805-549-3433.

### SP TRIVIA

CSPRA is proud to announce publication of SUPER TRIVIA ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK SYSTEM by Jim Woodward.

SUPER TRIVIA is a collection of over 400 interesting, instructive and delightful facts about the best state park system around. The questions are grouped into six broad categories, with answers following each section. The categories cover geography, recreation, natural history, cultural history, unit names and classification, and people and administivia.

SUPER TRIVIA provides the answers to questions like which five units have hot springs, or which three units have golf courses, and what six forts are protected in the SPS? See if you know which units are named for women or movie stars. Much of the joy in this little book is in finding out how different units have something in common, along with the diversities and idiosyncracies of SPS.

The questions are meant to be super-enjoyable rather than super difficult, though veterans and neophytes alike will find it challenging. SUPER TRIVIA may be taken like a midterm exam, given as an orientation exercise, used as and educational pastime while traveling, or played as a party game (highly recommended). With imagination it can even be used as a specialty category in the generic trivia board game.

SUPER TRIVIA is available free to members of CSPRA if requested by July 1, 1985. To request you copy, send a mailing label and 50 cents for postage to the California State Park Rangers Association, P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95828. The price for non-members is \$2, plus 50 cents for postage and handling. All profits from the sale of this publication will go to CSPRA.

### SURCHARGE LEGISLATION

CSPRA voiced its support of Assembly Bill 1427 (Costa), to correct the loophole in the Revenue and Taxation Code. That loophole allows local government to levy a local transient occupancy tax on visitors to SPS.

In a letter to Assemblyman Tom Hannigan, president Jeff Price urged his support for the bill and offered CSPRA as a resource for providing information on the detrimental effects on public relations and operational efficiency.

## MOTT NAMED NPS DIRECTOR

William Penn Mott, a 75-year-old Californian who headed DPR while Ronald Reagan was governor, has been named director of the National Park Service.

Mott is president of the California State Parks Foundation and general manager of the East Bay Zoological Society in Oakland, where he lives.

As director of DPR from 1967 to 1975, Mott doubled the size of the state park system and pioneered the hiring of women as park rangers. He has been a consultant on parks to Costa Rica and Australia.

NPS, which consistently ranks in polls as the most popular federal agency, operates 334 parks and other installations such as national monuments and battlefields.

The appointment won immediate praise from environmental groups.

## MONO Tufa RESERVE

In a recent letter to Senator Robert Presley, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resource Committee, Jeff Price stated that CSPRA thought the ammended SB 1120 would be very helpful to local rangers.

Price felt that management of Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve should be consistant with the intent of Public Resources Code Section 5019.65. He emphasised that the statement, "historic prior use" in the original legislation should not be construed to automatically allow activities which now require a permit/review process or which are illegal.

Price urged Senator Presley to favorably review SB 1120.

## CASCADE RANCH

CSPRA has restated its position on the necessity of acquiring the Cascade Ranch as part of the SPS.

This beautiful parcel along the Santa Cruz -- San Mateo coastline should be acquired for use as a superior camping opportunity. It will relieve current recreational pressure on Ano Nuevo State Reserve and will link three adjacent state park units.

President Jeff Price has requested a brief update on where this proposal now stands. Partial funding may be available from the Park Bond monies with a private/public partnership to complete the funding.

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DEAR READERS...  
BY Carl Burger

During my (gulp) 19 year association with the department, cause has arisen for me to celebrate or lament various park (or non-park)-related experiences in "song." Of course, I am pleasantly surprised that several friends and acquaintances have asked, over the years, for a tape of this or that song, and even an occasional tape recording has surfaced, rumo has it, at Asilomar. Some folks, other than my parents, then, seem to enjoy what's been done. Well, OK.

With some prompting, admittedly, I herewith "test the water," and announce the planning of a 20-minute cassette, probably to be produced in my living room, multi-track, with six of my creations which I'm certain do not violate any copyright laws (i.e. the words and music are original!!). If interest in the cassette is sufficient to cover whatever legal aspects of recording parodies there might be, additional material might be in the offing. Meanwhile...

If there is a person somewhere out there who would be interested in purchase (probably \$4-\$5) of homemade cassette tape of marginal technical quality, do let me know within the next 30 days. The tape would include the following selections:

- \*"don't touch that chipmunk" blues
- \*when you plant is on the Fritz
- \*peripheral canal
- \*warhead
- \*out of the pool
- \*standing modified

I told folks I'd look into the idea, and I have rather mixed feelings about the whole enterprise, but I'd appreciate any feedback from the readership. Many thanks. Write to: Carl Burger, SPRI, Portola State Park, La Honda, CA 94020.



The final mass of introduced legislation under the urgency statute (those which would take effect immediately after passage) has subsided. After this month, bills will continue to be introduced, but would take effect later in the session after the governor's signature. Listed below are several bills of possible interest to CSPRA members and specific units.

**AB 1149 Mineral Resources/State Lands Commission (Stirling):** SLC has jurisdiction over development of mineral resources on state lands under their control. Upon proving to the SLC that commercially valuable mineral deposits exist on a site, a permittee is able to lease (not less than \$1 per acre per year) 160 acres for mineral extraction. This bill increases acreage to 960 acres.

**AB 1201 Off Highway Vehicles on Highway (Katz):** Would authorize ORVs to use designated highways for up to 5 miles. Similar bill failed last year. This would enable green stickers to cruise to the local store, gas station and campground on the highway. Certain restrictions as operators being licensed, speed limits and daytime operations only are included. Mentions OHMVR Commission.

**AB 1411 Move the Mansion (Papan):** Again, a try to relocate the Governor's Mansion four blocks closer to downtown Sacto and renovate it to accommodate the needs of the governor and provide suitable executive office space.

**AB 1703 Appropriation to DPR (La Follette):** Appropriates unspecified sum from state parks and rec fund for capital improvements at state park system units. Doesn't specify, however, where.

**AB 1723 Calif Fisheries Museum (Hauser):** Appropriates money to DPR to acquire real property in Eureka for the Calif Fisheries Museum, a new unit of the state park system.

**AB 1728 SRA or SB on Russian River (Hauser et al):** Would require DPR to study desirability and appropriateness of future state recreation area or state beach unit along the Russian River in Sonoma County. Specifies consideration area to be between Rio Nido and Monte Rio communities.

**AB 1814 DPR/Operating Agreements (O'Connell):** Current law authorizes DPR to enter into agreements with public agencies for the care, maintenance, administration and control of lands for SPS. This bill would include nongovernmental local entity or nonprofit corporations.

**AB 1815 El Presidio/Santa Barbara (O'Connell):** Currently General Services can lease state property for up to five years if in the best interests of the state. This would allow General Services, with consent of DPR to lease a portion of El Presidio De Santa Barbara SP at less than fair market value for not longer than 50 years for the purpose of development.

**AB 1845 River Rec Area (Margolin, et al):** Establishes river recreation areas in order to preserve rivers or portions for recreational day-use activities and would prohibit hydroelectric or other water development which would change the recreational character. Designates portions of Mokelumne River as such.

**AB 1955 El Pueblo De La SHP (Molina):** Extends current concession agreement at El Pueblo De Los Angeles SHP from Jan 86 to Jan 88 and requires rental rates effective Jan 86 to reflect current commercial rents.

**AB 2114 Cascade Ranch (Naylor):** Appropriates unspecified sum from Bond Act to DPR for specified property including Cascade Ranch as an addition to Ano Nuevo SR and classify it as a state park unit. It also requires DPR to make it available for public use ASAP and requires a general plan within two years after acquisition.

**AB 2213 Cascade Ranch (O'Connell):** Per the above, if DPR acquires Cascade Ranch, it shall remain in agricultural use and all water rights and access existing at the time shall continue available.

**AB 2235 Off Highway Vehicle/Safety Programs (Wyman):** Would require the division of OHMVR (DPR) to conduct and administer safety education programs. Also allows for grants to other public and nonprofit entities to do the same.

**AB 2491 Increase Fees/Out-of-Staters (Costa):** Would authorize DPR to establish a separate fee schedule for out of state visitors to the California SPS.

**SB 249 Charitable Contributions (Presley):** Increases mileage deduction from 12 cents to 20 and one half cents per mile for donated services to governmental entity or nonprofit organizations for tax purposes (Docents, eh!).

**SB 799 Cuyamaca (Ellis):** Allows General Services with DPR consent to lease two small parcels within Cuyamaca Rancho SP to a school and water district for a period not longer than 20 years. Standard lease is only five years.

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## LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

**SB 805 Bond Issue/Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Presley):** Allows you to vote on \$50-million bond issue for fish and wildlife habitat conservation act on 1986 June ballot.

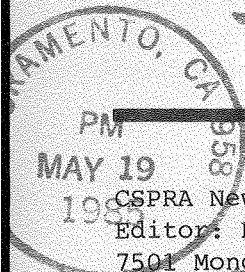
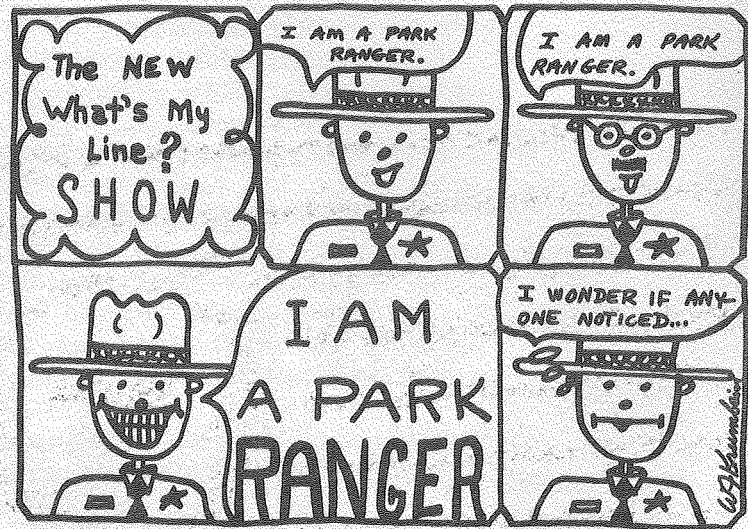
**SB 806 Bond Issue/Community Parklands (Presley):** Same as above only \$100-million for community parklands act (For local assistance grant programs). Mentions some criteria developed by DPR for allocation.

**SB 1382 Marijuana (Richardson):** Adds felony counts for planting, cultivating, transporting, distributing, etc., when the following exists: Trespassing on others property, adds two year prison for firearms, adds five years prison if caught before, if using an insecticide, herbicide, or the like to keep the local animals away and other specifics.

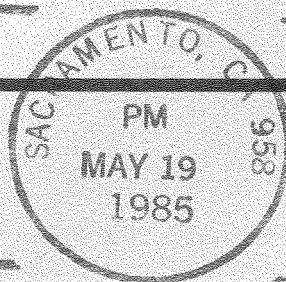
**SB 1391 Concession Contracts (Keene):** Current law requires State Park and Rec Commission and the legislature or public works board review the contract if investment or receipts will total over \$100,000. This would increase minimum review figure to \$250,000.

A reminder that newsletter deadlines prevent any up to the minute changes, so please check with the various sources for current bill status. Errors in interpretation of column selections are the author's responsibility.

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