

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION

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DESERT VICTORY FOR S7 LOBBY

This July, hearings on S7, the California Desert Protection Act, were held in the United States Senate. It was an exhilarating California Desert Lobby Week as some 50 California environmentalists went back to DC to lobby for desert protection. There were many ardent supporters of the bill: Senator Alan Cranston, Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, Congressman Mel Levine, Marvin Braude, and many others.

The high point of the testimony came when Marvin Braude, speaking for the City of Los Angeles said, "We support S7." The mayors of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego also sent letters in support. Most of urban California supports S7. Passage of S7 will take perhaps two or three more years. House of Representatives hearings will probably be scheduled in 1988.

Meanwhile, back at the Mojave Desert, BLM continues to degrade our public lands. Management of the East Mojave National Scenic Area (EMNSA) is not any better after the hearings. BLM just issued its Barstow to Las Vegas Motorcycle Race Addendum for the 1987 through 1991 races. The race goes through EMNSA in two places: Soda Lake and Clark Mountain. BLM still hasn't closed the Baker Dump, on the east side of Soda Lake. The Australian-run Colosseum Mine, located in the Clark Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern, grows with ugliness every day. BLM is considering a mining plan of operations for the Castle Mountains which would allow Canadians to remove 3.2 million tons a year
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OIL IN TROUBLED WATERS

OIL INDUSTRY SUES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Western Oil and Gas Association has sued thirteen different local governments, attempting to set aside voter-approved ordinances relating to oil onshore facilities. A number of issues have been raised by this lawsuit which are in the interest of the state, and pertinent to the constitutional rights of local governments to zone within their boundaries.

This issue is of crucial importance to local governments. There exists a tremendous potential impact to the tourist industry, the commercial fishing industry, air quality, and the physical infrastructure of local governments. In 1985, by an 82 percent margin, the voters reserved the right to approve zoning changes for oil on-shore support facilities.

This right has been challenged by the lawsuit. There have been no attempts to seek voter approval for any voter change at any of the thirteen cities and counties that have been named in the lawsuit. The fact that the association has bypassed the voters and moved into the courts demonstrates that the oil companies do not believe they have the ability to convince the coastal communities of the satisfactory mitigations to drilling proposals.

The State Controller Gray Davis has recommended that the State Lands Commission join with the local governments in defense of this lawsuit. Additionally, the State Constitution extends to local governments
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STATE DENOUNCES SUIT FILED BY ARCO

State Controller Gray Davis, member of the State Lands Commission, denounced the lawsuit filed today by the Atlantic Richfield Company in Los Angeles Superior Court which claims \$793 million in damages against the state because the Commission denied permitting Arco's Coal Oil Point Project offshore Santa Barbara.

"The State Lands Commission took a very balanced position in pointing out to ARCO the deficiencies with their proposed project and invited them to return to the Commission once those problems were corrected," said Davis. "Rather than take a constructive approach and address the problems of increased air pollution and oil spill dangers on the coastal communities affected, ARCO's decided to ignore the people and run to the courts."

"The [recent] oil spill in the Santa Barbara Channel and [the] major earthquake in Southern California are perfect examples of what the oil industry keeps saying aren't really dangers when they obviously are."

On May 27, 1987, the Commission, (Davis and Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy) voted 2-1 to deny approving a massive offshore oil development proposal by ARCO that would be 2 miles off the coast of Santa Barbara County. The ARCO project proposes construction of three new drilling platforms, totaling 234 new wells. The proposal also requests 2-5 pipelines to shore.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A clearly defined philosophy supported by enduring principals is the bedrock of a strong and healthy organization. Toward that end, our current effort to collect articles, speeches, and prose reflecting the underlying values of the State Park System and CSPRA is beginning to yield positive results. Earl Hansen has sent me a copy of his first speech to the founding banquet of CSPRA in 1964. Milt Frinke is foraging through dusty file boxes in search of similar gems.

John Scull, a BLM employee in our Planning Division, recently attended an International Conference on Outdoor Ethics sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America. He is currently preparing an outdoor recreation ethic for California with input from many sources inside and outside the Department. CSPRA is contributing to this project, and hope to get enough material together by the end of January to publish a special issue of the CAL RANGER by the March conference in Sacramento. The value of such an exercise lies in the opportunity to promote responsible public behavior and attitudes toward parklands in an era of increasing use and resource impacts.

If you know of inspirational works or little known writings on CSPRA or the State Park System pick up the phone and call myself or Editor Ed Stuckrath right away. The quality and contents of this special issue is up to you, the members and supporters of CSPRA.

S7 LOBBY VICTORY

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in a huge open-pit low-grade gold mine and remove 1650 acre feet of water annually from Lanfair Valley's watershed, which drains into spectacular Piute Creek. Mining has also resumed at the majestic Kelso Dunes. BLM says, "Our hands are tied by the 1872 mining law."

In the course of the Senate hearings on S7, there was one point of testimony to which many of us had to work hard to refrain from laughing out loud. One of the opponents to S7 suggested that the desert was just "too dang hot" to visit during the summer. The temperature that day was: Washington DC - 102°, Mojave Desert - 86°.

There are many myths fostered by opponents to Mojave National Park. One is that aside from a handful of environmentalists, no one wants a National Park in the Mojave Desert. The truth is that there is much local support for this park and that the majority of urban Californians support the park.

Reprinted (with editing) from the EAST MOJAVE MONITOR. As the article points out, support for the Mojave National Park is viewed as a "handful" of environmentalists. Although this battle has been won, complacency at this juncture will lose the war. Continued support for this park, and continued grassroots lobbying is needed to establish Nationwide support for the California Desert Protection Act. Remember, Big Business pays employees to win these issues.

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TOBACCO TAX AND HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

The Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act is an initiative to raise the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. The cigarette tax would be raised by \$.25 per pack. The funds would go to research on cancer, lung, heart and other tobacco related diseases; education to stop young people from taking up tobacco use; and protecting the environment.

Tobacco use in California costs our economy more than \$6 billion a year in health and related costs: \$2.17 for each pack smoked! More than 30,000 people die each year of tobacco related diseases in our state. The new tax will help reduce smoking in young people, and treat tobacco related diseases.

Our tobacco tax has not been raised in more than twenty years. Only five states have a lower tax. Those who will pay the tax are really only being asked to pay a user fee, and they will directly benefit from the way the tax will be used.

Tobacco use is the most serious drug-related problem facing young people today. It is estimated that due to the new tax alone many thousands of children and teenagers will never start to smoke, thus preventing much disease, and saving many of their lives. More than 90% of all smokers start before the age of 20.

The Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the Planning and Conservation League, California Hospital Association, Assembly Member Lloyd Connelly, Campaign California and numerous other health and civic groups.

The initiative is necessary because the Legislature failed to pass a similar measure in 1987. It is a Constitutional Amendment because otherwise the funds collected could not be spent on health purposes.

The Tobacco Institute, made up

entirely of out-of-state tobacco companies, has already announced a \$16 million campaign to defeat this vital measure. Help by collecting signatures, and by making a financial contribution to our efforts!

The American Heart Association, the Planning and Conservation League, Assembly Member Lloyd Connelly, Campaign California and dozens of other organizations are concerned about the health effects and costs of tobacco use in California. Many smokers support the initiative because they don't want their children to take up smoking, and because they support research into cancer and other smoking-related diseases.

How will the new revenue be spent?

The new tax will raise about \$600 million a year. \$120 million will go to educating young people and adults about the dangers of tobacco use. \$30 million will go to research to cure cancer, lung and heart disease and other tobacco related diseases. \$260 million will go to covering the hospital and medical costs of treating people who do not have other coverage. \$30 million will go to improving parks and fish and wildlife areas. The remaining \$150 million will go to any of the above purposes, and for fire prevention programs, as determined by the legislature.

Why is a constitutional amendment needed?

Existing language in the Constitution must be amended to permit the funds to be spent on health protection and other purposes.

Who will oppose the Act?

The Tobacco Institute, composed entirely of out-of-state tobacco companies who feel their profits are threat-

ened, has already announced that they will spend \$16 million on television and other advertising to defeat this initiative. No other opposition is expected.

What can I do to help?

We need to gather more than 900,000 signatures of registered voters to place the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act on the ballot. Your help is desperately needed: you can volunteer to collect signatures and make a financial contribution. If you'd like to help contact the Planning and Conservation League (916) 444-8726. The Coalition for a Healthy California is also hiring people to collect signatures: call Ken Master-son at (415) 868-1431.

ENDORSED BY PCL

The Planning and Conservation League is currently sponsoring the California Parks and Wildlife initiative, which, if passed in June 1988, will provide extensive funding for the acquisition of wildlife, coastal, and park land. But State and local budget restrictions have created a need for additional funding for the development and maintenance of both these and existing sites. With this in mind, the PCL is endorsing the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988, which would raise \$600 million per year. Five percent of these funds (over \$30 million per year) will be designated for park and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Tobacco use and the environment may not initially seem directly connected, but clean-up of tobacco related garbage costs the Department of Parks and Recreation \$200,000 a year, and wildfires started by cigarettes result in extensive loss of plant and wildlife habitat areas. Funds from the initiative will help to reverse these problems, and enhance many other programs which are immediately needed to help preserve our park and wildlife areas.

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IMMEDIATE DRURY PEAK NAMING URGED BY HISTORIAN

Dear Mr. Parmer:

It is my opinion that the Department of Parks and Recreation should proceed with the naming (of Drury Peak) as promptly as it can, and let the Board on Geographic Names act later.

As you see on the enclosed copy of the Board's guidelines, The Board is authorized "to establish and maintain official geographic names for use throughout the federal government." I assume that, from our perspective, this means primarily for approval for use on federal maps. Certainly having Drury Peak appear on USGS and USFS maps is essential if it is to be a permanent name, but I don't see that Board approval must be necessarily obtained before the Department acts to bestow the name. The State should not need Federal approval to name its own mountain. In the case of Miller Peak, also in Mount San Jacinto State Park, the approval by the Board

came on Nov. 29, 1937, more than a year after the field ceremonies bestowing the name (Oct. 11, 1936).

I don't see why the expectation of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's 25th Anniversary in 1988 should preempt the Department from either naming a peak for Newton Drury or from publishing my book in the same year. The Department should do whatever it thinks best serves the long-term management of the area under its jurisdiction, regardless of what a neighboring jurisdiction does. The state park, after all, is (we hope) a virtually permanent entity, which will continue to make its contributions to outdoor recreation and natural science, perhaps long after the tramway is someday dismantled and forgotten.

Thus it seems to me that it would be proper to hold the naming ceremony as soon as arrangements can be made and to use the ceremony as the

occasion for an announcement of the forthcoming book publication.

These projects have received support from CSPRA, from the Executive Director of the Save-the-Redwoods League, from the Idyllwild chapter of the Izaak Walton League, and from the State Park and Recreation Commission, as well as from a number of individuals, among them several of the great veterans of state park work in California. What more support does Director Agonia want? Let me know and I'll try to get it for him.

Sincerely,
Richard C. Davis

Note: Richard C. Davis is the author of a book on the history of the wilderness policy at San Jacinto State Wilderness Area. Director Agonia has named the peak and the paperwork to the Federal Geographic Names Committee is on its way.

PCL ENDORSES TOBACCO TAX

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Money is needed by the Department of Fish and Game to hire biologists to review stream bed alteration applications and to monitor the effects of development on fish and wildlife. Biologists are also needed to run existing yet unstaffed labs and to review timber harvest proposals. Other programs include the rehabilitation of streams damaged by fires and the screening of water diversions to keep anadromous fish from becoming lost during spawning. Money is also needed to purchase land in order to protect wildlife migratory routes and habitat areas from development. Our State Park System is badly in need of additional staffing to protect resources, provide visitor services, and improve dilapidated facilities.

The Tobacco Tax initiative will help provide funding for these and similar projects, along with working to decrease the rate of smoking in our outdoor environment, and the amount of tobacco related damage to our park and wildlife areas.

OIL INDUSTRY SUES

THE LAWSUIT

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the right to zone within their boundaries. This lawsuit directly challenges that right.

Governor Deukmejian's Secretary of Environmental Affairs has indicated that local governments will be taken seriously by him on this issue. Now is the time for action to protect coastal local rights to determine our environmental and economic future. (From a letter to Gov. Deukmejian by Jane Weed, Mayor of Santa Cruz.)

STATE'S RESPONSE

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The same strip of coast already supports 16 platforms in federal waters, with seven platforms in state waters.

There are also 15 other oil company lease holders in the immediate area, representing potentially hundreds of new wells.

The Commission's opposition to the ARCO project was based on a number of concerns including:

- the project's location adjacent to UCSB's marine biology research facility;
- the threat of oil spill contamination of marine fisheries;
- losses in local tourist revenues, estimated between \$40 to 80 million in the event of an oil spill; and
- the potential for increased air pollution from the processing of ARCO's 80,000-barrel-per-day planned production rate.

NEW VISIONS FROM OLD TRADITIONS

1988 CSPRA, PRAC, LEAGUE JOINT CONFERENCE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CULTURAL RESOURCES: A New Look At Old Ideas.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Political Environmental impact.

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT: Volunteers, Visitors and Special Events.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

FIELD TRIPS:

Sutter Buttes, State Capitol, California Indian Museum - Sutter's Fort, Governor's Mansion, American River Parkway - Bike Tour

PLUS:

Hug-a-tree Training Program (Certificate Program)

1700-2100
REGISTRATION

1900-2100
Storytelling sessions with Bud Getty and Carl Burger.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

0830-0915

Welcome-Rick Parmer

Director's Address -Henry Agonia (Not Confirmed)

0915-1045

Keynote Speaker-J.S. Holliday California Historical Society president and the author of The World Rushed In.

1100-1200

David Gray, CSLB

1200-1330

Luncheon honoring Doug Bryce

1330-1500

Ken Jones, Futures Study

Bruce Kennedy, DPR Public Opinion Survey

1515-1715

Concurrent sessions:

Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, People Management

1900-2200

Spaghetti Dinner and Square Dance

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

0830-1200

Concurrent sessions: Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, People Management

1200-1330

Lunch

1330-1430

Concurrent sessions: Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, People Management

1430-1600

CSPRA GEC

PCL legislative update

1600-1700

Concluding Speaker: Harold Gilliam, SF Chronicle
Steam Train Ride

1900-0000

Banquet/Dance California Railroad Museum

MONDAY, MARCH 14

0900-1200

Board meetings: CSPRA, PRAC, League

BENEFITS INCLUDE DUES

In the 1988 benefit package to Managers, Supervisors and Confidential employees is included a provision for the Department to reimburse a supervisory or managerial employee for up to \$100 per year for membership dues in one job-related professional society or association of their choice.

Dear Rick:

In behalf of the students in the Natural Resources and Parks class, I want to thank you for an outstanding presentation about CSPRA. Your willingness to rearrange your work schedule for this educational service to the University is greatly appreciated. You represent your professional association and are doubtless a source of pride to the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Once again, many thanks for sharing with us.

Sincerely,

Jean A. Merriman, Ph. D.
Sonoma State University

LETTERS TO CSPRA

Dear Rick,

After reading your letter of October 5, 1987 to CSPRA members, I decided to write you and enclose a copy of my camping philosophy, originally written for NEWS and VIEWS and reproduced for national circulation in TRENDS in Parks and Recreation, a quarterly publication of the Park Practices Program, and in AMERICA FORESTS Magazine.

Should you choose, this could be a starter for your CAL RANGER issue featuring "the values and philosophy behind the California State Park System". Newton B. Drury published a piece on State Park Philosophy which had wide circulation. The late James Whitehead also wrote on this subject.

When I locate a copy of my talk given at the first CSPRA meeting at Asilomar, I'll send it along.

I am pleased that you are willing to perpetuate the spirit upon which the California State Park System and CSPRA were founded. I am honored to be one of the Honorary Members!

Sincerely,
Earl P. Hanson
Chief Emeritus

Dear Rick,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and to discuss how we can work together to enhance the department and your membership.

We covered many items which are of mutual interest and my understanding of the status is as follows:

1. A complimentary parks pass for retired members of the California State Park Rangers Association. CSPRA will submit a specific proposal for departmental consideration.
2. The naming of a peak in Mt. San Jacinto State Park for Newton Drury. CSPRA will contact the State Park and Recreation Commission Secretary to determine the status of this request.
3. Developing a comprehensive volunteer involvement program including enhanced training for DPR personnel. CSPRA will submit a proposal to the department Volunteer Association Coordinator.
4. Developing a code of State Park Ethics. CSPRA will develop a suggested code for departmental consideration.
5. Departmental co-sponsorship of the annual CSPRA Conference. My opinion is that we can assist the conference without being an official sponsor. One way of assisting is to encourage interested employees to attend.

I hope this information is consistent with your understanding. There is value in a strong CSPRA, and I will do what I can to help in this regard. May I begin by adding my support as your newest member (application enclosed).

Sincerely,
Jack Harrison, Chief Deputy Director for Operations

MORE LETTERS TO CSPRA

Dear Rick,

In response to your recent letter, I am enclosing my "Keynote Address" of October 11, 1965, 22 years ago. It was at that meeting and banquet that the first Honorary Memberships were awarded. Walt Disney flew up in a private plane to receive his and departed before the banquet closed.

I am trying to locate a letter from the late Roy Cushing, who was working at California Redwood Park before it became part of the State Park System. It is historical.

As to oral histories, someone should record the Big Basin experiences (Everett Powell who lives in Folsom is the source) beginning with those of California Redwood Park. Jack Knight's excellent memory of experiences in the CSPS should yield a rather complete story of his years in the system.

We must not lose such valuable, yes, priceless, information.

Sincerely,
Earl Hanson

Dear Doug (Bryce):

I want to thank the California State Park Rangers Association for their generous offer to fund the "Superintendent of the Year" award at the statewide conference in San Diego.

Even though the Department did not take advantage of your offered assistance, I want to convey my appreciation for CSPRA's continued support of our District Superintendents. Please convey my regards to President Rick Parmer; I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,
William J. Monaghan
Regional Director

Dear Henry (Agonia):

The Governor recently signed AB 1633 (Sher) which requires developers of small hydroelectric projects to comply with state water laws as a condition of their power purchase contracts with electric utilities. The legislation was supported by the State Water Resources Control Board and passed both the Senate and the Assembly with overwhelming bipartisan support.

AB 1633 is necessary because certain hydro developers believe that a federal power license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) preempts state law and exempts them from having to obtain a water rights permit. This matter is currently pending before the federal district court in Sacramento.

I wanted to bring this to your attention because of the Miner's Tunnel hydroelectric project proposed for the South Yuba River in Nevada County. This project is proposed by the Northwest Power Company of San Francisco and would be built on land owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Although FERC has already issued a federal power license, the developer has yet to obtain water rights for the project. It is my understanding DPR is opposed to Miner's Tunnel and precluded from granting an easement because of current statutory law prohibiting commercial uses of state park property.

As long as DPR opposes the project and the land remains in departmental ownership, the State Water Resources Control Board indicates that it would probably refuse a state water rights permit. However, representatives of Northwest Power recently advised that they are prepared to gain control of the project site through condemnation proceedings. Unfortunately, staff counsel for both the Water Board and Attorney General indicate that the developer may have legal authority to do this since a FERC license has been issued for this project.

Please let us know whether DPR still opposes the Miner's Tunnel project and if you would resist any attempts by Northwest Power to take state parkland through condemnation. I would also appreciate knowing whether you would favor legislation which would (1) prohibit the issuance of state water rights or permits for small hydro projects on state parkland without the permission of the department, and/or (2) invalidate contracts covering hydropower projects on state park property if the projects are opposed by the department.

Very Truly Yours,
Gerald Meral, Executive Director, PCL

VFW REUNION

by Gary Fregien

An invitation to the VFW reunion—that's Veterans of Folsom Wars!

If you've been in the trenches at Folsom Lake SRA, join us at a reunion on March 10, 1988; the day before the start of the CSPRA conference, which will be held at the Woodlake Inn, Sacramento, March 11-14.

So far, preliminary plans include gathering for dinner, a round or two, and sharing "old times", or even new ones. Perhaps some mid-day activities could be organized. What do you think? I'd like to have your suggestions.

I'd also like some help in planning the event and in locating and contacting the "veterans"; actively employed, retired or "ship jumpers" no longer with DPR.

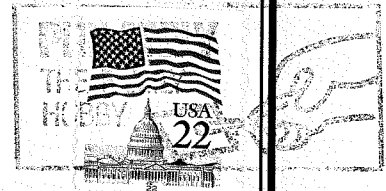
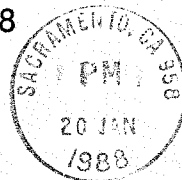
Don't put it off. Do it now while you're thinking about it. Remember, the mind is the third thing to go as you get older . . . I forget what the first two are. . . . March is not that far off.

Remember that team spirit we had back at the Lake, and HELP!!

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HAVE A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

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