



## CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGER'S ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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### THE WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND INITIATIVE

The Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land initiative is a statewide campaign to preserve California's magnificent wildlife habitat, coast, parks and open space lands. If passed by the voters, this initiative will provide \$776 million to permanently preserve these lands throughout California.

A statewide coalition of conservation groups and businesses are supporting the initiative as the only means of preserving these lands. The State Legislature failed to pass

three bills in 1986 that would have provided funds, and no other funding sources are likely.

The initiative will place the \$776 million bond act on the June, 1988 ballot. 375,000 valid signatures must be gathered to qualify the initiative for the ballot. **CALIFORNIANS FOR PARKS AND WILDLIFE** (the sponsor of the initiative) has set a goal of 600,000 signatures, since many signatures turn out to be invalid.

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### CSPRA BOARD MEETING JUNE 1987

Most members of any organization really have no idea about the nuts and bolts of their organization, how and what decisions are made, who directs and sets policies and goals. In this regard, CSPRA membership is no different.

The main reason for this is the difficulty of keeping the membership informed about the details of each issue. There are so many diverse issues dealing with specific local, and general statewide problems that the task of informing all membership about all issues is prohibitively cumbersome. Therefore, CSPRA relies on its membership to delve into those issues and provide an informed opinion to the organization.

The recent Board of Directors meeting, held at Bud Getty's house addressed some issues which have a statewide impact on the State Parks. It is important that you seek additional information about the issues mentioned here, and get actively involved in providing information and direction to

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### FERAL CATTLE AIRLIFTED AT ANZA-BORREGO

by Joe Stone

Eighty nine cattle were removed from the park during early April after being netted and lifted from their wilderness range by helicopter.

And preliminary reports from tests of blood samples and nasal swabs taken from the animals indicate what rangers have suspected, said Mark Jorgensen, Park Naturalist. The animals are carriers of diseases that can be fatal to bighorn sheep.

Among the diseases detected are para influenza III, blue tongue, bovine viral diarrhea and contagious eczema, all debilitating ailments that can bring the bighorn's resistance so low they cannot throw off other disease which may attack them, Jorgensen said. This is especially true of lambs during the period after they have been weaned by their mothers, the wild bighorn ewes.

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# PRESIDENT'S

# MESSAGE

"So you can't write, huh?"

Constructive discourse, verbal or written, is the life blood of any profession. New ideas emerge, positions are clarified, problems get solved. Through my years of involvement with CSPRA publications I hear a chronic editor's lament: BUT I DON'T GET ENOUGH ORIGINAL MATERIAL.

Now folks, if our profession was on the brink of perfection, we had plenty of staff, management techniques made the faddish book Search for excellence obsolete, and there were no threats to our resources, I could accept that condition and leave it up to News and Views and various union publications to fill in the gaps.

But, of course, it just ain't so!

There are numerous meaty issues that beg for insight from the written word. You need not have the style of Walter Winchell or wit of Andy Rooney. Few of us are truly talented writers...so...that's why we have EDITORS!

Now then, grab a pen and write us a letter on anything that stirs your imagination or raises your ire about the parks profession today. Here are a few suggestions about park issues that can be written about:

1. Sinkyone State Wilderness park expansion

2. Park characters I have known.
3. Cali the Quail - The pros and cons of the DPR mascot and how it relates to a professional marketing strategy.
4. Sonoma State Beaches - Will DPR acquire a pipeline for Santa Rosa sewage?
5. Hungry Valley Native Grassland Preserve - OHV threats?
6. Mount Diablo SP - Grazing in the park is still an issue.
7. General plans - Why are they important? Are we catching up fast enough?
8. Management of cooperating associations - How are we doing?
9. The State Park System Update - How does it affect us? Why is this state-wide planning effort important?
10. State Park Ethics - Do we have them? What are they and how do they work?
11. Defeating bureaucratic inefficiency - case studies in administration, accounting, work planning, and special projects.

## Cigarette proposal snuffed out

An assembly committee failed to pass the constitutional amendment, ACA 14, That could have provided additional staffing dollars for state parks in addition to comprehensive health education programs

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## WE LOST ANOTHER HONORED FRIEND

Vernon V. Whitaker, 75, founder of the Horse Camp in Coyote Canyon, honorary member of the California State Park Rangers Association since 1981 and a state park volunteer since 1973, died March 31 in his home, a camper at the Horse Camp.

Mr. Whitaker was retired from 26 years as an aviation mechanic at North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado. But the native of Marlo, Oklahoma, where he was born April 19, 1911, never retired from his first occupation: cowboy. He looked, acted and talked like one, and had the knowledge and polite and gallant demeanor of the ideal cowboy.

Mr. Whitaker first worked as a volunteer in the horse camp at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

By 1977 he had founded the Anza-Borrego Horse Camp and until 1984, when he discontinued serving at Cuyamaca, served winters in Anza-Borrego and summers in Cuyamaca.

He was the recipient of the Conservation Award of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Superior Service Award from the California State Assembly.

Following cremation, memorial services were held at the Horse Camp on April 5.

Joe Stone

## CSPRA IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO OHV USE OF DESERT STATE PARK

*The following is a letter to the Honorable Jim Costa, Assemblyman and Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Parks and Wildlife expressing CSPRA's strong opposition to current proposed legislation which would make OHV operation in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park legal.*

The California State Park Rangers Association strongly opposes the passage of AB2410 (Peace). CSPRA completely supports the California Department of Parks and Recreation's administrative action that prohibits the use of "green sticker" registered vehicles upon the highways within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. While we support the lawful use

of green sticker vehicles in State Vehicular Recreation Areas, we will oppose any action to allow green sticker vehicles to operate within a State Park.

The use of green sticker vehicles is incompatible with the traditional uses and purposes of a State Park. Extensive documentation is available concerning resource damage caused by green sticker vehicles at Anza-Borrego. The resource damage, dust, noise and congestion inherent to the use of green sticker vehicles cannot coexist with activities such as wilderness camping, hiking, bird watching, nature study or the pursuit of solitude. A citizen should not be forced to visit a National Park Unit

## FERAL CATTLE

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A total of \$35,000 was spent on the removal. Of that sum, \$30,000 was from the public funds of the park budget and \$5,000 was given by the Campfire Conservation Fund of New York City.

Funds ran out before the helicopter lift was completed. Rangers estimate there may be 10 to 20 cattle still roaming the Coyote Canyon area, competing with sheep for food and water, and unknown but smaller numbers in the Hellhole Canyon and Sombrero Peak areas.

Funds to aid in finishing the removal have been asked from the International Conservation Fund of Tuscon and from county funds which grow from fines levied against violators of the state fish and game laws.

The park will let contracts to build fences to keep range cattle from drifting into the park and becoming feral. There will be four miles of fence in the Sombrero Peak area, five miles at the head of Coyote Canyon and Turkey Track, and a mile at the head of Hellhole Canyon.

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(Joshua Tree, Death Valley) to receive a "park" experience.

The Department of Parks and Recreation's Motor Vehicle Division operates the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area on Anza-Borrego's eastern boundry. By the end of 1987

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TO: Rick Parmer, President

June 2, 1987

From: Jerry Meral, PCL Executive Director

SUBJECT: Wildlife, Coastal and Park Initiative

I am writing to ask the support of CSPRA for the California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Conservation Bond Act Initiative. The initiative will be in circulation in two weeks. I have enclosed a summary, the funding schedule, questions and answers, and a recent article from the San Francisco Chronicle.

I'd like to address some of the concerns that CSPRA members might have about the initiative.

1. Is it a good idea to have a bond act appear on the ballot through the initiative process?

Certainly it would be better if the Legislature approved the bond act, but they and the Governor have been reluctant to approve significant funding for park and wildlife land acquisition since 1976, and have shown no sign of changing their views. California's population is growing at the rate of a new San Francisco every year. If we are going to protect critical park, wildlife habitat and coastal resources, we must do so now before they are lost to development. That is why the initiative is necessary.

2. Won't additional acquisitions make the existing park maintenance burden even more severe?

The initiative provides the same amount of money for increases to areas managed by the Department as does the Costa Park Bond Act bill: about \$50 million. The units to be expanded are the Redwood Parks, Anza-Borrego, Chino Hills, Santa Susanna Mountains, Castle Rock, Henry Coe, Pescadero, Mt. Diablo, Delta Meadows, Robert Louis Stevenson, Anderson Marsh, and Malakoff Diggings. An additional \$4.7 million is provided for inholding acquisitions. The other projects funded for State Park acquisition would be managed by non-state entities: Indian Canyons by the Agua Caliente Tribe, East Bay Shoreline by the East Bay Regional Park District, and Baldwin Hills and LA Beaches by Los Angeles County. This means that there would be no greater administrative burden placed on the Rangers from the initiative than from the Administration's own bond act. The local acquisition projects would be managed by local agencies that have already agreed to this responsibility.

3. Isn't development a higher priority than acquisition?

There is certainly need for development money in the state and local park systems. The initiative provides \$64 million for development (including LA beaches and Frank's Tract). This is less than provided in the Administration's proposal, but is still a very substantial amount. In addition, due to heavy competition from other bond acts there is no certainty that the Administration's proposal will actually make it through the Legislature, while the initiative will appear on the ballot.

4. Is stewardship given a high priority in the initiative?

The initiative allocates \$10 million to stewardship in the State Parks. Currently the Costa bond act does not specify an amount for stewardship.

5. Is the size of the initiative appropriate?

The initiative is for \$776 million. In 1964 dollars this would be about \$230 million. The 1964 park bond act was for \$150 million. Certainly the amount of money in the initiative is insufficient to meet the need created by more than ten years of inadequate parks acquisition and development funding.

6. What about endorsements?

We hope that CSPRA will endorse the initiative as soon as possible. The initiative contains important funding for the expansion of existing State Park units, and for needed stewardship and development. It also provides funding for dozens of badly needed local park, coastal and wildlife protection projects and similar state programs.

CSPRA could also endorse the Costa bill, although it is not yet anything like a final form. The two measures are compatible, since the initiative has a section which reduces initiative funding if similar funding is provided through a Legislative bond act.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about the initiative.

# NOTEWORTHY NOTES

Dear Rick:

The Shaun Fahey Historical Building Restoration Fund has been established for Big Basin Redwoods State Park with your generous donation of \$2493.55.

We are pleased to be custodians of this fund in Shaun's name because we know she would have supported and applauded this effort. It is our hope that out of a tragic event, a lasting memorial will grow. We can think of no greater tribute to Shaun.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Murray, Santa Cruz Mountains Natural History Association

## Sempervirens Fund

Dear Mr. Bryce,

Thank you for sending us the check for the dedication of a small grove of redwood trees at Big Basin in memory of Shaun Fahey.

We all appreciate the thoughtfulness of the CSPRA in making this gift, and we very much hope that the Fahey family, as well as Shaun's friends at the park derive great comfort from this very special group of trees.

Will you kindly convey our thanks to your members?  
Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Verlyn H. Clausen  
Executive Director

APRIL 16, 1987

TO: Marks, Rosenthal, and Parmer  
FROM: Harriet Allen  
SUBJ: S 904, Ellis

I'm sure you are on top of this issue. As I advised you many months ago, the Cuyamaca Recreation District wants to use the Park for a sewer/septic system... not as direct Park use.

The Recreation District is a private, quasi something entity. They have Ellis in their pockets.

Ellis gave away acreage at the south end of Cuyamaca to the Dehesa Water and School Districts last year. That was a bad precedent.

I understand, also, that some legislator from the Fresno area has a bill pending that would expedite the give-away of park lands.

I sincerely request that the use of either federal land transfers and or funds be investigated. If I can get the bill number, I will contact Congressman Joe Bates.

In the meantime, let us know more. Emily Durbin alerted the Mountain Defense League to this bill.

Dear John(Mott),

Thank you very much for taking the time to inform me - and others - of the disposition of the case of Shaun Fahey. Often, I had wondered what happened.

The memorials were a great idea. My prayers remain with her family.

Again, thank you for the consideration. I consider this typical of the professionalism of your organization.

Sincerely,  
Silvester P Widemon

## CSPRA BOARD

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CSPRA by way of the Board.

Bear in mind, that the following summary of the minutes of this meeting do not cover the extensive discussions and the information presented before the Board. If you have a specific issue you are or want to be involved in, contact Rick Parmer or your Director and let them know.

Now, on with the summary of the June, 1987 CSPRA Board of Directors meeting:

### PRESIDENT PARMER:

It was decided to give Ron McCullough a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in the closing of roads in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to Green Sticker vehicles.

### VICE-PRESIDENT WHITEHEAD:

It was decided to support the proposed book on Mt San Jacinto. It was decided that Mike should check with Jim Trumbly regarding the naming of a peak in the San Jacinto area after Newton B. Drury.

PCL INITIATIVE: Motion Getty, seconded Salzgeber, that we support the goals and therefore endorse the PCL Initiative. Motion carried - unanimous.

### JONES & COSTA BOND ACT:

Motion Brown, seconded Whitehead that we send a letter to Jones and Costa providing support various Bond acts

with copy to Director Agonia. Carried - unanimous.

### AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIP:

Whitehead will contact Audubon to determine lead time necessary for reservations. He also revised the policy somewhat.

NPS EXCHANGE: Salzgeber Discussed his activities with the Department to implement this program again with Mary Engle being the first person to be chosen.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE: Parmer A proposal for exchanging hospitality with park people in other countries will be investigated. A person would offer room in their home for visiting park persons to stay up to two nights.

AB 2410 PEACE Motion Brown, seconded by Salzgeber that we oppose this legislation that would prevent the Department from closing Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to Green Sticker Vehicles. It would also provide a 5 person strike team to help protect the park. Carried - unanimous.

1989 SITE SELECTION The Board decided to limit site selection to the Lompoc, Solvang, Palm Springs, and San Diego County areas.

### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

It was decided that in response to the Managers round table we are soliciting District/Office reps to represent the board to the members of a

District or Office.

DESERT PROTECTIVE ACT - Senate Bill 7 - Cranston

The Board decided to support - unanimous.

OHV SUNSET OF COMMISSION Motion Brown, seconded Getty, that CSPRA should favor allowing the sunset of the OHV Commission. A list of reasons for allowing this to occur will be developed by Getty. Carried - Getty & Brown in favor with Salzgeber abstaining.

EXTENSION OF DOGS TO UNDEVELOPED AREAS Motion Getty, seconded Salzgeber, that we reaffirm our support of the prohibition of dogs in undeveloped portions of the SPS. Carried - unanimous.

MT DIABLO GRAZING It was decided to send a letter to the Director informing him of our general opposition to grazing at Mt Diablo.

In addition to the issues mentioned, the board accepted reports from the various officers of the Association, and reviewed correspondence received.

You are the association. Investigate those issues you consider to be important. Let your Board know what you think should be done.

## THE WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND INITIATIVE

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Signatures must be gathered between June 15, 1987 and November 15, 1987.

The initiative will provide funds for the following purposes:

State Park System	\$153 million
Regional and Local Parks	\$336 million
Wildlife habitat protection	\$129 million
Trout and Salmon habitat	\$17 million
Coastal protection	\$85 million
Santa Monica Mountains	\$30 million
Historic Preservation	\$11 million
Trails, Urban Streams, Urban Forestry	\$15 million

The initiative is supported by the Planning and Conservation League, Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, National Audubon Society, League of Women Voters, California Native Plant Society and dozens of other national, state and local conservation and wildlife organizations and local civic and business groups.

We welcome and need your help in this landmark effort. For more information about local campaign efforts in your area contact: **Californians for Parks and Wildlife, 909 12th St. Suite 203, Sacramento, Cal. (916) 448-1786.**

## DESERT OHV OPPOSED

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Ocotillo Wells SVRA will be providing approximately 40,000 acres for the unlimited use of the green sticker enthusiast. The Bureau of Land Management also administers lands adjacent to Anza-Borrego where green stickered vehicles are offered unlimited use. In fact, the BLM administers over 12,000,000 acres of California desert for the use of green sticker vehicles. These lands, coupled with thousands of acres of US Forest Service and private lands provide a huge and diverse resource for the use of green sticker vehicles.

If the legislature feels that more land should be made available for green sticker use, then the land should be purchased as an addition to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division. It should not come at the expense of a State Park. The primary goal of a State Park is to preserve natural and cultural features forever. This cannot be done while allowing the use of green sticker vehicles.

The California State Park Rangers Association would appreciate your support in defeating this ill conceived Bill. Green sticker vehicles certainly have their place in the California recreational scene. However, a State Park is not that place.

Rick Parmer, President

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# california state park rangers association new members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new CSPRA members into the finest professional rangers association in the country. We are glad you have decided to become a part of CSPRA and encourage you to get involved.

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