

## CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGER'S ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1987

# 1988 CONFERENCE "NEW VISIONS FROM OLD TRADITIONS"

The 1988 CSPRA/PRAC/LEAQUE conference is to be held at the Woodlake Resort and Convention Hotel in Sacramento, March 11-14, 1988. The conference theme is "New Visions from Old Traditions".

Workshops/tracks will cover Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources and People Management. Special events will include the annual storytelling contest, golf tournament, installation of officers, spaghetti dinner and a

square dance! The dinner and the dance are to be held at the Railroad Museum. Other events include a Steam Train ride, behind-the-scenes tour of the RR Museum restoration shop, nature biking, walking and jogging excursions along the American River Parkway, and a Birding trip to the Delta.

The special early registration price is \$48 per person until December 15; which includes the steam train ride and the spaghetti dinner.

A luncheon honoring Doug Bryce for his 20-year service as Executive Secretary to CSPRA will be held on Saturday.

A special program presented by Cheri Woods, "Hug a Tree", is geared to teaching children what to do if lost in the woods.

The President of the California Historical Society, and author of The World Rushed In, Dr. Jim Holliday is this year's Keynote Speaker. Harold Gilliam, environmental writer for the S.F. Chronicle will be the closing speaker..

The conference committees are still accepting volunteers who wish to assist in the 1988 conference. Please contact Ken Gray at (916) 324-1828. For further information about this event contact Patricia Posner at (916) 445-9672.

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## THE JAMES WHITEHEAD AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIP

'Come join us in a celebration of nature' is how the National Audubon Society's pamphlet speaks about their ecology workshops offered annually from Maine to Wyoming. A few of us have had the enriching opportunity to attend one of these two week courses and have had our lives and career skills positively affected. One of these people, a CSPRA member and a ranger at Mt. Tamalpais SP in the early fifties, received a partial scholarship from a member of the Mt. Tamalpais Conservation Club, and was able to attend an Audubon Retreat in California. Jim Whitehead came back from that retreat enthusiastic with new skills, and had a better understanding of ecological relationships. Jim, a charter member and consistent supporter of CSPRA, later became

the District Superintendent of District 6 (now Region 4).

In honor of his efforts on behalf of CSPRA, and in recognition of his outstanding service while employed with DPR, the CSPRA Board of Directors has instituted an annual scholarship to the Audubon "Camp of the West" which is held annually for two weeks at the Audubon facilities near Dubois, Wyoming. This two-week session allows participants the opportunity to become deeply engrossed in what is recognized as one of the best environmental education experiences offered today. This scholarship will

cover all tuition to the camp, roughly \$650 currently.

The scholarship requires all applicants to participate in an essay contest. The theme of these essays will be selected from topics that James Whitehead espoused throughout his professional life. The CSPRA Board of Directors will then judge the essays, and on the basis of their decision select the scholarship winner. Essays should be 750 words long and are currently being accepted, and must be submitted no later than January 15, 1988.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In October, petitioners qualified the Wildlife, Coastal and Park Lands Initiative for the June 1988 statewide ballot. As a result, the State Park Bond Act (Costa) will be placed on the November ballot next year according to Department sources. If the Initiative passes, the Bond Act would probably be deferred due to the similarities in purpose, more than content.

The Bond Act would have a much lower chance of success if the Initiative is approved.

If, as is likely, one of these two ballot measures passes, we are once again faced with major expansion of Departmental workload without a clear commitment to adequate staffing or correcting chronic shortages we documented in our 1986 campaign.

In essence, we will continue to be asked to do more with less without a vision of any long-term solutions. This is not a prescription for high morale and increased productivity; rather, one for waning idealism and disenchantment with the "team player" philosophy.

So where do we go from here? On the one hand, CSPRA, in my opinion, should continue to seek legislative remedies in conjunction with other professional associations, employee groups, and park supporters. Our contacts with the Legislature, State Park support groups and the media, are among the best in the state for this purpose.

On the other hand, we need to seek greater involvement in building partnerships between the department and the private sector to address public service, resource protection, and staffing needs. In a 1986 discussion with former Director Briner, he mentioned the concept of "profit centers" within the system. Though the term left me uneasy with visions of Ramada Inns at Van Damme or Torrey Pines, those of us, from preservation extremists to ardent commercial development advocates, may find common ground in a cooperative strategy. One CSPRA member in the managerial ranks saw great merit in a comprehensive revenue generation analysis of every unit in the State Park System. It could focus on methods to keep the dollars raised in the Department and adhere to strict criteria upholding the Public Resources Code and keeping away from projects that

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## NEW VISIONS FROM OLD TRADITIONS

1988 CSPRA/PRAC/LEAQUE CONFERENCE  
WOODLAKE RESORT AND CONVENTION HOTEL  
SACRAMENTO, CA.  
MARCH 11-14, 1988

### AGENDA

#### FRIDAY MARCH 11

1300-1700 field trips  
1900-2100 story telling session  
golf tournament  
Hug-a-Tree training

#### SATURDAY MARCH 12

0830-0900 welcome and orientation  
0900-1200 plenary sessions/Director's address/Keynote speaker  
1300-1700 workshops - three tracks  
1830-2230 train ride/spaghetti dinner/square dance

#### SUNDAY MARCH 13

0800-1200 workshops  
1300-1600 plenary sessions/CSPRA/GEC/PCL legislative update  
1600-1700 concluding speaker  
1900-? banquet/dance

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The **NEWSLETTER'S** Editor is Steve Hansen, contributing editors and authors are as noted. Articles are welcome, 1000 words or less. All submissions become the property of CSPRA and may be edited without notice.

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### ESSAY THEMES

Professionalism in Parks  
Protection of the Resource  
Education of the Public  
Resistance to Mediocrity in Public Service  
The Generalist versus the Specialist  
The Future of the Park System  
Pride in the Park System

### SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship consists of the current year's tuition to one session of the Audubon "Camp of the West" field ecology course in Dubois, Wyoming. All transportation, incidental travel costs, lodging, meals, and any applicable taxes enroute to or after the session are the sole responsibility of the winning entrant. If the scholarship is not used in the year it is awarded, it shall revert back to the Scholarship Fund. Scholarships cannot be transferred to another person.

### RULES AND STANDARDS

1. Entrants must be active CSPRA members.
2. All essays must be submitted before the announced deadline.
3. Essays judged on content and will not include the identity of the applicant.
4. No Judge or family member of a Judge is eligible to enter.
5. The winner will be ineligible to compete in future scholarship competitions for this award.
6. Only one essay allowed per award year.
7. The winning essay may be published in the CAL RANGER or the NEWSLETTER.
8. Official award recognition will take place at the annual CSPRA Banquet.
9. It is the responsibility of the winner to arrange for the appropriate time off and make the necessary reservations and travel arrangements to participate in one of the three camps offered in their award year.
10. All essays will be submitted typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Two original copies are required. CSPRA retains the right to publish the winning essay as stated. All other rights to the essay remain with the author.
11. CSPRA reserves the right not to award a scholarship for any year if a minimum number of entries has not been received or if entries do not meet the requirement criteria, or if in the opinion of the judges the quality of essays does not warrant award of that year's contest.
12. Any and all criteria and requirements for the James Whitehead Audubon Scholarship may be changed by the vote of the Board of Directors.

### SEND TO

Ranger Fred Jee  
CSPRA Education and Training Chair  
P.O. Box 483  
Borrego Springs, CA. 92004

**REMEMBER!!!** Submit your essay before **JANUARY 15, 1988.**

Ask someone who has been there. It's a great experience. Check into other funding avenues which may be available from other sources to cover additional expenses. Try your local Audubon chapter....

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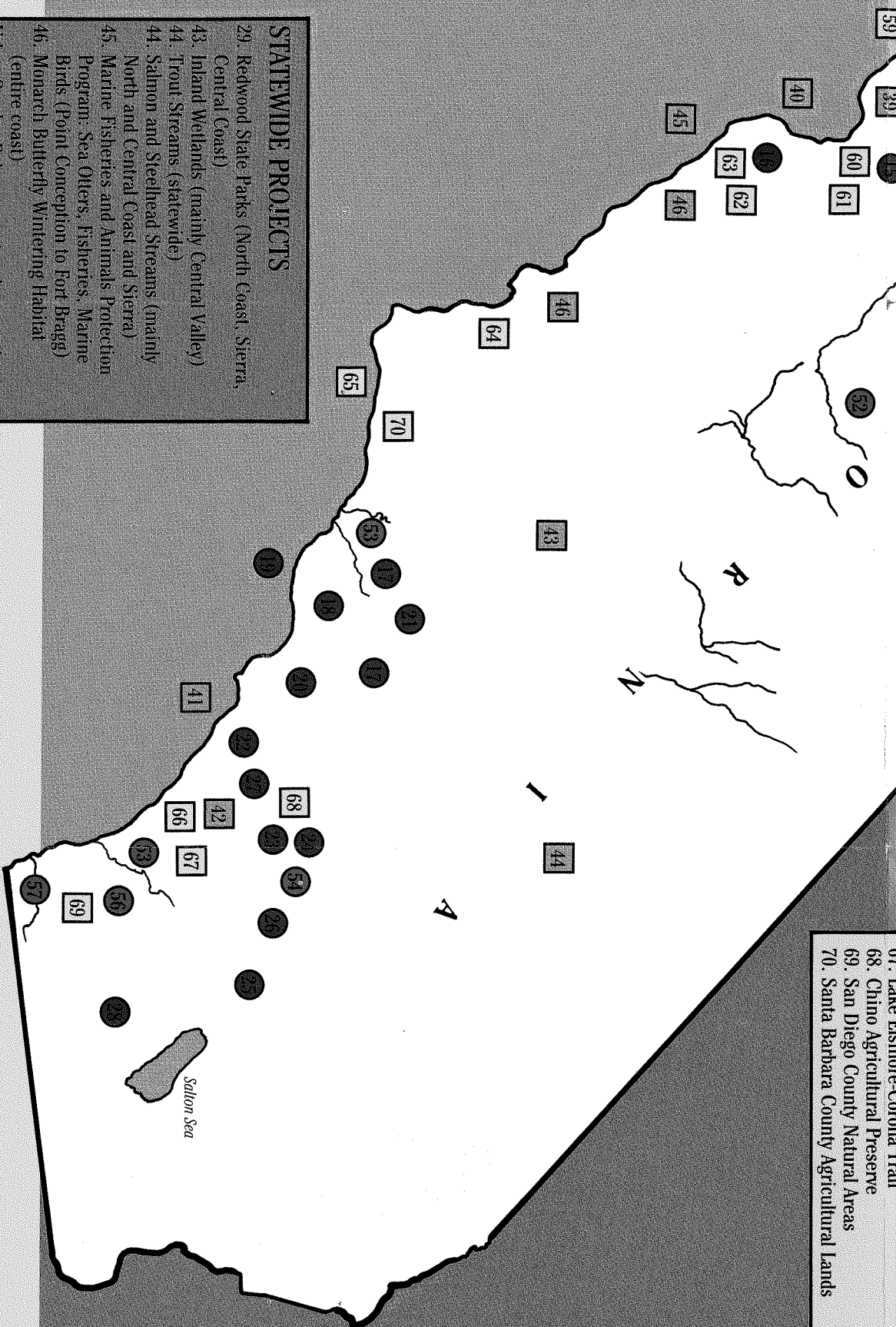
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the association, write the  
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68. Chino Agricultural Preserve  
69. San Diego County Natural Areas  
70. Santa Barbara County Agricultural Lands



## STATEWIDE PROJECTS

29. Redwood State Parks (North Coast, Sierra, Central Coast)
43. Inland Wetlands (mainly Central Valley)
44. Trout Streams (statewide)
44. Salmon and Steelhead Streams (mainly North and Central Coast and Sierra)
45. Marine Fisheries and Animals Protection Program: Sea Otters, Fisheries, Marine Birds (Point Conception to Fort Bragg)
46. Monarch Butterfly Wintering Habitat

## Urban Creeks: Enhancement and restoration Urban Forestry: Tree Planting and Improvement in Cities

## Coastal Resources: Acquisition, Enhancement and Improved Access to Important Coastal Areas

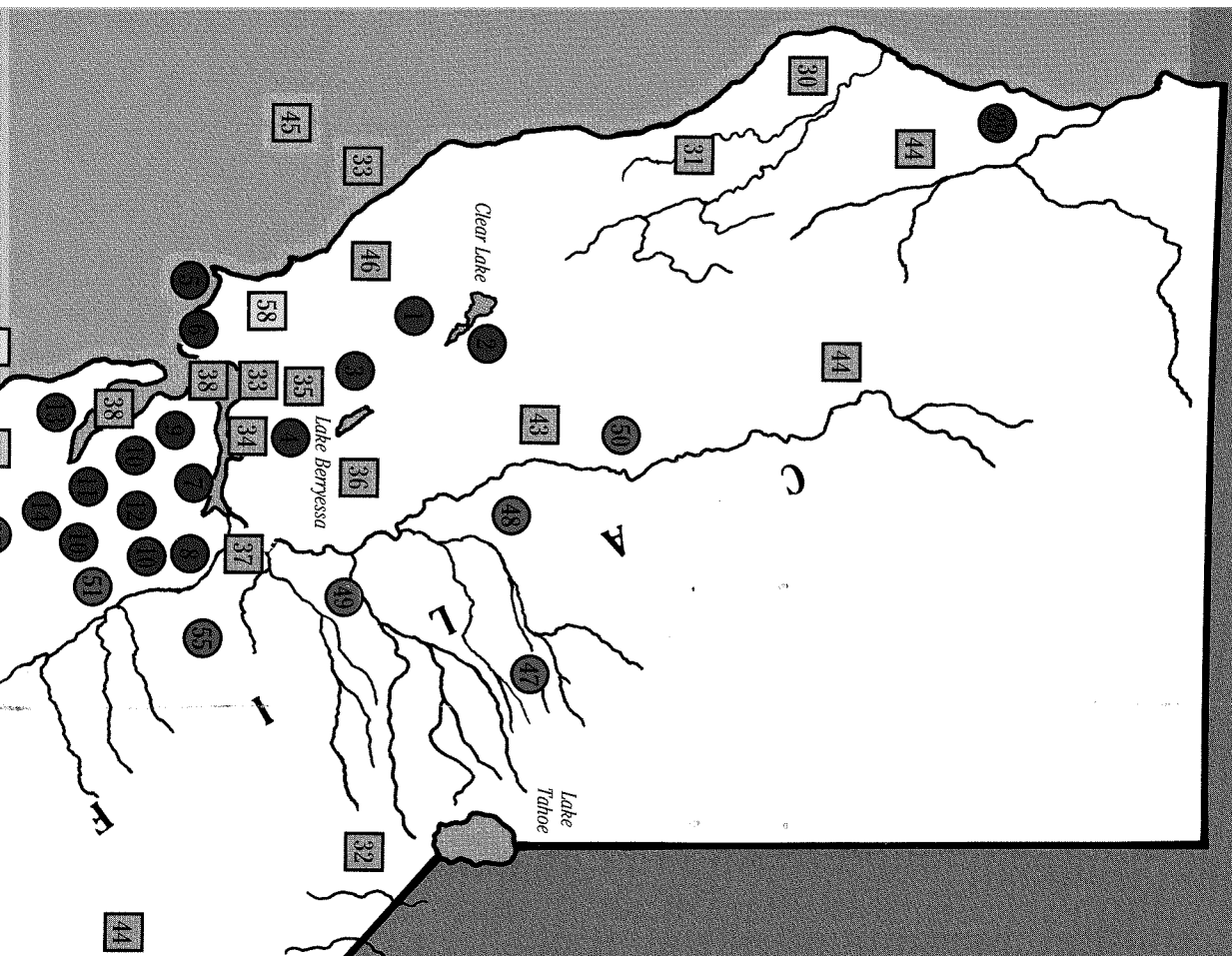
### **Trails: Grants to Local Agencies to Acquire and Develop Trails**

## Historic and Archeological Preservation, Restoration and Preservation of Valuable Sites

### Local Parks: Grants to Local Parks Agencies to Acquire and Develop Park and Recreation Facilities



# The California Wildlife, Coastal and Parks Initiative



## PROJECTS BY CATEGORY



Parks



Fish and Wildlife Habitat



River Habitat and Trails



Other Protected Areas

### PARKS

1. Lake County Park
2. Anderson Marsh State Park
3. Robert Jones Stevenson State Park
4. Vauville Ridge Lands
5. Marin County Open Space
6. Mt. Tamalpais
7. Capitola Shoreline Park
8. Little Frank's Tree State Recreation Area
9. East Bay Shoreline State Park
10. East Bay Regional Parks
11. Hayward Hills
12. Mt. Diablo State Park
13. Mt. Diablo State Open Space
14. Henry Coe State Park
15. Big Basin Castle Rock State Parks
16. Monterey Open Space
17. Santa Monica Mountains
18. Baldwin Hills State Recreation Area
19. Los Angeles County Beaches
20. La Brea Heights Recreation Area
21. Santa Susana Mountains State Park
22. Irvine Open Space
23. Riverside Citrus State Historic Park
24. Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park
25. Indian Canyons State Park
26. Horley Creek Park
27. Corno Hills State Park
28. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

### FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

30. Mill Creek Forest
31. Sanctuary Forest
32. Hope Valley
33. Sonoma County Wetlands and Open Space
34. Napa County Wetlands
35. Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area
36. Davis Open Space
37. Delta Meadows State Park
38. San Francisco Bay Wetlands
39. Pescadero Marsh State Park
40. Monterey County Coast
41. Bolsa Chica Wetlands
42. Tecate Cypress Forest

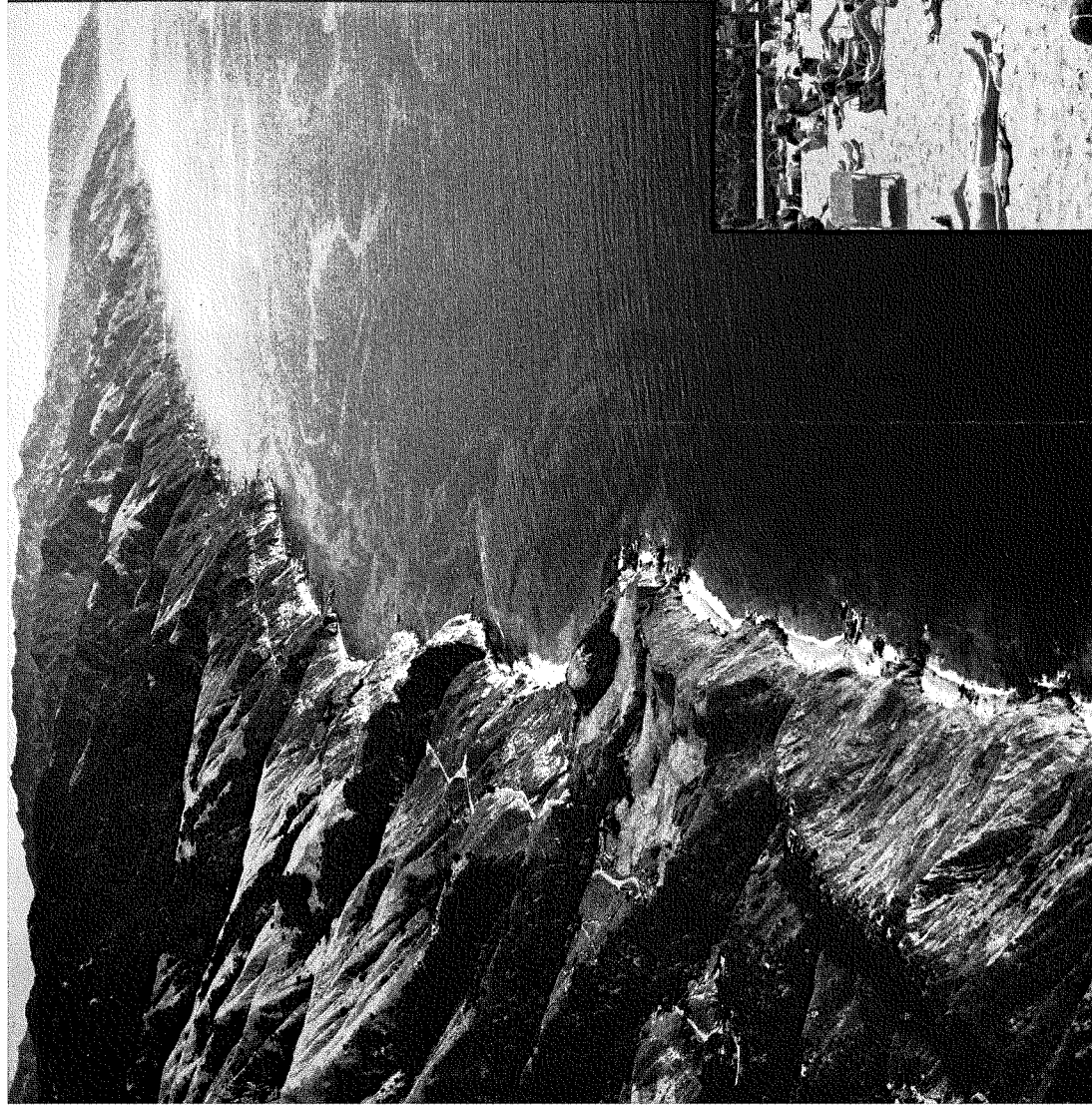
### RIVER HABITAT and TRAILS

47. South Yuba River; Malakoff Diggings State Park
48. Feather River
49. Sacramento County Rivers and Streams
50. Sacramento River
51. Stanislaus, Tuolumne, San Joaquin and Merced Rivers
52. San Joaquin River
53. Southern California Riparian Areas
54. Santa Ana River Trail
55. Brovell Woods
56. San Diegoito River Valley
57. Tijuana River Valley

### OTHER PROTECTED AREAS

58. Marin County Agricultural Lands
59. San Mateo County Coastline
60. Pogonip Greenbelt; Santa Cruz
61. Santa Cruz County Agricultural Lands
62. Monterey County Agricultural Lands
63. Big Sur
64. Nipomo Dunes
65. Santa Barbara County Coastline
66. Laguna Beach Greenbelt
67. Los Angeles County Coastline





63. Big Sur: Protection for perhaps the world's most magnificent coastline. Dominated by sheer rock cliffs and wild untamed surf, Big Sur is a California landmark.

William Webb



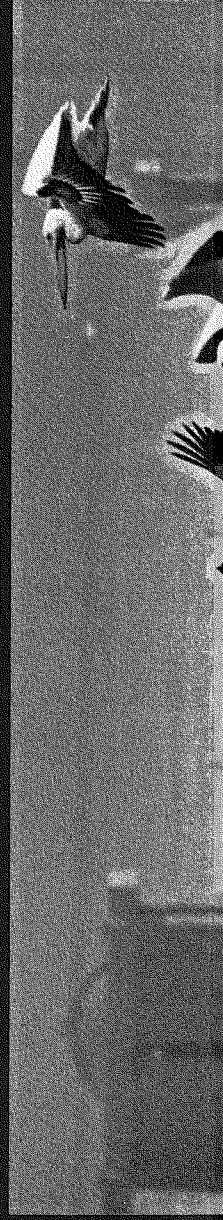
52. San Joaquin Kit Fox: Just one of many wildlife species that would benefit from habitat protection under the initiative.



19. Southern California Beaches: Enjoyed by millions every year. Going to the beach on a hot day is the most popular form of recreation in Southern California.

43. Inland Wetlands: Home to a wide variety of important resident and migratory fish and wildlife species, these areas are rapidly disappearing in California as population pressures grow.

Ken Gaudin

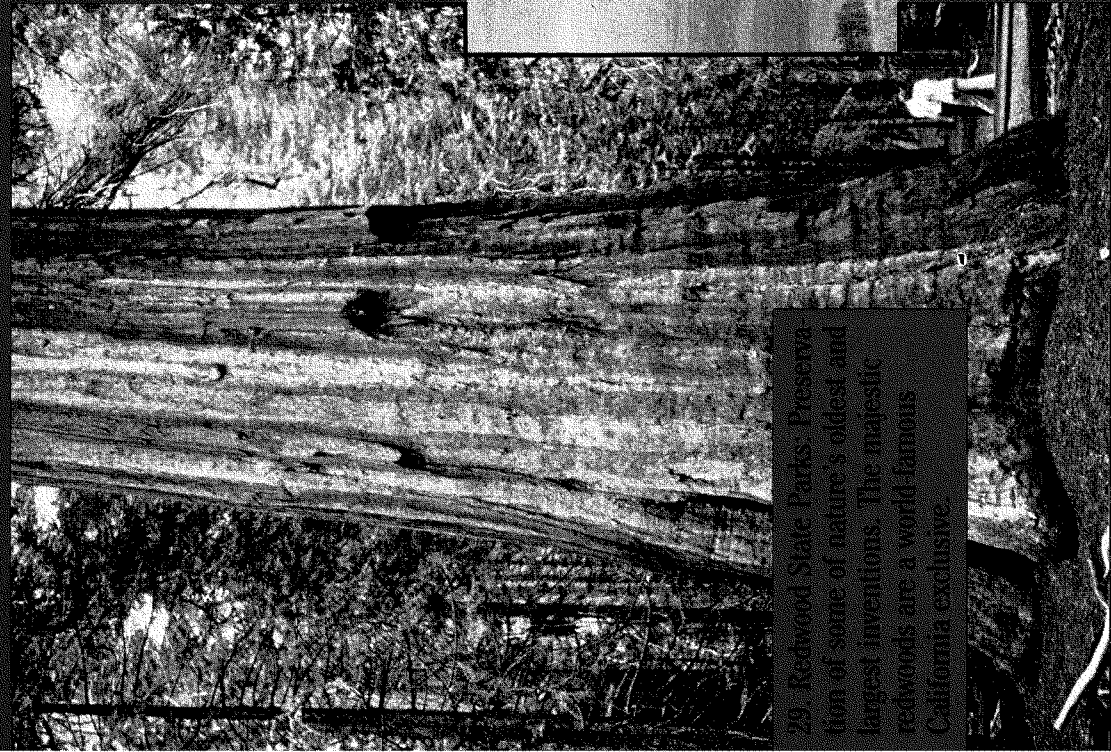






**Hipe Valley:** One of the largest and most beautiful valleys in the Sierra. Includes high Sierran meadows, upland forests nestled below snow-capped peaks and alpine lakes filled with trout. In danger of being developed for subdivisions.

*California State Parks and Recreation*



**29. Redwood State Parks:** Preservation of some of nature's oldest and largest inventions. The majestic redwoods are a world-famous California exclusive.



*Orange County*

**25. Indian Canyons:** Part of the disappearing desert beauty of Southern California. Scenic trails through this lush oasis lead easy access to more than 150 different plant species, including these stately palm trees.

**49. Sacramento County Rivers and Streams:** The Lower American River Parkway is an example of the kind of parkland used by city dwellers. Funds would be used to complete this parkway, and develop new parks near other waterways, too.

*CSA Annual*



**10. East Bay Regional Parks:** Exciting expansion of one of the San Francisco Bay area's most popular park systems.



# 3 WANTED:

## NATURE WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

The California State Parks Foundation currently publishes a quarterly newsletter/magazine titled CALIFORNIA PARKLANDS. The publication is growing in circulation (and number of pages), with controlled circulation of appx. 15,000 copies per issue.

Freelance writers, including CSPRA members are encouraged to contribute articles for possible publication in PARKLANDS.

Lively, snappy writing, knowledge of the subject, visuals (good slides and photos) and a copy approach that looks at individual parks, and the great outdoors in general, are the requisites for the publication of your writing in PARKLANDS.

Articles can be reprints of previously published material, book excerpts, or commissioned articles.

Interesting stories, historical perspectives, and articles that celebrate both the state

The following is the edited minutes from the Board meeting of October 17, 1987

**VICE-PRESIDENT WHITEHEAD:** It was decided that the following pair-ups would be made for communication between the board and the Regional Directors. Whitehead - Mc

Cullough, Salzgeber - Chavet, Brown - Monaghan; Watton - Felty; Getty - Chavez. Whitehead to contact Trumbly regarding Cuyamaca problem.

**DIRECTOR GETTY:** due to changes in status of OHV we reverse our decision to take action on the sunseting of the OHV Commission. If we are concerned with grazing on Mount Diablo we need to get our sup-



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### BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 1987

porters involved. Getty will draft a letter for Parmer's signature supporting DPR's opposition to grazing at Mount Diablo. The Board will write to Roberti saying that we support an early confirmation of Director Agonia.

**DIRECTOR SALZGEBER:** Discussed exchange Ranger. Due to delay in progress in Department

parks and the great outdoors are what we need. Looking for guidelines? Read a copy of OUTSIDE, or CALIFORNIA SCENIC, or ARIZONA HIGHWAYS.

Also, photographers are encouraged to contribute their work for both color and B/W Photo Essays...beautiful nature photos along the lines of David Muench, Ansel Adams...Nature captured by the eye and lens.

Writers and photographers will be paid!! For additional information (including our Writer's Guidelines) please contact Reed Hugel, Editor/Membership Director, CSPF, P.O. Box 5668, Larkspur, CA. 94939. Unsolicited material will be considered for publication. Please include a S.A.S.E. for the return of your material.

exchange program, the Board directs President Parmer to investigate.

**HONORARY MEMBERS:** Nominations were to be to Mary Gunter by 10/1. If anyone has any ideas get them to Mary immediately.

**ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE:** Needs new

chair & members. Gar will draft a letter asking for volunteers for committee.

**BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Board moved to change dates of officers taking office from January 1 to after GEC. The Board recommends the ballot measure to amend dues to: Active - \$8/ month; Retired - \$1/ month; and Supporting members \$2/ month. *Continued, Page 4*



# FIELD TRIPS

by Dan Martin, Santa Monica Mts. Dist.

If you work in a park where you can get two weeks off in the summer, you might consider attending the Audubon Ecology Camp in the West. The camp is located in the majestic Wind River Mountains, just a few miles from the Continental Divide, near Grand Tetons Nat'l Park in Wyoming.

Thanks to generous scholarships from CSPRA and the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, I attended this in August. If your car survives the eight rocky miles from the main highway to the camp, you'll never want to leave.

Of the 56 participants, most were teachers, some park naturalists, and some came just for the fun of it. The course work emphasized ecological relationships. The teaching staff of eight had a wide range of expertise. Classes were mostly in small groups where a good student-to-teacher ratio

was maintained.

For the first week we broke into groups and attended classes in Insect Ecology, Terrestrial Ecology, Human Ecology, Botany, Ornithology, Geology and Aquatic Ecology. During the second week we selected mini-courses like: Invisible Plants,

Pollination, Fossils, and Environmental Education. Participants are given a fair amount of free time to explore the surrounding mountains, pursue personal interests in the camp library, or in my case, fly fish for the monster Rainbow Trout of

## AUDUBON ECOLOGY CAMP

Torry Creek.

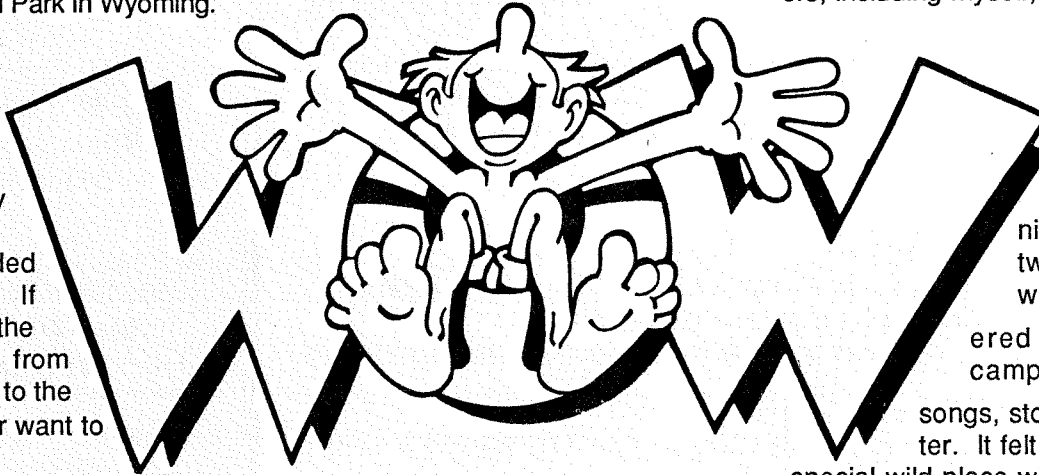
Evening activities included a square dance, a talk by the original homesteader of Torry Valley, and a "moderately great" Torry Creek canoe race. Some of the canoe racers, including myself, became totally

"immersed" in the aquatic ecology of the creek.

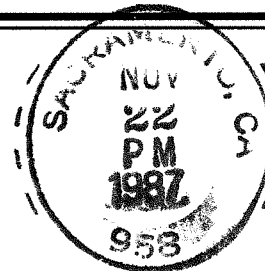
There were quite a few nights during that two week session when we gathered around the campfire to share

songs, stories and laughter. It felt great to be in a special wild place with 55 other folks deeply committed to conserving special wild places all over the country.

If you are interested in attending next summer contact your local chapter of the Audubon Society, or write the Nat'l Audubon Society at: 4150 Darley Ave. Suite 5, Boulder, CO. 80303.



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