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and more!

1986 CSPRA GEC

"It was easy to spot the delegates to the California State Park Rangers Association conference ... They were the only ones with tans in the middle of a record rainy season"

"The focus of the conference was 'Managing Resources for the Future and keynote speaker William Penn Mott...told the Rangers the key to protecting parks for future generations was to reach out to the growing urban population...' Contra Costa Times

GEC closing speaker Dave Foreman "told park Rangers they are 'Priests and priestesses of the natural worlds' whose job it is to preserve the wilderness and help others appreciate it.

"I honestly think that the park Rangers in this country are the most important people in the United States," he said. "Your job goes far beyond what it appears on the surface. You're guardians, you're guardians of evolution."

"Foreman told of a young man named Aldo Leopold...While Leopold was in charge of a timber survey crew, the group...watched a wolf cross the stream and began playing with

her pups...He and his friends pulled out guns 'and began sending lead into the pack. We reached the old wolf in time to watch a fierce green fire dying in her eyes,' Leopold wrote years later..."

"'We've got to get that green fire back, the green fire that makes the world go around,' Foreman said 'That's your job, to keep the green fire alive.'" Contra Costa Times

See inside for photos from the GEC. Pages 6-9.

LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

by Mike Whitehead, Vice President

With a deadline of Feb. 21 to introduce bills for action within this session, the usual hurry up and flood the hopper with new topics is moving right along.

As always the standard disclaimer applies: All choices, interpretations, errors and comments featured in this column are the sole responsibility of the author.

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PROFILE OF A PROFESSIONAL - Debbie Weldon

by Donald Murphy

William Randolph Hearst might be surprised to know that a small army of state employees keeps his castle in prime condition. Guides, Rangers, Craftsman, Groundskeepers, Engineers, and Administrators are all stewards of this magnificent state monument.

The head administrator at Hearst San Simeon, is Regional Director, Deborah Weldon. Debbie was born in Los Angeles and attended San Luis Obispo State University where she received a bachelor of science degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design.

After college Debbie journeyed to England where she hoped to work under a licensed architect for two years so that she could qualify for her architects license. While in England Debbie worked on various projects such as designing 27 miles of motor way, assisting on the design for a train station, and other landscape projects. Her personal concern for people got her involved in "people planning" where architectural design takes into consideration the needs of the people who will be served.

In 1976, upon her return from England, Debbie joined the Department of Parks and Recreation as a Landscape Architect. In 1980 she was given the assignment of streamlining the 1980 bond process. Previously it had taken up to four years to enlumber bond monies. Debbie was able to develop a system whereby funds could be encumbered within two and a half years. I asked Debbie what she likes about being a park professional? "Working through and completing assignments. The diversity of assignments and the responsibility." Debbie went on to say that sometimes the job is frustration because certain processes can be so cumbersome. But Debbie quickly casted the processes in a positive light by saying that the processes actually protected our valuable resources from too rapid a change.

Debbie soon promoted to Staff Service Manager I and in 1981 received the Sustained Superior Achievement award. In 1984 she was Honored Alumni at San Luis Obispo State University, and on March 11, 1985 she reported to her present position of Regional Director of the San Simeon Region.

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I asked Debbie if she had any personal goals. She listed four areas that she was interested in: 1. Working to increase the working knowledge of supervisors; 2. Program Organization; 3. Working with staff to develop a regional

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SNO-PARK (AB 2816 Costa)



DPR issues a winter recreation parking permit for use in specific areas from November to March. Parking in these areas without a SNO-PARK permit could result in citation and a \$75 fine. This bill would require the court to dismiss the bail, if the permit is purchased after the citation, and before the court appearance, up to May 30, 1986, shortening the grace period by a year.

URBAN OPEN SPACE RECREATION (AB 3002 Harris)

Approves the revised criteria submitted to the Legislature by the DPR Director by March 31, 1986. This revised criteria determines priority of needs for grants to cities, counties, and districts for recreation and open space purposes, under the Roberti, Z'berg, Harris Act.

Mike Whitehead

CREDIT CARDS (AB 3007 Seastrand)

Would allow DPR to accept credit cards for payment of fees.

MUSEUMS (AB 3084 Costa)

Would create, within DPR a Division of Museums.

MULTIPLE UNIT GENERAL PLANS (AB 3085 Costa)

Would authorize DPR to prepare a general plan which could include more than one unit. It would apply to units in close proximity with similar resources and recreation opportunities, if that action would facilitate protection of public resources and public access.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING DPR (AB 3150 Eaves)

This bill would continuously appropriate the existing 50% fine money for public safety training for DPR employees. It would further require that the expenditure of salaries be allocated to assigned work locations of the employees that receive the training (per POST).

BALDWIN HILLS SRA (AB 3253 Moore)

Would amend and supplement the 86 budget to appropriate \$2.512 million from the 84 bond act to DPR for development at Baldwin Hills SRA.

MORE RANGERS AT SANTA CRUZ (AB 3803 Farr)

Would require DPR to conduct a feasibility study of providing additional Rangers for patrolling the Santa Cruz Co. northern State Beaches.

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A BIG PROBLEM IN THE BIGGEST STATE PARK
by Patty Brown



Patty Brown

Comprising half of the acreage in the State Park System, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park lies within a three hour drive of nearly half the population of California.

Pressures on the park's resources and facilities are increasing at an alarming rate. The most obvious threat is the impact of off-highway and four-wheel drive vehicles.

Rangers spend a large part of their time keeping the off-roaders within the bounds of the law. Citations are issued, and tracks are raked to reduce the temptations for others to destroy the delicate eco-systems.

Though more time is required in protection, less person years are available. Employee hours are cut to reduce time banks. An increase in training leaves a short staff. Intermittent Ranger funds have been reduced, so extra coverage is not available. There have been changes in the use of Ranger "outpost positions". All these together significantly reduce the staff's patrol capabilities

With approximately 60 entrances to Anza-Borrego, there are only two entrance stations. The ten miles of common boundary with Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area allows unlimited access to the park.

The unfortunate result of heavy use by off-road vehicles means many other problems within the park are not being addressed: Interpretive programs are less frequent; foot trails are not patrolled or maintained; less used areas of the park are very rarely patrolled; Rangers no longer have the opportunity to assist in long range resource management projects.

Solutions might include: Additional staffing; better communications with off-roader groups; volunteers which would monitor traffic and foot patterns, could alert Rangers of potential problems; re-establish the outpost Ranger stations; use fencing; prohibit off-road (non street legal) vehicles from the park, instead allowing them to use the parks designated OHV; establish a group of people (perhaps through CSPRA) to monitor and make recommendations on these and other problems.

The desert is valuable as a natural resource, as a recreational opportunity, as a physical and spiritual barrier between humans and their ceaseless developments.

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DPR MASTER PLAN (AB 318 Costa)

Would require DPR to prepare a master plan with specific components for all real property under its jurisdiction. Initial deadline to the Legislature is Feb. 15, 1988. Also requires the Legislative analyst to report to the Legislature one and a half years later on compliance and the value for the plan as a budgeting and planning tool. Would also require DPR to update this plan every two years.

OHV (AB 3960 Allen)

Would require DPR (OHV div.) to prepare a report regarding the adequacy of existing facilities for the use of OHV's and to make specific recommendations for expansion and establishment of new facilities. Legislative deadline is the 15th of November, 1987.

TRANSFER PROTEST (AB 3553 Frizzelle)

Currently, if transfereed for the purpose of harassment/discipline the employee may protest to DPA. This bill would make protest to DPA only available if transfer requires the employee to change their place of residence.

EL PUEBLO DE LA SHP (AB 3607 Molina)

Currently the County of L.A. and DPR jointly develop the procedures (and enter into agreements) for the awarding of concessions on the Olvera portion of the SHP. This would require status reports on procedures and agreements on concessions on Olvera St. portion. Legislation deadline is Jan. 31, 1987.

M.U.D. ACCESS (AB 3662 Margolin)

Would require Municipal Utility Districts with populations greater than one-million to provide reasonable public access for recreation purposes to rivers and reservoirs.

WHITES POINT PARK (AB 3864 Elder)

Would appropriate \$700,000 to DPR for a grant to L.A. for development at White's Point Park. No funds could move until formal agreement between City, State and Feds.

MONTANO DE ORO (AB 3693 Seastrand)

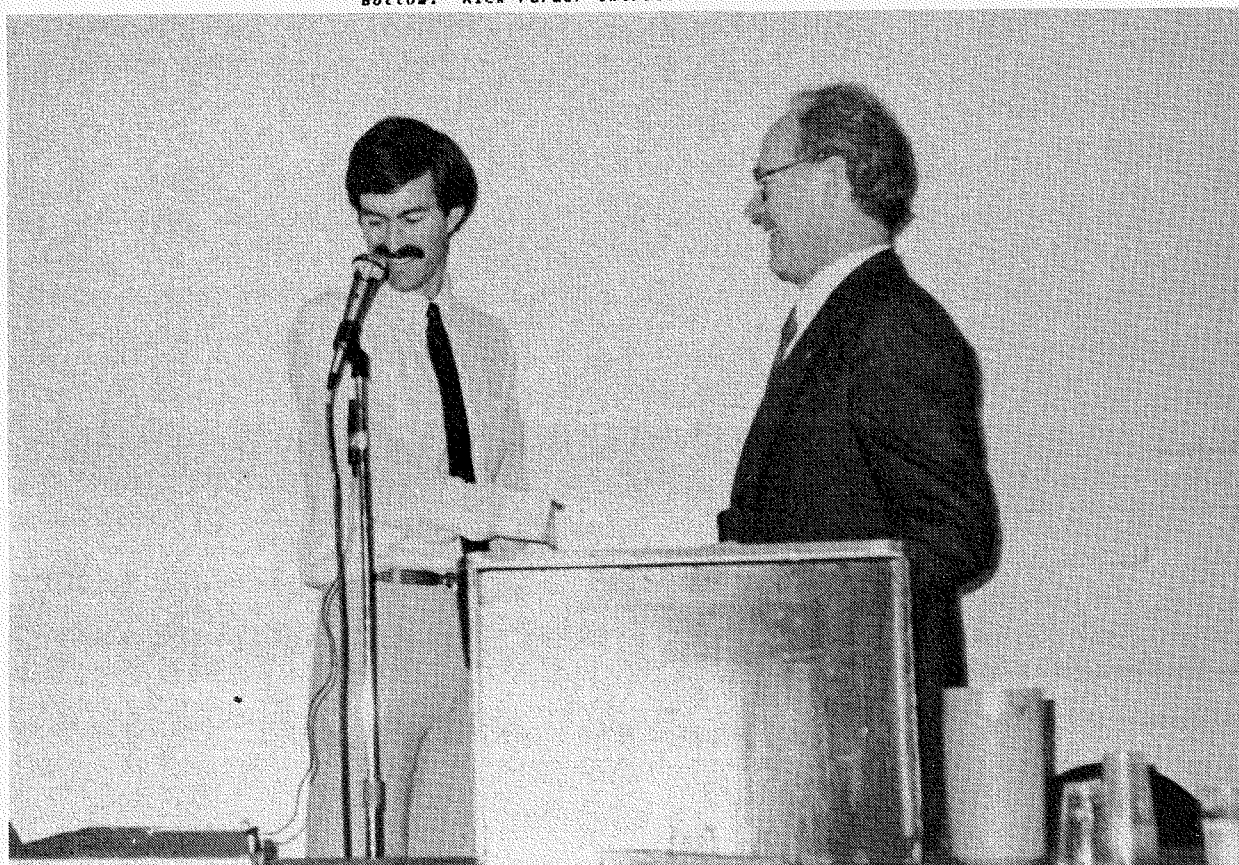
Would amend and supplement the '86 budget for an unspecified amount from the '84 Bond Act for acquisition of Fields Ranch property on the south boundary of Montano De Oro SP.

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Top: DPR Chief Deputy Director Garth Tanner, NPS Director William Penn Mott Jr., DPR Director William Briner and CSPRA President Rick Parmer, stand outside the conference rooms.

Bottom: Rick Parmer introduces Bill Briner.





Tops: Rick Parmer watches as Directors Mott and Briner present CSPRA's Certificate of Appreciation to the Vice President of the Save the Redwoods League.

Bottom: Jeff Price (L) passes the CSPRA gavel to Rick Parmer.





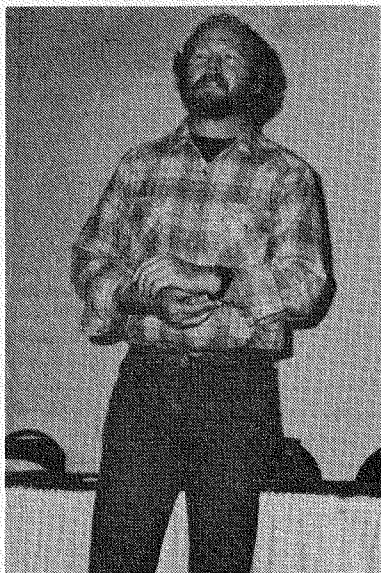
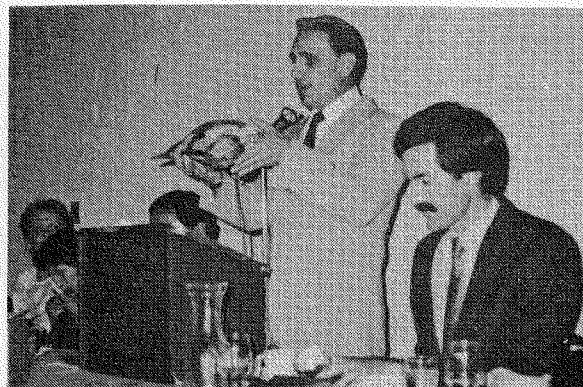
LEFT: John Mott presents Jeff Price with the Past President's plaque.

Rights: Bill Beat conducts the raffle

Bottom Lefts: Dave Foreman from Earth First as the OEC's closing speaker.

Bottom centers: Garth Tanner and Bud Gettey after the banquet.

Bottom Rights: Donna Pozzi and Rick Farmer.



Photography by S. Horvitz - Darkroom technician, J. Ellison-LeFlora



Lefts: Director Briner addresses the participants.

Rights: Jerry Merral with PCL talks of PCL/CSPPRA's accomplishments together.

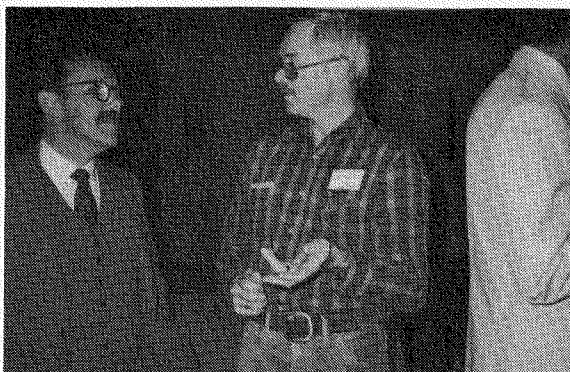
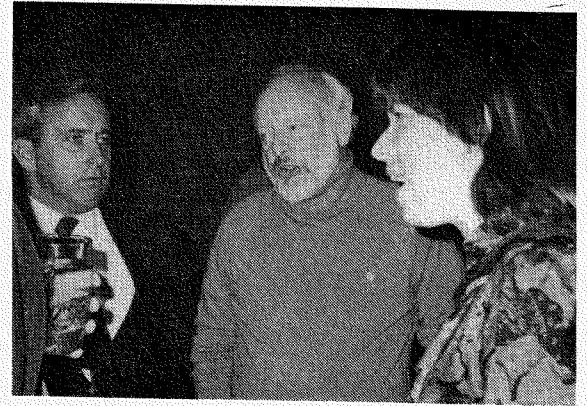




*Lefts: CSPRA's Honorary Members
the Pollaks sit at the head
table with Denzil Verardo.*

*Right: Steve D'Brien, Bud
Getty and Donna Pozzi.*

*Below: Doug Bryce (at the
controls) and Garth Tanner
sitting in on the CSPRA Board
meeting after the GEC.*



*Lefts: Steve Moore and Garth
Tanner.*

*Right: Dave Foreman and Peggy
Whitehead.*





MORE ABOUT FILMING IN STATE PARKS by Michael Allan

Several months ago, a little known motion picture bill was read for the first time in committee. Nothing to get excited about until it was discovered that this legislation would remove the requirement that movie companies reimburse state agencies for personnel costs associated with filming on state property.

The motion picture bills, AB 2573 and 2574 were re-introduced with new numbers, AB 3715 and 3717. There are no substantial changes although Statham has verbally agreed to amend the bill to ensure that Rangers will not be eliminated.

The bills are expected to be scheduled to be heard by the committee on governmental organization on March 25 or in early April.

The Deukmejian administration who officially supports this legislation has instructed the operation departments to remain silent. During this election year the co-authors and supporters have been promised large campaign contributions and good television coverage if they cooperate with the motion picture industry.

Stan Statham is trying to work a deal with the California Highway Patrol and labor unions. Statham does not want city and county municipalities opposing him since they too will lose reimbursement for employee services.

The motion picture industry has spent millions of dollars lobbying to simplify and consolidate permit requirements for movie-makers. The major problem for the production companies seems to be the time it

takes to receive permits. Naturally these delays are going to cost producers a great deal more in interest on multi-million dollar production loans and overtime to production crews and entertainers.

It cost the film industry a total of \$60,000 to film in State Parks last year. They have spent a hundred times that much lobbying heavily for these bills to pass.

Currently the studios are charged actual expenses incurred by state employees to watch over the film crews and to make certain the park environment is protected. Now they want the taxpayers to pay for it. "a few thousand dollars seems like a small price to pay for the privilege of using the people's state parks." (L.A. Times Editorial.)

"The purpose for the State Parks" says Lenore Bravo "is to provide the public with a place to get away from the activities of commerce and urban stresses to enjoy in peace and quiet the scenic and natural beauties for which parks are set apart by law."

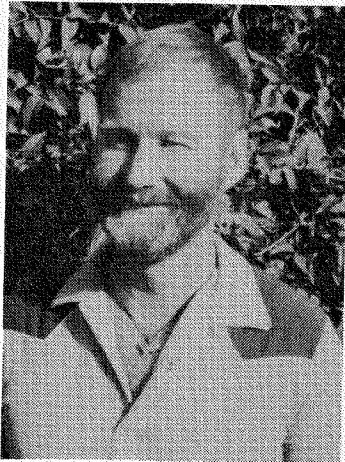
"It is deplorable" says Jim Zimmerman "that public lands that are set aside for the enjoyment by all people would be jeopardized for the monetary gain of a few."

The intent of this legislation is unbalanced. The interests of the motion picture industry are being placed above the interests of the environment and of the park visitors and public at large.

Comments to your local legislators would help in the defeat of this bill.

HELP WANTED

by Gar Salzgeber



Gar Salzgeber

Help save endangered species habitats and unique natural areas

We're looking for a strong body and mind to push, follow and support S.B. 805.

The bill is an excellent endangered species bill sponsored by Senator Presley, now pending in the Assembly. If enacted S.B. 805 will place an \$85,000,000 bond measure on the November 4, 1986 general election ballot. If approved by the voters, these funds would be used by the wildlife Conservation Board to acquire, restore, and protect "lands supporting California's unique, fragile, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, and natural communities" and other critical habitats.

This bill was developed to save over 240 species listed as endangered, threatened, rare, or fully protected under state law. Habitat loss is generally the greatest threat to these and other California species. Habitat acquisition is the best tool to prevent extinctions.

California voters overwhelmingly approved an earlier eighty-five million dollar wildlife bond (Proposition 19) on the June 1984 primary ballot. It recieved a 64% approval rate -- the highest of any measure on that ballot.

However, while Proposition 19 primarily benefited coastal and inland wetlands, S.B. 805's primary purpose is endangered species and unique natural areas.

If you're interested please contact Gar Salzgeber, CSPRA's environmental Issues Chair.

RETIRED MEMBERS SEMI ANNUAL GOLF GAMES

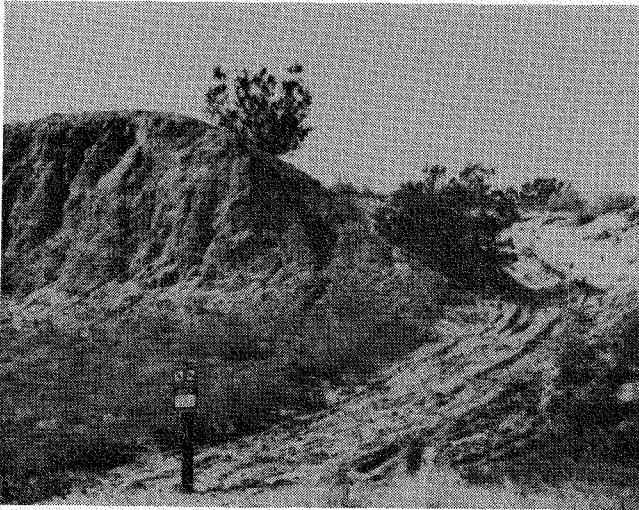
The CSPRA retired members semi annual golf games are planned for April 15 and 16th in Bakersfield. This year the games will be held at at the Rio Brauo and Bakersfield Country Clubs.

Lodging is available at the Plaza Travel Lodge.

Please notify Louis Wakefield of your lodging choice: A single or share a double room.

For more information or to make reservations write P.O. Box 87, Tehachapi CA 93561. Or call 805-822-3498.

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Font's Wash, note the "closed area" sign and veh. tracks

As Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's turn at the General Plan process approaches, issues such as these are critical. Demands on our parks are great, but the parks must be managed "as if the future mattered." Let's act before it's too late.

Editor's note: Patty Brown is a Ranger at ABDSP. She asks for information and suggestions from those who may be sensitive to its problems. Contact her at: P.O. Box 1131, Borrego Springs CA 92004.

MORE NEW MEMBERS!

CSPRA is proud to welcome two more people to its rolls as members, the following are the most recent:

Valerie Watt of Newbury Park, and Frank Balthis of Davenport

For information on CSPRA or to apply for membership, check the box and send in the form on page 9. Or contact any CSPRA Officer.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The California State Park and Recreation Commission will be meeting twice in the next two months.

In April at the State Office Building, Auditorium Room B-109, at 1350 Front Street, San Diego, 9:00 AM to approve or disapprove the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park General Plan, and to accept new proposals for 1984 Bond Act projects. The Commission will also tour Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on April 10.

In May the Commission will meet on the 9th at 9:00 AM at the Civic Cultural Center Council Chambers, 3rd floor, Number One Civic Center Circle, Brea. The Commission will meet to take action on Chino Hills State Park General Plan, a concession complex at Malibu Pier on Malibu Lagoon State Beach, the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages with meals at the proposed concession at Malibu Pier, and to accept new proposals for 1984 Bond Act projects.

The general public is welcome and CSPRA members are encouraged to attend these meetings. For more information on the Commission, contact CSPRA Director Milt Frinkie.

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or editorials are welcome at
the NEWSLETTER address.

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have been edited by the NEWS-
LETTER editorial team.

AND SO, WE GRIEVE AGAIN...

It's with regret that we announce the death of Tammy Hendrix, wife of Superintendent Jim Hendrix. She died Feb. 17th in an auto accident. We can only offer our condolences and prayers to her family.

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motivation program; 4. Continuing her "open door" policy.

Debbie's definition of professional is. "putting the goal above self." To Debbie one of the greatest threats to any profession is getting bogged down in the process. Her advice to those entering our profession is, "don't be too critical of the different processes within the Department until you fully understand them." Debbie went on to say that she felt complacency and a lack of pride in the job are real threats to our profession.

When I asked Debbie what the future held for her she said she was so involved in the present with projects that she did not have much time to give thought to the future. She did say, however, that a greater emphasis on professionalism; increased needs for recreational opportunities; and cultural resources management are important to all of our futures as park professionals.

Debbie, on behalf of CSPRA we salute you, and encourage you to continue to strive for excellence within the park profession.

CSPRA Conference Questionnaire

1. Have you ever attended a CSPRA Conference? Yes____ No____
2. Did you attend the 1986 Conference? Yes____ No____
3. If you did not attend, what was the main reason?
____too expensive ____ not interested in program
____ had to work ____ didn't know about it
____ other_____
4. Should we subsidize the conference from dues revenue? Yes____; No____
5. When would be the best time of year to hold our annual conference?
____ Jan ____ April ____ July ____ Oct
____ Feb ____ May ____ August ____ Nov
____ March ____ June ____ Sept ____ Dec
6. Would you prefer to attend a weekend or weekday conference?
____ Weekend ____ Weekday

7. What activities are important to you?

Educational Sessions: Yes____ No____ If yes what subjects? Resource

Mgm't____; Safety & Prot____; Maintenance____; Interpretation____;

Supervision & Mgm't____; Other (please specify)_____

Golf Tournament____; Pistol Shoot____; Tours____; Banquet____;

Other_____

8. How can we attract you to your conferences? _____

PLEASE RETURN TO CSPRA, P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95828

CSPRA ACTION ALERT

April 7, 1986

Dear Member,

Your letters to legislators are urgently needed now!

CSPRA is in a critical stage of our effort to increase staffing within State Parks. Through our lobbyist, the Planning and Conservation League, we have succeeded in keeping the staffing item "open" before recent State Senate subcommittee hearings on the Park Budget.

We have requested a redirection of up to 5 million dollars within the current budget from items such as outside contracting into permanent staff positions. We have targetted over 250 individual positions which we feel will be a major step toward solving a chronic staffing shortage that has existed for more than ten years. We need individual letters to key members of both legislative budget committees immediately! Remember to mention in your own words how recent successful Park Bond Acts have added more than 30% in acreage while visitation has tripled since 1960 (to 66 million visitors annually). In the past eight years staffing has lagged far behind this growth and use of our magnificent State Park System. There has been no appreciable increase since 1981. Remind our elected representatives that the level of public services, resource protection, and public safety are inadequate to meet the need demonstrated by Californians in their use of State Parks and of their overwhelming support of recent Park Bond Acts.

PLEASE WRITE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TODAY!

- Send a copy to the budget subcommittee chairpersons, Senator Robert B. Presley and Assemblyman Pat Johnson. Both committees will hear our budget items in the next few weeks so time is of the essence.
- Your letter will be more effective if you identify yourself as a concerned member of the public only.
- Send a copy or original to your own State Senator and Assemblyman.

Remember every letter received is considered to represent at least 1,000 voters!

Additional information on specific staffing needs we have compiled is available on request from Doug Bryce.

Sincerely,

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Pat Johnson, Chairman
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(209) 948-7479

Dear Member:

The 1986 CSPRA/PRAC conference was a great success. Key elements of the conference included NPS Director William Penn Mott's Key-note, address, lively panel discussions on livestock grazing and marketing, twenty-one separate 30 minute presentations on resource management projects, and an outstanding talk by Earth First founder, Dave Foreman. Over 150 people attended. This was all accomplished at no cost to CSPRA. Registration fees and raffle income exceeded our expenses by over \$500.00. CSPRA's portion of the profit will be added to the James Whitehead Scholarship Fund.

Despite the success of the conference, attendance by CSPRA members was only a small percentage of the total membership. Since the annual conference is one of our most important activities, we would like to attract more members. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it to us. We want to know how we can encourage you to attend the 1987 conference. The 1987 conference will be held in Ventura.

Sincerely,

Rick Parmer
CSPRA President



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RESIDENT OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL (AB 3745 Molina)

Would authorize school districts with 1-8th grades to conduct or participate in Resident Outdoor Science Schools. Makes some appropriations and designates State Department of Education to use certain guidelines and criteria for school certification.

MY PARK WAS HERE YESTERDAY? (AB 4118 Moore)

Would require Department of Conservation to conduct a study on the impact of nuclear testing in Nevada on the Tectonic Plates underlying California. Legislative deadline is Jan. 1, 1988.

RIVERSIDE CHINATOWN PROJECT (AB 4194 Clute)

Would appropriate \$227,000,000 from Environmental License Plate fund to DPR for property acquisition at the Riverside Chinatown archaeological project.

NATIVE SPECIES (AB 4287 Costa)

Would enact the COSTA NATIVE SPECIES RESTORATION ACT under which DFG would be required to prepare specified reports and a priority listing of once native species to prepare plans for re-introduction of those species into California.