

# NEWSLETTER

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### NAI Workshop

by Broc Stenman, Manager  
Mott Training Center

Mark your calendars for November 15 - 20, 1992! These are the dates of the next National Association for Interpretation (NAI) National Workshop which will be held in Santa Clara, California. Since the conference alternates between the west coast, central states, and east coast, this will be the most opportune time within the next several years for Department employees to take part in the premier interpretive conference in the nation. In 1993 the national workshop will be held in Washington, D.C., and during 1994 in Cleveland.



"Effective Volunteer Management" seminar leader Chris Neilsen, NPS.

The NAI National Workshop has grown significantly in relevance and stature since it was last conducted in California in San Diego in 1987. Nearly 1,000 park and visitor services professionals from throughout the United States and representatives from several foreign countries attended the 1991 National Workshop in Vail, Colorado. Five California State Park employees attended in addition to myself: Nina Gordon, Planning and Local Assistance; Elizabeth Burko, Los Lagos; (Continued on page 4)

### "When Past Meets Future"

by Donna Pozzi

The 25th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act made this an especially meaningful year to attend the annual National Preservation Conference, held this past October in San Francisco. Since CSPRA and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have been working so closely on the Bodie issue, I was grateful that a CSPRA scholarship enabled me to participate. Talking with and learning from experienced preservationists from all the country was helpful and inspiring.

It was also reassuring to hear that they know about Bodie! People in the East see parallels in the threats to our Western mining towns and their historic battlefields—encroaching development and incompatible, destructive adjacent land uses.

"When Past Meets Future" was the conference theme, with plenary sessions looking at how we must incorporate preservation strategies into our visions of the future. Multiculturalism, social responsibility, growth management and international preservation efforts were some of the timely topics. I was particularly interested in sessions addressing land-use planning, heritage tourism and pending congressional legislation. At one point I noticed, although there were a few thousand people in attendance that one woman seemed to be going to all the sessions I was attending. And she was asking questions pertaining to the 1872 Mining Law vs. preservation! I finally spoke with her and learned that she was with Friends of Rhyolite, near Death Valley, working to save the town's remaining structures from destruction by a modern gold mine.

One of the conference highlights was the exhibit hall, featuring displays and (Continued on page 5)

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# President's Message

Well, what do you want for Christmas?

One of the big things on my list is an intact California State Park System. But that's already an impossibility. I know so many good people who have left the Department because of uncertainty about their jobs. And none of us know what advice to give. Are they making a mistake? Will everything come out in the end and layoffs be unnecessary? When the whole Department is operating in the dark, it really is hard to advise your friends to risk their futures.

I always talk about the cultural and natural resources of the system. Some of those are at risk too, but we can't forget that when a lot of our best people leave for other employment, the system suffers just as surely as if we were to lose an important park or historic building.

Four board members — Kate Foley, Rick LeFlore, Nina Gordon and I — met with the Resources Agency to discuss the major problems facing the Department. Michael Mantell and Will Shafroth spent a lot of time with us. We expressed our frustration at having the same list of concerns that we presented to the Agency almost a year ago. About the only difference was that all of our initial concerns are now much more severe. We told them frankly that we didn't feel that anyone was giving any real support to the Department.

The major concerns:

1. The need for new, decisive leadership.

2. The need for a full Commission with vacancies filled with candidates who care about the park system.

3. The need for a plan to ease our budget woes.

4. The need to maintain the integrity of the park system.

I think that we all left feeling that the first two issues are being dealt with and that we could count on positive results soon.

Our budget problems and the threats to the integrity of the System seem to be tied together. So we didn't feel so optimistic about the last two concerns. Batting 500 isn't good enough.

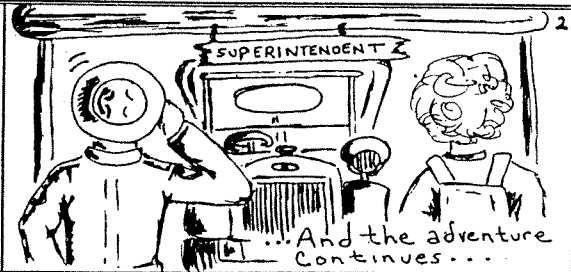
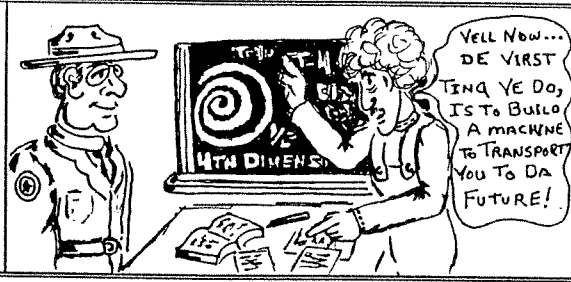
There are still too many rumors about a State Park System yard sale.

We need to vigorously fight all proposals to give away **any** units of the system. We can't just fight for our individual favorite parks. It cannot be acceptable to offer a sacrificial list of "unimportant" units in the hope of saving several more important units. Any proposal for giveaways should go through the normal departmental process that determines the state-wide significance of the unit, and then it should be subject to public and legislative review.

## Nina Gordon Elected President

Nina Gordon was elected president over Dan Preece by a vote of 172 to 148. The Director election will be done over because of the omission of how many to vote for on the first ballot.

Back at the maintenance office, Ranger Wells and Albert begin to conceive a time machine



## CSPRA/PRAC/SPPOAC Annual Workshop March 16-20, 1992 Inn at The Park, Anaheim

The Resource Management Track for the Joint CSPRA/PRAC/SPPOAC Conference in March of 1992 will be packed full of provocative and informative sessions that will be valuable for all levels of our membership. All of us are concerned about the increasing number of threats that face our parks as the State's population continues to grow. The theme of the conference, "Parks in the '90s - The Future Is Here," suggests that what has been predicted for our parks has finally come true in the metropolitan areas of Southern California. Urban developments now abut or surround many of our park units.

As a consequence, it is more important now, than ever before, for us to become the best that we can be as managers and stewards of our park's natural and cultural resources. This track on resource management is geared to help us to strive towards this goal.

Sessions on wildlife management will include "The Role of Parks in the Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species"; "Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridors"; and "Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Funds - A Panel Discussion" about the monies that most park departments haven't been able to obtain but are available for the purchase and/or rehabilitation of wildlife habitat to mitigate for

new developments.

Other sessions will focus on the protection of the park environment and will include "Hazardous Waste Dumping in Parks" with Barbara Rhode from the California Department of Toxics; "Park Water Rights Protection" with speakers from the California Water Quality Control Board; "The California Environmental Quality Act and Park Compliance" by Senior Ecologist Joanne Kerbavaz; and "Environmental Review and Parks" with Senior Ecologist Bill Tippetts and a county park planner.

"Field Involvement in Resource Management" by rangers Mark Faull and Tyler Conrad will address how one can contribute to the natural resource inventory for their park unit. "The Ins and Outs of Trail Planning, Construction and Maintenance" will be offered in a session by the State Park System Trails Coordinator Charlie Willard and Roger Bell of the Western Trail Builders Group. "The Identification and Protection of Park Cultural Resources" will be presented by Park Archaeologist Mike Sampson and Ranger Mark Faull. And last, but not least, Supervising Ranger Rick LeFlore will help deliver a session on "Recycling Programs for Parks."

Many people are working very hard to put together a group of sessions that will be both interesting and educational in nature. We strongly urge you to attend the Joint CSPRA/PRAC/SPPOAC Annual Conference in Anaheim in March of 1992. We'll be looking forward to meeting you where the future has arrived, at the Inn at the Park!

### Other Activities Include

Interpretation  
and Operations  
Tracks

Keynote Speaker  
Joseph Edmiston  
of the  
Santa Monica  
Mountains  
Conservancy

Interactive Video  
Demonstration

Tours of State and  
County Parks,  
Mission San Juan  
Capistrano,  
California Native  
Plant Garden &  
Wildlife Oasis,  
Historic Sites

Banquet

Beach Party

Dance

### Announcement!

SPPOAC has  
announced that it  
will be meeting  
with CSPRA and  
PRAC at  
Anaheim.

## **NAI Conference**

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Bob Birkland, Chino Hills; Sandy Birkland, La Costa; and Jody Borchardt, Pendleton Coast. All of us were impressed with the quality and scope of the workshop and want to encourage a large DPR turnout in Santa Clara.

According to NAI membership rolls, approximately 30 DPR employees are currently members of the NAI. This is a disappointingly small figure compared to other land management agencies of similar size. I hope this figure will increase once word gets out on the value and importance of the NAI. We're all faced with tough choices on how to spend our time and money for causes and organizations we care about. The NAI and CSPRA are our cornerstone professional organizations and provide a useful counterpoint and balance to one another. Our individual and collective membership is crucial if interpretation in California State Parks is truly to be excellent.

The NAI has grown steadily since being formed in 1986 as a result of the merger of the Western Interpreters Association and the Association of Interpretive Naturalists. The National Workshop has come to epitomize the purpose of the NAI . . . "to facilitate communication among those in the interpretive profession for exchange of ideas, techniques, and mutual assistance." Companion articles by others participating at Vail will provide more detailed information on the highlights of the 1991 workshop. What stood out for me was the excitement and camaraderie of interpreters from every corner of the profession exchanging their talents, creativity, and commitment to providing the public with the highest quality interpretation. Speakers on all aspects of interpretation were by and large first-rate, and the several-hundred-page proceedings is a valuable interpretive sourcebook. Hundreds of different sessions, venues, and resources cover the profession in a manner not available anywhere else.

Where the WIA was not particularly successful in addressing the professional development needs of supervisors and managers, the NAI has squarely addressed this need. The national workshop has many sessions relevant to supervisors and superintendents, and many managers, with the notable exception of DPR, are taking part. The Interpretive Management Institute (IMI)

provides intensive two-day seminars on a variety of management topics immediately preceding the national workshop. Over 25 federal and state agencies were represented at the Vail IMI. Two of the topics slated for Santa Clara are multiculturalism and supervisory leadership. The IMI affords managers and supervisors from a variety of agencies the opportunity to benefit from in-depth seminars on topics of interpretive management importance not typically available within their organizations.

The 1992 NAI national workshop will be a perfect way to renew our individual and departmental energy for doing our very best in interpretation. How can you find out more about the NAI and the Santa Clara national workshop? For starters, contact:

Membership information:  
National Association for Interpretation  
P. O. Box 1892  
Fort Collins, CO 80522  
303/491-6434 (\$40.00/year)

Call for papers:  
Linda Yemoto  
Tilden Nature Area  
Berkeley, CA 94708  
510/525-2233 (due 02-15-92)

Don't let this opportunity pass to partake in one of the most worthwhile and rewarding aspects of our profession. More than ever, the NAI needs your active involvement. What better chance to both give and receive than by taking part in 1992?

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### **Statement to the Joint Budget Committee by CSPRA 11/14/91**

Our 800-member professional association is concerned that a budget reduction aimed at the Resources Agency level might be passed down, to be absorbed by the various departments within the agency.

In our opinion, the Department of Parks and Recreation is currently reeling from an existing funding level that is unrealistically low.

At this time the Department is in the process of formulating a plan to overcome a projected 30 million dollar shortfall for this fiscal year.

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## Statement on Budget (Continued from page 4)

It has been written that this plan may include; park closures, work force reductions, and even the possible transferring of some of our most outstanding redwood parks to the federal government.

Never in the history of the Department of Parks and Recreation has the resource we are charged to protect been so threatened. Never has the morale of the dedicated employees and volunteers of the Department been so strained.

We feel that in this atmosphere of critically deficient budget conditions and drastically reduced staffing levels any additional savings required of the Department in an effort to avoid budget cuts at higher administrative levels would be ill advised.

Thank you.

(Presented by John Knott for Bud Getty President, CSPRA)

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## Past Meets Future (Continued from page 1)

demonstrations by businesses and organizations catering to those saving and rehabbing historic properties. CSPRA sponsored a SAVE BODIE! booth, which proved to be very worthwhile, as thousands of conference attendees and the general public were contacted. Help with setting up our booth was provided by former DPR employee (still a SAVE BODIE! volunteer) Stephen Crow and Frank Lortie. Jonathan Williams proved to be a big help with the booth during one of the busy evening receptions. (Jonathan's conference attendance was due to his work in the Monterey District with the Cooper Molera Adobe, which is owned by the National Trust.)

CSPRA's involvement in the Preservation Conference also included the coordination of a two-day post-conference trip to Bodie. This was carefully planned by Cindy Woodward, Frank Lortie and Patty Gregory. Patty and Frank escorted the group, interpreting along the way; Brad Sturdivant gave a fine talk and tour at Bodie. Needless to say, it proved to be a trip of a lifetime for folks who had never been "out West" before. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. And thank you, CSPRA!

## Letters

Office of the Secretary, Manuel Lujan, Jr.  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Lujan:

The California State Park Rangers Association has been working to protect Bodie State Historic Park from nearby mining development. As you may know, Galactic Resources, a Canadian mining firm, is considering the development of a large gold mine next to the park. Galactic's "open-pit targets" are within the proposed boundaries of the Bodie National Historic Landmark recently delineated by the National Park Service.

We are writing to you to urge that you direct the Bureau of Land Management to declare an emergency withdrawal of the federal land in the Bodie Bowl area, in light of the environmental disaster that has occurred at Galactic Resources' mine in Summitville, Colorado. According to recent news reports, a massive cyanide leak from that mine has killed all aquatic life along a 17-mile stretch of the Alamosa River. A copy of an article from last week's Denver Post covering the destruction is enclosed.

We would like to avoid any disaster occurring in California. Until Galactic has proven that it can attain a higher level of environmental responsibility, it should not be allowed to undertake a similar operation adjacent to Bodie.

The BLM should effect an emergency withdrawal of the Bodie Area of Critical Environmental Concern, or at least of the area within the proposed Bodie National Historic Landmark. Such a withdrawal would not prejudice any existing rights that Galactic might have. It might, however, save a precious historic and natural resource from harm while federal and Colorado officials assess the damage to the Alamosa River area and the responsibility for the catastrophe there. This will also enable the BLM, the National Park Service, and California state and local officials to complete their planning for the future of Bodie.

Donna Pozzi, Director, CSPRA

cc: Chair and Members of the House  
Interior and Insular Affairs  
Committee  
Douglas Wheeler, Secretary for  
Resources

## Letters Continued

The Honorable Pete Wilson  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### CSPRA Membership

Active	569
Retired	100
Honorary	22
Benefactor	1
Supporting	10
Organization	3
Total	705

Ask a fellow  
worker to join  
CSPRA and help  
us make a  
stronger CSPRA  
and a better DPR.

Dear Governor Wilson:

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) is an organization of park professionals with a statewide membership of over 700 people. Our primary purposes are to promote professionalism and to protect resources in the California State Park System. Accordingly, we would like to express our grave concerns regarding the extension of Reseda Boulevard into Topanga State Park and our strong support for the effort to protect park values. AB 1152 would enable the Director of Parks and Recreation to take appropriate action to restrict or modify the road at Topanga State Park in order to prevent resource damage. We feel that this is a needed measure. The protection of State Park resources is an appropriate activity for the State of California.

We urge you to assist in the protection of Topanga State Park.

Ronald P. Schafer, Director, CSPRA

Same letter sent to Henry Agonias, Director — Department of Parks and Recreation and Douglas Wheeler, Secretary — Resources Agency.

(Editor's note.) AB 1152 was passed and signed into law.

Mr. Maurice H. Getty, President  
California State Park Rangers Association  
P O Box 292010  
Sacramento, CA 95829

Dear Mr. Getty:

Thank you for your recent correspondence recommending Mr. Donald Murphy to the position of Director to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Please be assured that Mr. Murphy will be given every consideration for this post and that the Park Rangers Association's recommendation is important to the Governor.  
Sincerely,

Julia A. Justus  
Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary

## Board Meeting Highlights

December 7, 1991

The board decided to:

Oppose the blockage of a wildlife corridor serving the Chino Hills State Park;

**Send out a new ballot for Director indicating the proper number of persons to vote for;**

Approve a contract with Chris Maupin to raise money for the SAVE BODIE! project;

Approve an agreement with DPR to handle funds for the 9th Annual Statewide Trails Conference;

Appoint Jim Peat as liaison with the Superintendent's organization;

Appoint LeFlore to work with Tyler Conrad on the development of a system to recognize the outstanding achievements of our members and employees of the Department;

Select the Milpitas Holiday Inn as the site of the 1993 annual workshop; and

Send a letter to the members of the State Legislature informing them of DPR's budgetary crisis and opposing the transfer/closure of State Parks for budgetary purposes.

The board heard reports on our activities with SAVE BODIE!, VIP and Cooperating Association manuals, defending the image of Rangers at the OHMVR Commission meeting, meeting with Agency, and planning for the 1992 workshop in Anaheim.

For more information contact any member of the board or the Executive Manager.

## Frank Fairchild Passes

Frank Fairchild passed away on November 3, 1991 in Tonopah, Nevada. Frank worked for many years at Anza Borrego and Mitchell's Cavern State Parks. His many friends will surely miss him. He was 77 years old.



# REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK TITLE TRANSFER

RESOLUTION approved by the Board of Councillors of the Save-the-Redwoods League on August 23, 1991. (This consistent policy approved by the Board of Directors of the Save-the-Redwoods League September 30, 1970; May 31, 1978; and June 3, 1986)

The Save-the-Redwoods League since its organization in 1918 has advocated a Redwood National Park, . . .

The Redwood National Park Act authorizes Federal acceptance of title to three of the California State Parks - Jedediah Smith, Del Norte Coast, and Prairie Creek - as part of the Redwood National Park. These State Parks represent the contributions of thousands of individuals whose gifts matched appropriations and bond issues of the State.

The gifts that made them possible were made with the understanding that these forests would be protected and administered as great natural parks . . . The State and the League are morally, if not legally, in the position of trustees with the obligation to honor the commitments made to the contributors and to the people of the State.

The Save-the-Redwoods League urges that before transfer of these California State Parks to the Federal Government the following steps be implemented to work out an agreement for carrying out the public interest:

1. Because of the complex legal and policy questions involved the League favors formation of a Federal, State, and Public Commission to formulate possible conditions of the transfer.

2. The League urges adoption by the Federal Government of the long-range acquisition program of the State and the League to complete Jedediah Smith and Del Norte Coast Redwood State Parks within logical watershed boundaries, including the Mill Creek watershed, before completion of this transfer.

3. With respect to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, because of its close relationship to the Redwood National Park, the League favors exploration of a possible cooperative agreement between

the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service to permit the National Park Service to administer Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park as part of the Redwood National Park.

4. As a condition to any transfer of administration to the National Park Service the League favors adoption by the National Park Service of a set of acceptable principles for the administration, planning, and public use of the lands involved that will assure their perpetual protection as natural areas, in accordance with commitments made to contributors and the people of the State of California.

5. The Save-the-Redwoods League urges that any compensation which the State of California may receive from the Federal Government be applied to the completion of the 32 remaining California Redwood State Parks.

6. The existing recommendations set forth in the California State Park and Recreation general management plans for Jedediah Smith Redwoods, Del Norte Coast Redwoods, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks must be incorporated into any future protection of these parks, whether under State or Federal ownership.

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## Call For Papers

The California Council for the Promotion of History Program Committee for the Annual Spring Conference, to be held in San Luis Obispo, California, April 24 - 26, 1992, is accepting individual paper and panel proposals.

Topics may include living history and oral history; architecture/historic preservation; cinematic studies; natural/cultural resources management; ranching/agriculture; transportation; community history; public history (parks, museums, archives); and tourism.

Papers should be 15 - 20 minutes in length; panels may have up to three speakers, a moderator, and commentator. Submit proposals and a brief (200-word) synopsis of the paper or panel topic to:

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**Calendar**

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