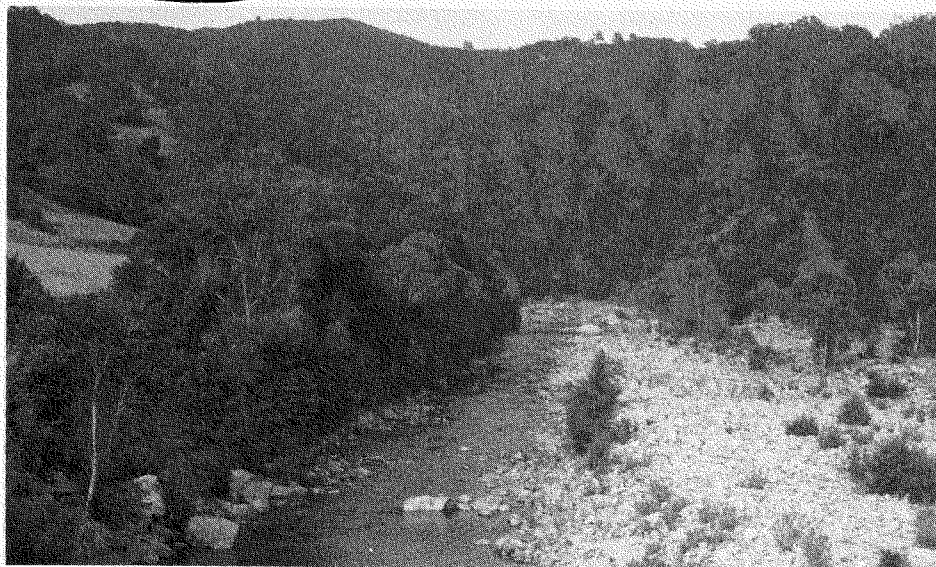


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LEGISLATOR ASKS STOP TO HYDRO POWER PROJECTS ON YUBA RIVER

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SACRAMENTO - A Sacramento assemblyman is carrying a bill to restrict hydroelectric projects on the South Fork of the Yuba River, but the two legislators representing the area oppose the bill.

The bill, AB 2208 by Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, D-Sacramento, was before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on Monday, but a vote was postponed for two weeks.

Connelly introduced the bill at the request of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, who voted unanimously to ask

the state to study whether the South Fork of the Yuba River should be designated a wild and scenic river. Such a designation would effectively ban hydroelectric projects and other dams.

Assemblyman Chris Chandler, R-Yuba City, who represents Nevada County, said he still can't support Connelly's bill.

"I'm certainly going to be suggesting to Mr. Connelly that he ammend it," Chandler said. "It's over-broad for what the thing is designed to do."

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HERE THERE BE DRAGONS

Every once in a while opportunity knocks. and did you know that most people won't even go and see who's at the door?

America has been called the "Land of Opportunity," and rightly so. Look around you! Every where you look are opportunities cleverly disguised as insurmountable problems.

We used to ask for volunteers, but usually ended up with either optimists with more energy and gusto than the "opportunity" needed, or with timid folk who are courageous enough to try. (The former are ALWAYS envolved, busy, happy, satisfied, etc).

Don't let opportunity leave you empty handed and unfulfilled. The next time a problem raises it's ugly head, that's your chance to grab.

"Grab what?" you ask. Well, it just so happens that CSPRA has cleverly disguised some opportunities that you may be interested in.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

... ON THE SUBJECT OF MONEY...



OHV Restrictions at ANZA BORREGO DESERT S.P.

CONGRATULATIONS to new DPR Director Henry Agonia for his decision to enforce the "green sticker" prohibition at Anza Borrego SP. After consulting user groups and documenting extensive resource damage from off-road vehicles, the Department will begin an extensive educational campaign to notify off-roaders of the reasons for the decision. Rangers will begin issuing citations at the beginning of this year's winter season. Credit also goes to the Regional Directors who unanimously voted in favor of the action.

ON the budget front we are working with PCL on the Tobacco Tax Revenue proposal. This is a constitutional amendment, ACA 14, which has a provision to give more than 16 million dollars to the Department for operations, resource protection, and interpretation. Some of this money could go into staffing and may not be subject to the Gann government spending limitation.

Although we have not formally endorsed the Parks and Wildlife Initiative, CSPRA has been actively involved in advising where the State Park monies should be spent. (We are still looking at the department's own Development Bond Act.)

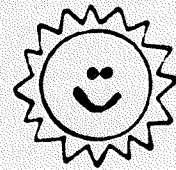
The initiative will be filed with the Attorney General in mid May with petition circulation to begin in June. Interested volunteers should contact PCL at (916) 444-8726. The breakdown on funding the state parks includes \$98.6 million for acquisition, \$50 million for development, and \$4.7 million

for spot acquisitions. Local grants and grants to specific agencies will require departmental staffing for administration with position funding coming from the \$351 million total.

... MORE NEWS...

In other news, CSPRA has distributed a questionnaire to all retired members to see how we can better serve their needs. Executive Manager, Doug Bryce, has volunteered to edit a separate Newsletter on an occasional basis if sufficient interest is found.

Our special thanks to the State Parks Commission for their unanimous April decision to turn down a request by Los Angeles County to construct three restaurants on State Beaches under their control. According to one Commissioner, this won't be the last time we hear about this issue.



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FROM CSPRA: A MEMORIAL TO SHAUN FAHEY

BY JOHN MOTT

In honor of Shaun Fahey, a Big Basin Redwoods Park Aid who was murdered four years ago, CSPRA has sent checks totalling nearly \$3,000 to the Sempervirens Fund and the Santa Cruz Mountains Natural History Association (SCMNHA). The Sempervirens Fund has designated several virgin redwoods as the Shaun Fahey Grove. These trees, a living memorial, overlook the Big Basin Park Headquarters where Shaun worked for two seasons.

The SCMNHA has established the Big Basin Historic Building Preservation Fund. The initial \$2,493.55 in the fund is expected to grow with other contributions. Shaun dearly loved the historic buildings of Big Basin, and wrote her

senior thesis on the importance of preserving these buildings. CSPRA is especially grateful to Tony Look, the Sempervirens Fund, and the SCMNHA for facilitating our unique memorial request.

The money for these memorials came from CSPRA's Shaun Fahey Reward Fund. The popular Park Aid disappeared on November 26, 1983 after leaving work at Big Basin State Park. On March 10, 1984, her body was found in a remote canyon north of Big Sur. CSPRA members and family friends contributed to the reward fund, hoping to solicit information and evidence needed to locate and convict Shaun's killer. The Reward Fund had been kept active until recently, when the suspect, Nathan Seaman, was formally convicted of the crime.

William and Eileen Fahey, Shaun's parents, lent their full support to the Grove and Building Restoration Fund memorials. Mr. Fahey is a RAO at the Kalamath District and has had a long association with the Department. We all realize that these memorials cannot replace Shaun, but we do hope they will promote the values and ideals that Shaun worked for and actively pursued.



YUBA RIVER HYDRO PROJECTS

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Until a thorough analysis of flood control problems on the Yuba is undertaken and completed, any bill limiting what can be done to the river is "premature," Chandler said. Also, questions of where the people of Nevada County really stand on hydroelectric development are unanswered, he told the committee.

Chandler took exception to the fact that a legislator from outside the district was carrying the bill.

"If we're going to do anything in the area, the legislators from the area out to be consulted," he said at a Capitol press conference Monday. "I'm very sensitive to people outside our district getting involved."

Connelly took up the bill after Chandler declined to carry it, and said he opted for the hydroelectric ban to appease the local assemblyman.

Chandler said he might co-sponsor a bill to prohibit Miner's Ditch and Excelsior, but would oppose any bill permanently banning hydroelectric development on the South Yuba. He added he might consent to a moratorium on hydroelectric development with a definite time frame.

"I think the power of government should be used as specifically as it can be used," Chandler remarked.

At the press conference, state Senator John Doolittle said the South Yuba is an ideal

place for hydro development.

"If you we're going to have hydro projects on a river this is the one to do it on," said Doolittle, who termed the Nevada County Board of Supervisors February 5-0 vote in support of studing wild and senic status as "shaky."

"We're not talking about what you and I would call a wild, pristine river," Doolittle continued, adding it was "laughable" to consider it for the Wild and Senic system.

Dr. Roger Hicks, president of the South Yuba River Citizens League, said Connelly's latest proposal would still accomplish the group's goal of stopping construction of the two projects, which could begin this summer.

"I don't think Senator Doolittle has ever been to the river," Hicks added.

CSPRA SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT SOUTH YUBA

...regarding the controversy on the South Fork Yuba River.

The Department is in the acquisition phase for the S. Yuba project and owns land where Northwest Power has obtained a FERC license to construct a 2.5 mega watt "run of the river" facility. DPR has intervened in the licensing process and consistently gone on record opposing the commercial exploi-

tation of State Park System resources.

AB 2208 is a good bill and would help to preserve one of the last free-flowing rivers in California.

The NPS inventoried the S. Yuba for the Federal Wild and Senic River System, and based on really poor information determined that the S. Yuba didn't rank as

"outstandingly remarkable."

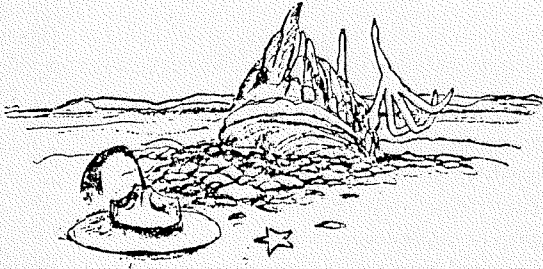
Later, the USFS, in their draft Tahoe National Forest Plan stated that the S. Yuba didn't qualify as a wild and senic river for the Federal system.

State protection is urgently needed, and supported by the residents and Board of Supervisors for Nevada County. I have testified in support of AB 2208 on behalf of CSPRA, April 27, 1987.

Syd Brown

NOTEWORTHY NOTES

STATE PARK MASCOT DIES IN LANDING MISHAP



Dear Rick:

I have read the March 1987 issue of the Newsletter and wish to express my approval of your President's Message on page 2 as it relates to including management in a constructive professional debate from time to time.

CSPRA was formed during the time that I headed the State Park System (the old Division of Beaches and Parks) and I am very pleased how well it has developed as a vital professional organization.

Your letter to Governor Deukmejian, urging careful attention to desirable qualifications essential to the selection of a new director, is good and I do hope the Governor will seek consultation from CSPRA before an appointment is made.

Keep up your good work.

My wife and I plan to spend two weeks at our cabin in Idyllwild at the end of May and will look in on the 50th anniversary of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. I had some interesting confrontations with the Winter Park Authority during my time as chief of the park system.

Sincerely,
Edward F. Dolder

Dear Mr. Parmer

I understand you spoke with Eileen Hodson, my San Jose District Representative about the possibility of my attending part of your association's conference this week in Ventura.

Unfortunately, it became necessary for me to fly to Los Angeles rather than drive, so it will not be possible for me to be in Ventura on Friday.

As the new Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, I look forward to working with you and other members of your organization. Please do not hesitate to call either Eileen or Peter Szego, the new Chief Consultant to that Committee.

Cordially
Dan McCorquodale

Dear Rick:

Richard Davis sent me a copy of his April 5th letter to you concerning possible interest by CSPRA in publishing his historical account of the evolution of wilderness policy at Mt. San Jacinto State Park; and his proposal to name a peak in the park in honor of Newton Drury.

I knew Newton very well and he deserves this honor. It would appear that enough interest has developed to see this matter through.

I believe the publication of the historical account is needed because threats to the wilderness nature of Mt. San Jacinto will come again, if not already hovering at the boundaries.

Most immediate threat potential is new efforts that can be initiated to once again try to break the 1960 control agreement which effectively limits further developments by the Winter Park Authority tramway.

Such an attempt was made when Ronald Reagan first became the California governor but Norman Livermore, Reagan's first Secretary of the Resources Agency, using background material I provided, met with Winter Park Authority officials and denied their request for reconsideration of the contract.

Sincerely,
Ed Dolder

A WILDERNESS MEMORIAL FOR NEWTON B. DRURY PROPOSED

This is a condensed letter concerning Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Ed.

Dear Mr. Parmer:

April 5, 1987

I have made two proposals to the Department which concern the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Mt. San Jacinto State Park and are designed to encourage the Department in its longstanding wilderness policy. I believe CSPRA will find that my ideas support its commitment to preserving the quality of the natural landscape entrusted to the stewardship of its members. My suggestions are: (1) that the Department publish a detailed historical account of the evolution of wilderness policy in Mt. San Jacinto State Park, and (2) that the Department provide a further tangible reminder of California's wilderness tradition by formally dedicating an outstanding landmark to the memory of the late great conservationist, Newton Drury.

I have written a book length historical study of the development of wilderness policy in the San Jacintos since the 1920's and its place in relation to park and wilderness policies nationally and internationally. Briefly, My study focuses on the politics of mass recreation versus wilderness preservation in the San Jacintos, giving attention to the evolution of an appreciation for the mountain from the late 19th century on, the development of nearby competing resort towns, early efforts to protect the wildlife and primitive aspects of the mountaintop, and the union of local and statewide interests which created a wilderness park fifty years ago. This study is intended to illuminate the formation of a policy of wilderness protection which has often been controversial and misunderstood, thereby helping administrators continue their tradition of conservation and providing a tool useful in public education.

I have proposed that as part of its commemoration of Mt. San Jacinto State Park's 50th Anniversary the Department formally name and dedicate an outstanding peak within the park in memory of Newton B. Drury. I propose to name as Drury Peak the rocky outcrop shown on USGS 7.5 San Jacinto Peak Quadrangle (1981) with a summit elevation of 9360+ about 1/2 mile east of Cornell Peak. This summit appears as a sharp peak from many spots along the trails of the eastern slopes of the park, and seems to stand guard between the tramway terminal and the state wilderness.

I notice that the flyer to announce the planned anniversary events seems to ignore the wilderness heritage of this mountain park, the role of Drury and others in securing its dedication as wilderness in the 1930's, the subsequent work of many officials and conservationists in minimizing the development accompanying the tramway, or the place which Mt. San Jacinto occupies in the development of wildlands policies nationally. With the retirement of the tramway bonds in 1996, new legislative activity seems likely; thus the best use of the entire park could be opened for debate again. Conservationists, both within and outside government had better be prepared to push for adoption of their views if they wish to be sure that any new legislative action does not erode wilderness values.

sincerely,
Richard C. Davis

DRAGONSLAYERS ONLY!!!

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Now, if you already know that you can't learn new tricks, or if you still view problems as obstacles rather than opportunities, then read no further.

Ah-ha, I see you aren't one of those. Well, let me warn you... **HERE THERE BE DRAGONS!** Now if you are interested in a little dragon slaying, choose an item from the list below, or call CSPRA and ask for something if our opportunities are not challenging enough. Put your response in the box below, tear off and return it to CSPRA.

1. Assist Historian in interviewing retired and/or prominent figures in the State Parks movement for oral history archives.
2. Help develop the program for the 1988 conference.
3. Become a part of the Membership Committee - a good way to meet new employees.
4. Artists, photographers, designers, and other talented people are needed to help produce publications. Any cartoonists there?
5. Writers who have the skill or interest to contribute regularly.
6. People interested in following legislation and developing liaison with legislators.
7. Work with other motivated members to develop CSPRA policy.

The list goes on... If you are interested in opportunities, don't let this one pass you by. CSPRA needs professional rangers to do a professional job. **YOU** are that ranger!

Pretty catchy title, huh?

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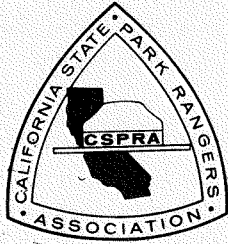
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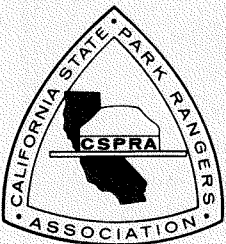
If you are interested in this organization as a professional park ranger, or are a friend of the parks, please fill out the attached membership application and return it to **CSPRA**.

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