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DPR WINS IN COURT

by Dan Preece

The Department of Parks and Recreation successfully defended itself during a court battle to establish a school in Gaviota State Park. The Vista del Mar School District attempted to condemn State Park land at Las Cruces to construct a permanent new school replacing one that was relocated as a result of the Chevron Point Arguello Oil and Gas Project. The school district was unable to demonstrate that the school was either compatible with the State Park or a more necessary public use.

In rendering this decision, the judge pointed out that State Park values and uses must be protected from inappropriate intrusions and that school uses could not be considered more necessary when alternative sites are available.

The school board has voted to appeal the decision. However, they also voted to go forward with plans to develop the school at an alternative non-park site. Attorneys for the department are optimistic that DPR will also defeat their appeal.

CSPRA commends Director Agonia & staff for their hard work and success.

BOARD MEETING, July 23-24, PALM SPRINGS

1990 CONFERENCE: It was decided that the 1990 conference would be held in northern California. Sites suggested included Redding, Chico, Santa Cruz and the greater Bay Area.

1989 CONFERENCE: Chairperson Bob Foster updated the board on plans for the March 7 - 10, 1989 conference at the Palm Springs Racquet Club. (See preliminary program elsewhere in this issue.)

MEMBERSHIP: The membership stands at 660; just 4 below our all-time record of 664 and 117 above our number in mid 1985.

COMMITTEES - MURPHY: Dan Preece has been appointed to the Legislative committee and will be assisted by Mike Whitehead. The Junior Past President will be the Installations Chair.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES - MURPHY: Place energy behind a few activities and let ad hoc committees handle special, one-time problems. Currently we should be putting energy of the board into the 25th anniversary conference and the support of legislation that truly protects state park lands.

Consensus of the group supported legislation protecting State Park System lands from condemnation.

NEWSLETTER: Doug Bryce will be paid \$225 per issue to produce the Newsletter. Doug will hire a professional proofreader to keep errors to a minimum. An editorial board will be selected (North, Central, & South) to prepare articles and get persons to write articles.

MANZANAR - GETTY: Getty indicated that several members had requested CSPRA to support the inclusion of this site in the State Park System. The consensus of the group was to urge the Department to take this on as a project. Bryce to gather existing material for assistance with this project.

MURPHY MEETING WITH DIRECTOR AGONIA: CSPRA President Don Murphy has scheduled a meeting with Director Agonia and Chief Deputy Director Jack Harrison. (See summary of the meeting on page 3.)

MOUNT DIABLO GENERAL PLAN: Murphy will watch this issue so that we can take timely and appropriate action.

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HOW OTHERS VIEW US

August 1, 1988

CSPRA NEWSLETTER

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I read with heavy heart your Opinion (sic) in the June CSPRA's Newsletter proposing the banning of mountain bikes in our state parks. I certainly hope that other planners have a more positive attitude.

The Sonoma County Trails Council has worked many years to unite the hikers, bikers and horsemen and we feel we can all work and play together with "education." As in all elements, there are some rogues but certainly they are out-numbered by the conscientious safety-minded users. Anyone who lives is taking a chance sometimes, and to be constantly afraid of a bike careening around a corner is to live in fear of life.

Our belief is by working together we can make the trails safe for all - the logos posted at entrances of the park to educate the hiker to yield to the bikes and horses and the bikes to yield to the horses are certainly a start. Many hikers may say, "But why do we have to yield?" If only they would consider the people on bikes and horses are just hikers with a little more to control than themselves, then perhaps they could understand.

There has to be room for everyone by working together. Let us not forget the BLM and forestry lands are sometimes many miles or hours away, and why should the bikes not be able to use the local lands? That is like saying we have a 6,000 acre park here but don't step on the rocks, we would not want to disturb them. Do not get me wrong, we believe in erosion control and preserving our natural heritage, but we also want it to be enjoyed by everyone. I think our local park has benefited (sic) from bikes as they seem to clear the trails (at least a small trail) of rocks.

I am enclosing a brochure the SCTC {Sonoma County Trails Council} is distributing locally to try to educate our local users (I realize there are some similar ones already in circulation) and perhaps it could be more heavily publicized.

Very Truly Yours,

Carol Barnes, President
Sonoma County Trails Council

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CSPRA MEETS WITH AGONIA AND HARRISON

CSPRA President Don Murphy and former board member Syd Brown met with Director Henry Agonia and Deputy Director Jack Harrison on August 2, 1988 to discuss a variety of issues and concerns. The cordial meeting covered the upcoming CSPRA Annual Meeting next March in Palm Springs, status of the Vista Del Mar School condemnation proceedings in Gaviota State Park, the Department's position on a major multi-story office building/parking structure adjacent to Old Sacramento State Historic Park, planned use of the Stanford House in downtown Sacramento, and a number of other subjects of mutual interest.

Both Director Agonia and Deputy Director Jack Harrison expressed support for CSPRA's 25th annual meeting. They both hope to attend and participate in the program and festivities. (There's even a rumor of an Agonia - Harrison tennis doubles team preparing to take on all challengers for the tennis tournament planned for March 7, 1989!)

Following is a summary of the issues discussed:

1. Vista del Mar School site at Las Cruces Adobe, Gaviota State Park -- the Department has opposed the taking of the Adobe site for construction of a new school. The issue is now before the courts and the State Attorney General is representing the Department. (Late-breaking update: the judge found in favor of the State and directed the school district to

investigate alternative school sites.)

2. CSPRA - Sponsored legislation - - CSPRA President Don Murphy has had a preliminary meeting with State Senator Robert Presley regarding a proposed bill protecting State Park System lands from condemnation proceedings. The bill would allude to the irreplaceable nature of State Park System lands and establish public park preservation/management as the highest and best use of those public lands. The legislation is being considered because of the growing pressures on State Park System lands for easements, roads, access, and developable space as California experiences phenomenal growth.

3. High-Rise Office Building/Parking Structure, Old Sacramento State Historic Park - - This proposed private development is locally controversial, with the Sacramento City Planning Commission's recommending denial of the project and the City Council overturning the Commission's recommendation on a 3-2 vote. The Department provided the City with comments and concerns throughout the EIR process. Director Agonia stated that the project had been modified, in response to Department of Parks and Recreation's expressed concerns. (Editorial Comment: Did the Department of Parks and Recreation oppose the project vigorously enough? Should the Department of Parks and Recreation have also been in-

involved in the recent public meetings? Should CSPRA have become involved? Please write your opinions/suggestions to Editor, CSPRA Newsletter.)

4. Stanford House General Plan - - Don Murphy expressed concern over the alternative plan to use the Stanford House as an elitist overnight accommodation for VIP's. The Department of Parks and Recreation preferred plan is for day-use only. The ultimate use will be decided by the State Park Commission.

5. CSPRA Membership Drive - - CSPRA plans a Sacramento noon-time program late this fall, to encourage more Sacramento Headquarters involvement in CSPRA. The Director supports our efforts and may schedule an all-employee staff meeting around the same time. We will try to develop a quality slide program describing the history of CSPRA. (Volunteers, ideas? Please contact Don Murphy.)

6. OHV Use at Folsom Lake SRA - - A recent local television station highlighted the recreational vehicle play that has developed below the high water mark at Folsom during this low - water year. The message was: "This is great fun close to home, and the rangers don't mind!" The Director promised to look into the story and to issue a news release to explain the prohibition against such activities. (CSPRA is obtaining a copy of the newsclip from the television station.)

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CSPRA SCHOLARSHIPS by Fred Jee

CSPRA has had an active scholarship program for its members for many years. Members have been able to take advantage of the extra funding to achieve the training or skill they desired.

Our program is designed to supplement training funds provided by the Department of Parks & Recreation for its employees. Often budget restrictions prevent the Department from fulfilling employee training requests.

Our aim is to insure that no CSPRA member is denied that desired training. Therefore, we wish to let the general membership know that this current fiscal year, the Board of Directors of CSPRA has earmarked \$1000.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Criteria for receiving scholarships are that all applicants be a CSPRA member, that the applicant send in a DPR 392 Training Request through regular DPR channels, that a copy of that DPR 392 be sent with the scholarship request to the Training and Education Chair, that the training be a benefit to DPR, to the Park where the applicant works or to the applicant's professional career, and that the applicant write a short article about the benefits of their training to the Newsletter.

It does not matter that the applicant received no funding or partial funding from DPR through their DPR 392. Our goal is to see that the training is received by the employee/member.

The only restriction on the scholarship is that only \$200.00 is allowed per member per fiscal year. Any additional money must be approved by the CSPRA Board of Directors.

If you have some training or class that you wish to take to enhance your park skills, please send a written request with a copy of your DPR 392 to Fred Jee, P.O. Box 483, Borrego Springs, Ca 92004. Please describe the nature of your training and how it fits CSPRA criteria. Let your membership money work for you. Take advantage of the CSPRA Scholarship Program!

RETIRED MEMBERS COMMENT

Regards to all - off to Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia and Fiji in October-November - spring down under.

Ted Wilson

Hi! I now have 302.6 hours logged in my Cessna Cardinal 177/B. Made my first parachute jump from 3,600 feet. I'm an entrepreneur operating a Four Seasons Solar Greenhouse franchise in Grants Pass, Oregon. Regards, Bob Perkins.

You have undoubtedly had word of the passing of Lloyd Lively, a staunch supporter in a "behind the scenes manner" of CSPRA since its inception...a truly "Bettler Ranger" at all times. His widow, Christina, continues to reside in their mobile home in Hemet, California. We have just returned from a 6 week trip back east, spending a lot of our time visiting Washington, DC and enjoying a nice visit with NPS Director Bill Mott Jr. Hope to see you in Palm Springs. Fraternally, Al Salzgeber

NOMINATIONS

Junior Past President Rick Parmer has announced that there will be a nominations committee meeting on October 8, at 2:00 pm, at Paul Bunyan Inn, Room 102. This is just before Doug Bryce's retirement party at 4390 47th Avenue, Sacramento, California. Nominations will be open for Treasurer and two Director positions. Treasurer Watton and Directors Getty and Whitehead must be replaced or reelected. If you wish to run or nominate someone either attend the meeting or let Parmer know in advance of the meeting. Parmer's phone numbers are: Home (707) 763-8626; Work (415) 557-4069. His address is 421 Keokuk Street, Petaluma, CA 94952.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Nominations for Honorary Member are to be sent to Mary Gunter, Department of Parks & Recreation, 210 Olivier Street, Monterey, CA 93940 by November 1, 1988.

AGONIA MEETING

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cerned about possible budget language placing a Conference Center in Malibu Creek State Park. Director Agonia thought the language by Maxine Waters had been dropped. He promised to look into it.

8. CSPRA Legislative Coordinator - - Dan Preece will be CSPRA's legislative coordinator, providing status and updates on bills of interest to CSPRA for our Newsletter. He will coordinate with Marilyn Olson and the Legislative Office.

9. Exchange Program with the National Park Service- - Deputy Director Harrison described an expanded program which is being set up for 1989 that would include exchanges with other state and local agencies, as well as the National Park Service. The program would be open to three employees/year and would consist of two parts: gaining outside experience and bringing back information and ideas to the Department of Parks and Recreation for application to Departmental programs.

Stay tuned for further details.

BOARD MEETING

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NEW ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR It has been announced that a new Assistant Deputy Director will be appointed to work with cooperating associations and volunteers. **ACTION MURPHY:** Prepare letter commending the Director's action on this matter and stress our

OUR MEMBERS ACT

June 9, 1988

Members of the California Park and Recreation Commission:

My name is Wesley Cater, I live in Morro Bay. I am a retired State Park District Superintendent with 33 years of service. I have managed Anza Borrego Desert State Park, Hearst Castle, the Pismo Off Road Vehicle Area, as well as other major State Parks and Historical Parks.

On the subject of Off-Highway Vehicle use, I support your policy prohibiting the use of off-highway motor vehicles in State Parks. However, I feel that future General Plans for State Parks should not authorize OHV useage in any State Park or State Historical Park.

My past experience with off-Highway Vehicle useage

makes me especially opposed to any OHV permit for Anza Borrego Desert State Park or any State Park. State Parks and State Historical Parks are acquired for their outstanding natural, scenic and recreational features. To violate the intent for the establishment of the State Park System is not in the best interest of the public.

The use of Off-Highway Vehicles is a legitimate recreational activity which the Dept. of Parks and Recreation has recognized, and the Department has acquired no less than six OHV parks for their use. An additional 40,000 plus acres is in the acquisition process for the Ocotillo Wells OHV park. In addition to the State OHV parks, the Federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service also provide and permit Off-Highway Vehicles to use lands under their jurisdiction throughout California. There is no shortage of designated areas for OHV useage.

Off-Highway Vehicles should not be permitted to operate in State Parks or State Historical Units.

In closing, it is my belief that State Parks cannot be all things, to all people, at all times, no matter what the want is.

Thank you,

Wesley E. Cater, State Park Manager IV (Retired)
Morro Bay, Ca 93442

CSPRA/PRAC/LEAGUE CONFERENCE MARCH 7 - 10, 1989 PALM SPRINGS**March 7, 1989 - Tuesday**

12:00 Noon - 6:00 pm	CHILD CARE - Palm Springs Racquet Club
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	GOLF TOURNAMENT - Palm Springs Country Club
1:00 pm - 5:00pm	TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Palm Springs Racquet Club
1:00 pm - 5:00pm	TOUR OF DESERT MUSEUM - Desert Museum
6:00 pm - 10:00pm	WELCOME PARTY - Hospitality Room

March 8, 1989 - Wednesday

8:00 am - 10:00 pm	CHILD CARE - PALM SPRINGS RACQUET CLUB
8:15 am - 8:45 am	OPENING SESSION - Welcome - Farrell House
8:45 am - 10:15 am	PANEL DISCUSSION - "Facilities vs. Resources"
	Includes Open Forum
10:30 am - 12:00 Noon	PANEL DISCUSSION - "Partners in Parks"
	Includes Open Forum
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FIELD TRIP WORKSHOPS
	#A - Tour of Indian Canyon
	#B - Living Desert Reserve
	#C - Mt. San Jacinto State Wilderness
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	SPAGHETTI DINNER/TOURNAMENT AWARDS
	STAR GAZING TALK ON PATIO

MARCH 9, 1989 - Thursday

8:00 am - Midnight	CHILD CARE - Palm Springs Racquet Club
8:30 am - 12:00 Noon	WORKSHOPS - Palm Springs Racquet Club
	#1 - Formal Paper Presentations
	#2 - League of Cooperating Associations
	#3 - Issues (PRAC) - Bikes, OHV, etc.
12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	MEETINGS - Palm Springs Racquet Club
	CSPRA/GEC
	League - Meeting
	PRAC - Meeting
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	BOARD MEETINGS - Palm Springs Racquet Club
	CSPRA
	League
	PRAC
6:00PM - Midnight	BANQUET/GUEST SPEAKER/DANCE
	25th Anniversary/Charter Member Recognition

MARCH 10, 1989 - Friday

8:00 am - 11:00 am	FAREWELLS - Hospitality Room - Coffee
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Presents

Animal Handling & Rescue Techniques Workshop

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Place Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Rd. Fremont Ca.

Program Animal Control Skills: 9:00am-11:00am

Capturing and handling of domestic animals and rabid animals.
Instructed by the City of Fremont Park Ranger staff.

Wildlife Rescue Techniques: 12:15pm-2:00pm

Learn the basic skills to care for sick & injured wildlife, when to rescue & when to leave well enough alone. Instructed by Deborah Bartens who currently serves on the Board of Directors for Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

Search and Rescue: 2:30pm-5:00pm

A slide presentation, lecture & on site demonstration of how to work with search and rescue dogs. Instructed by Shirley Hammond of the California Rescue Dog Association.

Cost \$10.00 PRAC/CSPRA members
 \$15.00 non-members

Please register early, enrollment is limited.

For more information contact: Annette Coleman (415) 329-2423, 3300 Pagemill Rd. Los Altos Hills Ca. 94022

Name _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Agency _____ Registration Fee ☐ \$10.00 Member ☐ \$15.00 Non-Member
Make Check Payable to 'PRAC' and mail payment with this form to:
PRAC, PO BOX 28366, Sacramento, Ca. 95828

CHARTER MEMBERS TO BE HONORED AT PALM SPRINGS

Since our early records were thrown away by CSEA we are not certain of just which of our current members are Charter Members. If you are a charter member, please let us know as soon as possible, but no later than December 10.

FIRST BENEFACTOR MEMBER

Peggy Whitehead became our first Benefactor member by paying \$1,000 dues. She said, "CSPRA is close to my heart, as it was to Jim's, and I am happy to support this wonderful organization in this way." (Editors note: Thank you Peggy for your support and remember that you and Jim will always be in our hearts.)

RETIRED CHARTER MEMBER EUGENE VELZY DIES

Gene Velzy passed away August 21, 1988. He had been confined to a home for several years. He sent his dues for CSPRA every year and in the later years complained that his legs were like spaghetti but his reputation at poker appeared to be intact into his 90's. He is missed

WELCOME TO CSPRA

We are glad to introduce these new members to our organization. CSPRA is a place of sharing ideas, concerns and of making an impact in the professional field of the ranger. There is a place for each of you here, and your commitment to CSPRA requires a commitment to you from this organization. Each of us by getting Involved can help the other. Again, welcome to CSPRA.

Kathryn Ann Ryan - Planning & Local Assistance

Barbara Rodriguez - Will Rogers SHP

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