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Mount Diablo Grazing

A letter from Carl Nielsen
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Imagine Yosemite National Park, including places such as Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley, with sheep and cattle grazing. Both sheep and cows historically grazed within the borders of what is now Yosemite National Park. John Muir, a one-time sheepherder at Yosemite, realized the inappropriateness of sheep grazing in Yosemite, declaring sheep as "hooved locust." Through the efforts of Muir, park managers, and others, sheep and cattle grazing were removed from the park. Though Yosemite is a national park, and Mt. Diablo is a state park, both share an environmental ethic. The primary purpose of such parks is to preserve elements of the natural world for the benefit and enjoyment of the present population and of future generations. Some will counter, "I know Yosemite, and Mt. Diablo is no Yosemite." I maintain that in areas where cattle are absent, Mt. Diablo is more of a wilderness than the floor of Yosemite Valley.

Cows do not belong on Mt. Diablo State Park. They are an exotic species. Cows trample the landscape, create trail networks, feed on native plants, pollute riparian zones, and alter the balance of nature. (Continued on page 3)

Santa Clara Conference March 4-7, 1993

In addition to tracks on operations, resource management and interpretation we will be having two major speakers, a panel on the use of concessions in parks and tours that are designed to enhance the workshops. Tours will be during the conference not before as we usually have them.

A 5K Fun Run will be held on Friday right after the sessions. Social activities will include a Casino Night on Friday so practice up on your blackjack, roulette and dice. Dancing and entertainment will be included with the Casino Night.

Saturday will include an emergency vehicle display. That evening we will have our Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

A Golf Tournament and a Shooting Contest will be held on Sunday afternoon.

If you wish to volunteer for the local arrangements committee contact Raleigh Young, County of Santa Clara, (408) 867-0410. If you have suggestions for the conference contact Janet McGowan, City of San Jose, (408) 277-5130.

In the months to come we will feature the workshop tracts individually.

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President's Message

For 15 years, CSPRA has been the only organization dedicated to the professionalism of **all** DPR employees. When collective bargaining became an "issue," CSPRA elected not to align itself with any one group to become a labor representative, choosing to focus instead on those matters that were in the professional interests of us all. The monicker of "Ranger" was kept, but the association made a concerted effort to include other DPR classes, as well.

Some interesting situations resulted, especially when professional issues pitted one group of employees against another. This has been very apparent during the past months, as the reorganization of the Department began to express itself in cold, hard facts. Some classes were being harder hit than others; regional positions were non-existent, and some field ranger felt they were being replaced by district ecologists and interpreters. To some, CSPRA walked a tightrope during this period, while to others we simply straddled the fence. The CSPRA Board's vote to accept DPR reorganization, rather than oppose it, was not popular with some members, who would have preferred active opposition. The reasons for our stand have been presented before, and I would only point out that it was taken by a board membership that included three members likely to lose their positions through reorganization, and two who might. Only one board member (me, in fact) was in a safe position.

I mention this because at each board meeting since GEC, we have discussed comments from some of you reflecting dissatisfaction with CSPRA. It became obvious that a major problem was the structure of the association, which is essentially autocratic. A six member board discusses all the issues and makes all the decisions. There is virtually no mechanism for timely input from the field, nor is there any way to quickly inform the members of actions taken. The board dedicated an entire meeting to this matter last month, with the following action taken: a committee is being formed of the general membership to recommend changes in the CSPRA organization that will increase the participation of the entire membership. CSPRA Vice President Tyler Conrad will chair the committee, which should have recommendations ready for the next GEC. The board did consider (for a nanosecond) the name of "Albatross Committee" for this group, based on historic precedent, but decided against it.

In the meantime, the cattle have been driven home on Mt. Diablo, where they belong, but nothing is back to normal. Yes, you did read in the last President's Message that the CSPRA Board authorized participation with other groups in a potential lawsuit against DPR over the grazing issue, depending on actions taken by the Commission. Their next meeting is October 16 in San Rafael, and we are assuming Mt. Diablo will be discussed, at least informally. Unfortunately, that may be all the Commission needs to do to set resource management back a generation or so, placing DPR in the hands of outside special interests. Our fear is that the Commission will simply state that its intent in approving the Mt. Diablo General Plan was to allow for rotational grazing on 7500, over one third of the park. No posting of the agenda would be required, since they would be merely "clarifying" a previous action, and no public testimony need be considered, or even taken. **Please join us in urging the Commission to not take this step, and to support the intent of the general plan's authors in limiting grazing to a 1000 acre demonstration ranch.** This may be our last chance to avoid bringing legal action.

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Some of the native species affected by cows are rare, threatened, or endangered, while others are found nowhere else in the world.

One of the tactics among the grazing proponents is that cows are saviors in the realm of wildland fire. True, cows reduce fuel loads within grasslands. However, cows do not reduce loads in brushlands. Note that wildfires in brush are more intense and less easily controlled than fires in grass. To mitigate the absence of cows, the State Park System, in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry, has implemented a wildfire management plan that addresses fire prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression concerns. The plan includes a perimeter fuel break, diskings adjacent to developed areas, manual removal of brush, fire suppression compartments, and prescribed burning.

The recent wildfire in the Emmons Canyon area (August 1992) illustrates the effectiveness of this plan. The wildfire was ignited by kids playing with matches outside the park's boundaries. The fire quickly spread into the park. An extensive and effective suppression effort was conducted by a number of state and local fire agencies. The fire's spread was checked along Wall Ridge Fire Road, which is a component of the park's perimeter fuel break. Furthermore, part of the fire zone experienced a prescribed fire in January 1991; this factor also assisted in suppression efforts, as no cattle grazing took place at this location in 1992.

Will the wildfire management plan guarantee that no large fires will occur on Mt. Diablo? No. But don't be under the impression that cattle grazing will create an asbestos park. Consider a 1931 wildfire on Mt. Diablo during a period of heavy grazing activity that burned 14,000 acres. Among the victims of that fire were 200 head of cattle. So much for sacred cows.

I encourage interested individuals and groups to express their concerns and opinions to State Park System Director Donald Murphy and to the State Parks Commission in care of P. O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001.

The Governor's Task Force on Rural Competitiveness

In April of this year, The Council of Governors' Policy Advisors (CGPA) met in Washington, D.C. to create a State Policy Academy on Rural Competitiveness. The Academy was charged with generating awareness of and identifying solutions to the problems facing rural America. The CGPA selected California to participate in the Academy on Rural Competitiveness.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (GOPR) is coordinating a state-wide effort to study programs that will benefit California's rural economies. The GOPR has convened a task force comprised of representatives of state and local government agencies and private sector organizations involved in rural issues.

The Task Force seeks to maximize local participation in rural competitiveness issues through a series of Rural Town Hall meetings. The Task Force is looking for suggestions that address:

- °Maximizing local involvement and control;
- °Maximizing job creation through economic enhancement;
- °Identifying recurrent problems in rural economies;
- °Encouraging broad participation and cooperation between interest groups and local factions; and
- °Determining a set of goals and objectives for the State's rural areas.

Meeting Information:

10/8 Mammoth Lakes Hwy 203
10/13 Anderson 1877 Howard St
10/15 Arcata 736 F St
10/22 Woodland 300 I St
10/27 Visalia 707 W Acequia St
10/29 San Luis Obispo 990 Palm St
11/5 El Centro 1275 Main St
11/9 Big Bear 39707 Big Bear Blvd
All meetings are scheduled for the City Council Chambers except for Mammoth Lakes and Big Bear. They are scheduled from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with the exception of El Centro which will be from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mammoth Lakes meeting will be held at USFS Mammoth Lakes Ranger Station. The Big Bear meeting will be held at the Performing Arts Center.

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Turning Parks Into Profits: The Ansel Adams Marriott

(Reprinted from the San Francisco Examiner, 9/27/92)

We begin with the John Muir Memorial Marina and Snack Shack at Angel Island State Park. For Mount Tamalpais State Park, let's ask Disney to restore the long-defunct mountain railroad and name it for Goofy.

We need the bucks.

Such are new possibilities embraced without immediate nausea by Donald Murphy, director of California's money-starved array of 270 state parks, beaches, preserves and historical sites.

He acknowledged last week that he is considering how "additional revenue-generating facilities can be incorporated in the state park system without violating our resources or compromising our mission."

A staff memo by landscape architect Doug Healey, who works in the park system's planning office, mentions leasing land in parks for restaurants, hotels, golf courses, tennis clubs, marinas, resorts and cabins.

Some concessions already exist, such as the Asilomar conference center in Pacific Grove. They add \$5 million to the system's budget of \$182 million

this year, but cutbacks and shortfalls are expected to cut it by \$30 million next year.

Murphy's spoke of "a comprehensive plan for self sufficiency."

Historically, parks have never been "self sufficient." In effect, this means fees that exclude all but the affluent. To lease park land for commercial ventures is an outrageous breach of faith to donors and taxpayers, who acquired these properties on the explicit promise that the land would forever be open and available to all.

Better to close a park, which can be when funds become available, than to build commercial facilities that will intrude for generations on the public domain.

But unseriously, folks, what about the Don Ricketts Tennis Club for the meadows area at Point Lobos State reserve?

The Ansel Adams Marriott at Mount Diablo State Park?

The Gifford Pinchot Memorial Golf Course at Big Basin Redwoods State Park?

A chain of barbecue restaurants called Smoky-at-the-Beach?

Lifeguard Supervisor Mel Tubbs Retires After 35 Years Of Service To DPR

by Ron Schafer

On August 16, 1992, Lifeguard Supervisor I Melvin Eugene Tubbs retired after 35-1/2 years of service. Mel is best known for his Surf Rescue boat operation at the Orange Coast District. Mel was operator, supervisor, manager, instructor and mechanic to the finest rescue boat operation in the State Park System. Guests at Mel's retirement party were entertained with many "Mel" stories. If you haven't heard one, just ask someone who knows Mel.

Mel would patrol the Orange Coast District just outside the surf line with a watchful eye. Some say Mel was looking for rescues and he was, but it was more than that. He was and still is concerned with the way the park looked, the image that we as a department portrayed and that visitors had a quality experience when they came to our parks. Mel insisted on professionalism and that we were always providing the public with the very best that we could.

Mel started working for our Department in 1957 as a seasonal lifeguard at Doheny State Beach for \$1.70 per hour. Later that same year he took the permanent lifeguard test and was hired as a Beach Lifeguard supervisor at Huntington State Beach. He spent six months of the year at the Salton Sea since Huntington S.B. was only open during the summer months. After three years at Huntington, Mel enlisted in the Navy and served for a short period of time. Upon his return, Mel went to work at Silver Strand State Beach as a Lifeguard Supervisor.

In 1964 he became the boat operator at Huntington State Beach landing the position after his main competition was drafted. Mel took the helm of the new Surf Watch after a very brief and informal training program conducted by Aquatic Specialist Bob Isenor. Since then Mel established, maintained and supervised an ocean rescue boat program second to none. On March 10, 1986, Mel was given the Department's Employee Safety Award, and in July of 1983, Mel was rec-

ognized again by the Department for Sustained Superior Achievement.

When Mel joined CSPRA he was the first lifeguard to do so and was only allowed a supporting membership. Back then lifeguards were allowed to join, but were not permitted to vote. Mel joined CSPRA because he felt so strongly about CSPRA's stated purpose of promoting professionalism in California's State Parks. Lifeguards eventually got "THE VOTE" but Mel has supported CSPRA throughout. In fact Mel encouraged other Lifeguards to join CSPRA. He said, "It (CSPRA) is one of the better organizations going."

Mel cited Jim Whitehead as a mentor, and accordingly Mel was a stickler for detail. Employees of Mel's can tell you about how screws applied to any surface should be "at attention" or how a hose should be rolled "just so" so it will uncoil properly or how when painting you should always keep a "wet edge". Each part of the rescue boats was meticulously maintained. There are those who say that the engines on Surf Watch were so clean you could eat off them. Mel made sure all parts were taken care of.

Mel nurtured his work relationships and was a modern manager well before it was in vogue. He led by example, was a true leader, an inspiration and was more like a coach or a teacher than a supervisor. Mel wouldn't ask anybody to do anything that he wouldn't do himself although his deckhands were no strangers to a paintbrush or a grease rag. Like his mentor, Mel also chewed some posterior during his career, and like his mentor the result was usually positive. Mel made sure all the parts meshed.

Preventive maintenance is one of the terms one thinks of when he or she thinks of Mel. Mel was a true craftsman and could fix almost anything. More importantly, Mel was good at making sure things didn't break. Mel maintained the boats and his staff to minimize breakdowns but was always prepared for one should it happen. Preventative maintenance applied to more than mechanics. Mel could see a rescue developing, was on his way and usually got there before the tower lifeguard did. Mel had an ability to anticipate problems, tried to prevent them, but was prepared to deal with them.

Constantly aware of public scrutiny, Mel

put a great deal of effort into constituency building by having his staff and him always alert, in a neat uniform with squared away equipment and behaving in a professional manner. Mel would always hand out business cards to people he helped, stressing not that it was a lifeguard that helped, but an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

During this time of reorganization, the Department might do well to take a few cues from one of its retirees. Pay attention to detail by making sure all the parts are taken care of. Nurture relationships to make sure all the parts mesh. Be proactive and anticipate problems, try to prevent them, but be ready to deal with them. Put time and effort into image building and public relations.

As a CSPRA member Mel was presented a plaque for 35 (actually 35-1/2 . . . better than Johnny Carson) years of dedicated service as a Lifeguard Supervisor. The simple truth of the matter is that Mel Tubbs was more than "just a lifeguard." On behalf of CSPRA I would like to thank Mel Tubbs for 35 years of dedicated service as a "Park Professional".

Proposition 156: Rail Transportation for the 21st Century by PCL

(CSPRA has not taken an official position on this proposition.)

This November, California voters will decide if a 21st Century transportation system becomes a reality. Proposition 156, the Passenger Rail and Clean Air Bond Act, is the second of three key ballot bond measures intended to develop a comprehensive, statewide rail transit system in California. The first such measure, Proposition 108, was passed by voters in June 1990.

Proposition 156 provides more than \$1 billion in funding for light rail, commuter rail and inter-city rail projects. This measure comes at a critical crossroad for California, as traffic congestion and air pollution threatens both the economic productivity and environmental quality of the state. Here are the facts:

** Over 50 percent of urban smog results from vehicle emissions.

** California cities lead the nation in the

number of air quality violations.

** In the Central Valley, over \$300 million in crop losses are attributed to air pollution each year.

** Air pollution is responsible for more than \$7 billion annually in health and environmental costs in the South Coast Air Basin.

** State health officials estimate that smog is a contributing factor in the deaths of 80,000 Californians each year.

Because passenger rail systems have the ability to efficiently transport large numbers of people, they reduce many of the significant environmental impacts of automobile use. For example, substituting rail transit in place of the average automobile trip slashes pollution emissions by over 90%. A six-car passenger coach, carrying 600 passengers, gets the equivalent of 400 passenger miles per gallon. A myriad of other related impacts from automobile use, such as global warming, energy consumption, acid rain, and consumption of urban space will also be ameliorated by the creation of a passenger rail network.

With budget woes continually making the headlines, one often hears the argument that environmental protection comes at the expense of jobs. This is not so, particularly for rail transportation. By implementing an efficient, cost-effective rail transit network, we will increase economic productivity, not decrease it. Here are the facts:

** Attainment of ozone and particulate standards will save Southern Californians over \$9 billion per year.

** Every \$10 million invested in transit capital creates 770 jobs and \$33 million in business revenues.

** For every \$10 million invested in transit operations, 960 jobs and \$30 million in business revenues result.

The money we invest in transit today will pay enormous economic and environmental dividends in the future.

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with the campaign for Proposition 156 in what promises to be a very difficult year for ballot measures. If you are available and would like to help, or for more information, please call Californians for Transportation Solutions at 916/555-1666.

We urge your support for Proposition 156!

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10/22/92

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10:00 am Modesto
11/1/92

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Ballots for the
1992 election must
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12/10/92

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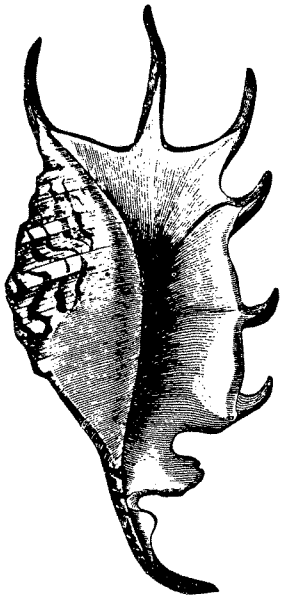
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