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*M*ENDOCINO OKs 'LOST COAST' PLAN

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"A hard-fought compromise over the disposition of 7,100 acres of rugged timberland along Mendocino County's remote "lost Coast" finally won the blessing Tuesday of a majority of the Board of Supervisors

Only Supervisor John Cimolino remained steadfast in his opposition to the plan, which may end a decade of controversy over the fate of land adjoining the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Although the property is still dotted with groves of old-growth redwoods much of it is heavily logged.

The 4-1 vote supporting the compromise Tuesday ended a 2-2 deadlock the board reached two weeks ago. Supervisor Nelson Redding, who was absent when the first vote was taken supported the plan.

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*C*ONSERVATIONISTS BUY TIMBERLAND IN MENDOCINO

by Dale Champion
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"The acquisition of 7,100 acres of private timberland on the spectacular Lost Coast in northern Mendocino County was announced ... by the Trust for Public Land.

The San Francisco based conservation organization, which bought the rugged land from Georgia Pacific Corp immediately gave 2,900 acres to the state for expansion of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park nearly doubling its size.

The park addition comprises a seven mile long oceanside strip of pristine black-sand beaches soaring cliffs virgin redwood forests and fern fringed streams.

...Together the State and Federal holdings make up the largest coastal wilderness area in California."

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*M*OJAVE NATIONAL PARK?

by CSPRA Director:
Gar Salzgeber

I have condemned, lived, patrolled and camped in the desert. In the days of our countries emphasis of productivity and yeild my parents taught me that the desert was a wasteland. Since then I have found that the desert is as close and comfortable to me as my best friend. Our close relationship is re-rooted each time we meet. My parents have also learned to appreciate the relaxation values that the desert has to offer.

My memories of the desert are of the harsh fringe hurricanes coming through its mountains canyons and valleys making radical cosmetic changes to the local landscape. The extremely hot summer temperatures which can be both my friend and enemy - depending on whether I find myself that day - comfortable, secure with enough water and shelter to enjoy the enforced isolation or

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RESIDENT'S REPORT

by Rick Parmer

Let's talk budget. The Governor released his proposed 1987/88 budget in January, painting a happy picture for taxpayers, he claims, will save many millions of dollars. On the other hand, things don't look so good for most government departments. An immediate 2% funding cut and falling tax revenues dull the scene.

CSPRA and our staffing campaign participants take "consolation" credit that our high media visibility and the Governor's awareness, helped ensure the State Parks budget was not affected as severely as most.

On staffing, we were allowed an additional 59.6 positions with the lion's share going to new parks and acquisitions. None, however, were earmarked to remedy long-term, chronic deficiencies identified in our campaign

last year. The positions, and certain new minor capital outlay projects, will not be paid for by a General Fund Increase (General Fund support remains essentially the same). Instead, they will be funded by day use and camping fee increases currently slated to take effect on April 1 (no joke!)

Day use fees will rise \$1.00 across the board; developed and primitive campsites up \$4.00 and \$3.00 respectively. I do not know how these figures were arrived at. I would not be surprised if our nationwide state park fee survey, obtained by the Department from the Planning and Conservation League, was used in the fee increase decision making process. Perhaps, in the future the Department will consider consulting CSPRA for our professional input on such major issues.

In other news the Office of Tourism has kicked off a \$1.8 million TV campaign to remind residents of the benefits of vacationing in their own state (you may have noticed the "picture post card" billboards, too!). The ads depict typical state park experiences ranging from a tranquil mountain lake to historical town festivities.

My question is this: As we raise the fees, increase volunteerism, and aggressively market our parks will we have the necessary paid staff to provide the public services and protect the resources? If these efforts result in significant increases in park use, then the Gann spending limit spells real trouble for our ability to meet public demand and expectations in the near future. There is an urgent need to confront these problems now

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HIGHER NATIONAL PARK FEES SOUGHT

by Gene Rose, from
the Fresno BEE
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"A new round of increases in entrance fees to Yosemite and other national parks - on top of those scheduled to go into effect Feb. 2 - could hit park visitors next year, according to the National Park Service.

Furthermore, a proposal is being discussed, one that will increase

camping fees by as much as \$3 a day at Yosemite and at other parks using the advance reservations system administered by Ticketron.

George Berklacy, a spokesman for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., said the higher fees were proposed in President Reagan's budget plan, sent to Congress this week, and would go into effect Jan. 1, 1988.

If approved by Congress, the new fee plan would:

1) Double entrance fees at such national parks as Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon from \$5 - the new fee

effective Feb. 2 - to \$10 per car in 1988. The fee has been \$3.

2) Increase the cost of the Golden Eagle Passport, which was boosted from \$10 to \$25 in the past month, to \$40. The passport provides unlimited entrance to national parks for a year.

3) Apply a one time only fee of \$10 for the Golden Age Passport, which has been free to people

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over 62.

4) Impose entrance fees for the first time at 22 other area administered by the National Park Service,...

5) Bring the entrance fees up to the level originally requested about a year ago, which was eventually reduced in the face of congressional opposition.

Berklacy said the increases would generate an additional \$20 million in revenues. The first round of increases in entrance fees is expected to generate \$59 million.

Berklacy said he was

unaware of plans that would boost camping fees at parks using the Ticketron advance reservation system.

Yosemite officials acknowledged, however, that discussions were under way in the park to allow Ticketron to charge its \$3 reservation fee for each day of a camper's stay. That charge added to the \$7 camping fee in valley campgrounds and the \$6 fee at Hodgkin Meadows would

push camp fees to \$10 and \$9 a day at Yosemite campgrounds on the reservation system. Similar increases would be imposed at other parks using Ticketron.

Destry Jarvis of the National Parks and Conservation Association called the higher fees outrageous, and predicted that Congress would not approve them.

"These increases are pricing Americans out of the parks," Jarvis said. "Park users have often been described as elitists, and these increases would confirm it."

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SINKYONE LANDS PURCHASED: STATE PARK EXPANDS

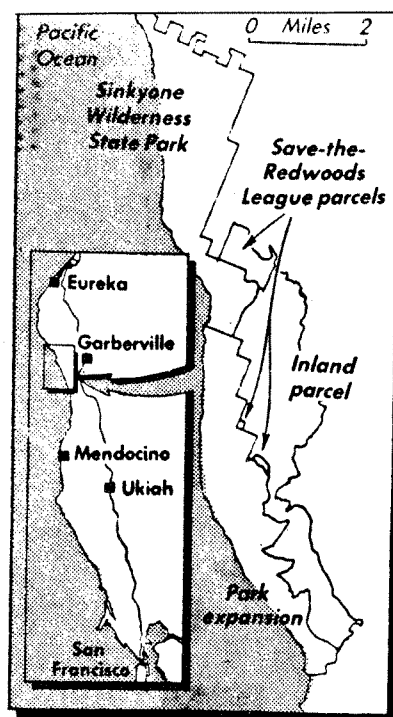
reprinted from the Wilderness Record, the bimonthly newsletter of the California Wilderness Coalition.

The Sinkyone Wilderness State Park has been nearly doubled in size, and the threatened Sally Bell Grove of the old growth redwoods has been saved.

For a decade conservationists have been working to protect the ancient trees along the coast south of the existing state park. Most of this land was owned by the Georgia-Pacific corporation (G-P) that was continuing to log the redwoods.

But the trust for Public Lands negotiated to buy 7,100 acres of G-P's land. As part of the complex deal, the San Francisco based Trust gave 2,900 acres to the State Department of Parks and Recreation to add to the existing Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. The State now owns 17 miles of the "Lost Coast" adjacent to the 54,000-acre King Range National Conservation Area.

Although the sale price was not disclosed, the land had been appraised at \$10.2 million. The State of California contributed \$2.9 million towards the purchase, and the Save-the-Redwoods - league added \$1 million. The League took ownership of 400 acres of old-



growth redwoods, including the 75-acre Sally Bell Grove. The grove has been the site of demonstrations and civil disobedience in the past few years and the subject of legal actions.

The remaining 3,800 acres of land will be

retained by the Trust for Public Lands for timber production. A loan of \$1.1 million from the California Coastal Conservancy has been given for a management plan to develop and market the timber on the land.

"The 10-year struggle to save these virgin redwoods has finally been won," said Assemblyperson Dan Hauser (d-Arcata). "Now we must act responsibly to ensure that there is no erosion in the job base or in county revenues."

Hauser, with State Senator Barry Keene (D-Benecia) helped to obtain 1980 Parklands Bond Act funds for the park expansion.

Spokesperson Beth Zoffman of G-P said the sale was "the best solution for the company, the community, and the environmental groups."

Members of the Sinkyone Council, Environmental Protection Information Center, and the Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club have worked hard for years to protect this part of the Lost Coast. ++

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Redding said Tuesday he had some reservations about the county losing tax and other revenues, but the trust's commitment to sell the remaining acreage for continued timber harvesting satisfied his basic concerns.

Supervisor Marilyn Butcher changed her position and joined a board majority of Redding, Norman de Vall and Jim Eddie in approving the compromise.

The board had no involvement in the sale of the entire 7,100 acres by Georgia Pacific Corp. to the Trust for public Lands. But county approval was needed for a crucial element in the final disposition of the acreage.

Under a complex agreement hammered out in recent months, the trust finally acquired all of the acreage....

...The conservancy involvement will ensure that continued timber harvesting will be allowed on the acreage outside the park boundaries once a forest management plan is agreed upon..." ++

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find myself on a long hike staring at an unpredictably dry waterhole and wondering if my water will last long enough for me to see another day.

It's memories of the first days of spring when belly flowers are beginning to peak their heads out above the warmed ancient desert pavement var-

land created by four-wheel vehicles or General Patton's Third Army, which trained and left their tank tracks for posterity, to disappear under modern overlying freeway trails in the Mojave park we are now looking at.

The California Desert Protective League is a coalition of citizen groups formed to preserve and protect the California Desert by seeking permanent

THEY ARE SEEKING A NEW MOJAVE NATIONAL PARK WHICH WOULD COME FROM BLM LANDS AND BE CREATED IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED REGION EAST OF BARSTOW BETWEEN INTERSTATE ROUTES 10 AND 40, THE ROADS TO LAS VEGAS AND NEEDLES.

ished and smoothed by eons of years of sun and weather just ahead of the carpets of desert flowers. The cantankerous ocotillo that blooms whenever it gets the urge to show off its prized collection of plumage. The warm gusts of spring wind that comfort and caress your body with its message that summer is just around the corner.

The desert is a looking glass that allows us to look at and appreciate the geological henomna that has played such an important part in the development of our world. The ancient gouges in the

statutory protection for these special landscapes.

They are seeking a new Mojave National Park which would come from BLM lands and be created in the underdeveloped region east of Barstow between Interstate Routes 10 and 40, the roads to Las Vegas and Needles.

I urge your support by writing to your local Representative, House Office Building Washington D.C., 20515; or write senator Pete Wilson; Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. 20510. ++

Grading Deukmejian's 1986 Performance

GOVERNOR RECEIVES D+ FOR FIRST TERM

Governor George Deukmejian received an overall grade of D+ for his first 4-year term from the Planning and Conservation League Foundation on his recent Environmental Report Card.

PCL Foundation General Counsel Corey Brown released the 4th annual Report Card at October press conferences held at the State Capitol and at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club. The report received extensive statewide media coverage.

"Governor Deukmejian has shown little leadership in protecting California's environment during his first term. His three major environmental initiatives were all failures: he has made little progress in cleaning up toxic waste sites; his ill fated 1984 water development plan would have been an environmental disaster; and his first toxic reorganization plan would have placed the waste industry in charge of setting California's toxics policies," commented Brown.

The Governor received a C-grade for 1986. His best grades were in Energy (B), Air Quality (B-), and Mining and Resources (B-).

The Governor's appointees to the Energy Commission supported strong federal appliance efficiency regulations which would have saved tremendous amounts of energy. Deukmejian also signed legislation placing new air quality restrictions on waste-to-energy

plants, expanding the State Wild and Scenic River System, and implementing the new beverage container deposit law.

The Governor's lowest 1986 grades were in Forestry (F+) and Coastal Protection (D-). The Administration supported legislation last year that would have gutted California laws that protect forests from poor timber logging practices. Deukmejian also gave his blessing to substantial offshore oil development along California's majestic coastline.

The Report Card includes an extensive discussion of the Gov-

ernor's 1986 toxics record, and gave Deukmejian a D+ on this important issue. The report concluded that the Governor has been very soft on toxic crimes.

"We are looking forward to working with Governor Deukmejian during the next four years. We hope we can help him improve his grades," commented Brown.

Governor Deukmejian's 1986 Environmental Report Card and Four Year Review is the most extensive analysis of the Governor's environmental record available. Copies of this 110 page report can be ordered using the enclosed envelope. ◇

Planning & Conservation League Foundation

GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN'S ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CARD

1986 Grade = **C-** FOUR - YEAR GRADE = **D+**

TOPICS	LEGIS.	BUDGET	POLICY	APPOINT.	OVERALL
Air Quality	B	B	C+	C+	B-
CEDA	B-	*	D	*	C-
Coastal	D	D-	D-	*	D-
Energy	B-	C+	B+	C+	B
Fish and Wildlife	B	D	C-	*	C-
Forestry	F	D-	C-	C-	F+
Lake Tahoe	D+	A-	D	*	C
Mining and Resources	B-	C+	C+	B	B-
Parks	C+	D-	D-	*	D+
Pesticides	F+	B-	D-	*	D+
Toxics	C-	C	D	C	D+
Transportations	C-	D-	D-	C	D+
Water	B+	C+	B+	C+	B

* Indicates lack of sufficient evidence to give a grade

from the PCL'S CALIFORNIA TODAY



CSPRA SCHOLARSHIPS

by Karen Owen

Perhaps you've noticed a new manual titled Museum Collections Management Handbook at your unit or District. The purpose of the handbook is to ensure the survival of treasured objects from California's inheritance to be enjoyed by the heirs - the people of California.

For four days in October, ten Rangers participated in a training session at the Office of Interpretive Services in Sacramento to get a better understanding of how to manage our units' museum collections. The State Park Peace Officers Association helped in sponsoring the Collections Management Project for the second year now. The participants, two from each Region, were selected by lottery of those who applied. The Department paid for part of the training time and the participants donated part of the time, as well as lodging. SPPOAC helped defray some of the transportation costs incurred by the participants. Scholarship money was also available from CSPRA to help defray costs.

The training was hands-on, roll your sleeves up and get on with the task of registering collections the proper way. Some of us may have had our own way of doing accessioning and cataloging but we were set straight in this class.

One of the highlights of the training was having access to the library where we could research the objects to determine their significance, history, condition, use and value. We were also trained in how to enter catalogue Card information into OIS's computers. We learned how to handle and care for objects donated to State Parks. When we got back to our respective units, we now know that we have support in being able to call on individuals from the Museum Collections Management Unit.

My interest in the training was to learn about the Department's museum collections and how I could contribute in managing the trust we have been given in these various collections. The Training was valuable because it was experiential and relevant to our duties as Rangers.

ED's note:

Karen Owen is a Ranger I in the Picacho District. She received a grant from CSPRA's Education and Training Committee to help defray her cost to attend this training.

If you're interested in applying for a scholarship from CSPRA contact Fred Jee, Education and Training Committee Chair at P.O. Box 483 Borrego Springs, CA 92004, 619-767-3674.

You must have first attempted to receive funding from the Department in the form of a training request. If it is turned down or you receive partial payment send the training request to Fred, along with a description of the course, how it will be beneficial to you and the profession.

As a condition of the grant you will be required to write an article on your training to be published in the NEWSLETTER, as Karen did.

The grants are for you, the money is there, so why wait?

So! Send your application in now and take the courses you've waited for.

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through cooperation and innovation. We may have to make some hard choices as professionals. If, after thoroughly exploring staffing funding sources not affected by Gann (a major goal of our staffing coalition) we find no relief in sight, then CSPRA may need to consider arguing a "less is best" philosophy. A position where fewer visitors means better park experiences and resource protection. Not a pleasant position all. But one that cannot be dismissed outright if the health of the State Park System is seriously jeopardized. ++

PLEASE MR. RANGER,
WILL YOU ACCEPT MY
LOTTERY TICKET AS
PAYMENT?

CSPRA member Mel Harada, at Millerton Lake SRA, collected an Iron Ranger envelope with a message on the back stating: "out of change".

However, the envelope felt as if something was inside. Opening it up, Mel found a winning lottery ticket for \$5.00.

At last report the District hadn't decided whether they should cash it, send accounting the ticket or buy five more tickets in the hope of hitting it big and showing a huge increase in revenue for the month. ++

SPEAKING OF HITTING
IT BIG...

CSPRA member George Cook has an incurable grin on his face as of late and his feet seem to be a few feet above the ground as he walks.

George won a spin at the lottery.

If you watched the program on the 24th you would have seen him pickup a cool \$50,000.

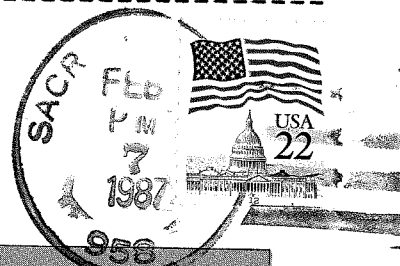
The San Joaquin Valley staff says that having George win the lottery hasn't changed the operations much. Though, it is nice having a Superintendent in such a good mood. ++

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