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NPS/DPR Joint Committee on Management by Bill Beat

Over the past FEW years, the Department of Parks and Recreation has faced several takeover attempts where National Parks border on or surround State Park units. There are three areas that are currently subject to these attempts in the North Coast Redwoods District. Redwood National Park surrounds Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. In the San Francisco Bay area, Angel Island State Park is part of the Marin District and is within the boundary of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. In the Malibu Coast District, Malibu Creek State Park, Point Mugu State Park, Topanga State Park and Leo Carrillo State Beach are all within the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

In order to finally put this issue of takeover to rest, DPR Director Donald Murphy and NPS Western Region Director Stan Albright have agreed to set up a committee to look at the National and State Park operations in these three areas. The committee has been named the Coordinating Committee on Operational Efficiencies.

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Cattle Removed From Mount Diablo

Cattle were removed prior to the July 11 deadline issued by the Department for Mr. Brumleve to remove his cattle. This appears to end a long struggle between the department and the concessionaire to resolve the issue of grazing at Mount Diablo State Park.

CSPRA congratulates Director Murphy and his staff who have worked hard and long to solve this problem.

Save Bodie! Newsflash! by Donna Pozzi

On July 29, the Bodie Protection Act of 1993 will be the subject of a hearing in the U.S. Senate. CSPRA has been asked to present testimony; SAVE Bodie Committee chair Donna Pozzi will testify in support of the bill. The subcommittee will consider both versions of the bill: HR 240 which passed the House on May 11 and the Senate bill S492. There were some amendments to the version of HR 240 which the House passed and this will likely be the version to be voted on by the Senate.

To refresh your memory from your high school government class, the process is as follows. The hearing will occur in the subcommittee (in this case the Public Lands,
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President's Message

One of the pleasant guides we have for getting along with each other is "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." Yet, as with so many "words to live by," this one suffers a bit from over simplification. If nothing else, the spirit in which harsh words are spoken needs to be taken into account. Was a criticism intended for our own good? Was it in keeping with the critic's traditional relationship with us? Was it presented in a thoughtful, constructive manner? Was it well founded?

In the case of a newly released critique of the State Park System, the answer to the first three questions is an unqualified "yes." The Sierra Club's "California State Parks: Next on the Endangered List?" is well intended, appropriate, and constructive. As far as I'm concerned, only the last question is debatable. While reading the report, there were more than a few times when I felt I could have argued a point, but in the end I found it to be a valuable statement of how we're perceived by one of our oldest and closest friends. That alone makes this document something we should welcome. To that end, CSPRA has sent each District Superintendent a copy of the report.

Then there is the case of Resource Secretary Wheeler's reaction to the report. (See page 5.) Presented at a news conference on July 2, Wheeler's words lash out at the Sierra Club with all of the thoughtfulness of a water balloon bulging on one side when pressed from the other. Not content to simply defend our department against the Sierra Club's review, Wheeler chose to attack the organization with an aggressiveness better suited for traditional enemies. As he brought up issues that had nothing to do with the State Park System, it is difficult not to question Wheeler's motives, which do not seem inclined towards maintaining good rapport with the Sierra Club, and that is not good news for us. If this was the best he could do, he should have remembered to "... not say anything at all."

The Sierra Club's report, by the way, focused a great deal of attention on a decade or more of undersized and unstable state park budgets. Deferred maintenance and understaffed parks are cited specifically. The Planning and Conservation League's funding initiative, designed not only to stabilize the park system's budget, but increase it to a realistic level, is the best chance we have to answer the Sierra Club's concerns.

But unlike the bond initiatives PCL has sponsored in the past, there are no local citizens' groups associated with the proposal who will carry the burden of gathering the signatures needed to qualify for the November 1994 ballot. This time, CSPRA has to shoulder a fair share of the effort, which means all of us need to be ready to help PCL when the time comes.

PCL has not made a final decision to proceed with the initiative, and is looking closely at how much effort groups like us are willing to provide. I would like to be able to tell PCL that CSPRA will put one thousand gatherers in the field for one weekend in October. That obviously means more than our own members, but co-workers, friends, family and neighbors as well.

When the details and language are finalized, you'll have a chance to look things over and decide if this is worth your effort. I think you'll agree that this will be the best chance we have of giving our state and ourselves the park system we deserve.

See page 5 for
Secretary
Wheeler's reac-
tion.

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NPS/DPR Joint Committee (Continued from page 1)

The committee will be travelling to the areas in question where they will conduct on-site tours to look at facilities and discuss operational considerations with appropriate staff member.

From DPR's perspective the committee will be looking for ways in which the State and National Parks in question can better share resources and staff in these units to provide a more efficient and effective service for the public. If this committee can carry out their fact-finding efforts in a factual, unbiased manner, there could be some great benefits to both organizations and the public they serve.

From a personal perspective, I support this effort and hope it will finally put this most divisive and disruptive issue to bed. However, although I am supportive, I remain skeptical of NPS's true support for this process. I say this because the Redwood National Park Superintendent continues to work behind the scenes with local organizations and interest groups to get their support for taking over the three Redwood State Parks. This effort has included field trips for County Supervisors when they have been urged to pass resolutions supporting the transfer, special horse tours for State Senator Mike Thompson that included a request for his support of the transfer. Numerous other contacts have also been pursued. These behind-the-scene attempts continue although the NPS Superintendent denies he is involved.

At this time the committee is set to begin their evaluation in late August or early September and a final report is due to the two Directors in January. It is very important that CSPRA members continue to follow the progress of the committee. The State Park units in question represent some of our oldest and finest units. To lose them to another agency would seriously alter the image of our system.

SAVE BODIE! (Continued from page 1)

National Parks and Forests Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Dale Bumpers, (D-Arkansas), which will need to pass the bill before it can go on to the full committee for consideration. This will probably happen sometime after Labor Day. From the subcommittee level the bill would proceed to the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, chaired by J. Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana). If approved by the committee, the bill would be voted on by the entire senate. The bill will pass only by unanimous consent since any member who is strongly opposed could threaten a filibuster. The bill will not be considered until any problems are worked out because a filibuster wastes too much precious floor time. For that reason, any individual Senator can effectively block a bill. This is very different from how the House works.

If the version of the bill that passes the Senate is not the same as the House-passed bill, the bill goes back to the House. Major differences require a conference committee. Once the same version of the bill has been approved by both the Senate and the House it goes to the President to sign. If Congress is still in session, the bill becomes law in 10 days unless vetoed. If Congress has adjourned, the President must sign the bill for it to be enacted. Failure to sign is called a pocket veto.

As you can see, although we've come a long way, there are many steps ahead. Many of you wrote letters to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, as requested. **These helped!** Thank you. Now, please ask friends and relatives in other states to write to their Senators (U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20500). So, if you can, **please contribute to SAVE BODIE!** Although we're as frugal as possible, a trip to Washington is expensive. (Checks should be payable to CSPRA and sent to P.O. Box 292010, Sacramento, CA 95829.)

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... please contribute to SAVE BODIE!

CSPRA-PRAC Workshop Planning Committee Meets

The first meeting of the 1994 workshop planning committee was held at the Sheraton in Riverside, the site of next years workshop/conference. Tracks on resource management, operations and interpretation are being planned as are tours of the Mission Inn, local parks and more. A barbecue is being planned at the Citrus Heritage State Park and a top notch golf tournament is being planned. The dates are 3/7-10/94.

Save Bodie! Wins an Award

The Office of Historic Preservation honored ten organizations for their efforts to help protect our state's heritage. In a ceremony on June 14, 1993 in the Governor's Council room, Mrs. Gayle Wilson presented the annual awards as part of a belated History Preservation Week (May 9-15) activity.

Visitor use concessions such as motels, restaurants, high intensity recreation facilities . . . should not be constructed on park property . . .

Save Bodie Committee was commended for its leadership in making the citizens of both California and the rest of the country aware of the importance of preserving the environmental setting of Bodie State Historic Park, and of the importance of protecting this fragile historic property, which demonstrated the group's sincere commitment to the preservation of our state's historical sites and artifacts.

Donna Pozzi accepted the award on behalf of the Save Bodie Committee.

Future of Recreation in California

The following are excerpts of comments made by Linda Palmer, President of the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council, to the California State Park & Recreation Commission.

How well are park and recreation needs of Californians and tourists being met?

Not adequately!

Recreation is a necessary part of living and should be available and affordable to everyone, whether or not they have a car and regardless of their financial status. It has been said that in Los Angeles County you can't even sit down without paying money. There is a terrible shortage of urban parks. The public, both residents and visitors, are not made to feel welcome in the cities and the city dwellers are apt to feel lost in the outlying natural areas.

Public parks and public open space, trails etc. are far too few for our population. Furthermore, they are often not

easily accessible.

How might park and recreation areas, facilities and programs better serve all citizens?

Preserve natural open space. In Los Angeles County where the birth rate is three times the death rate, perhaps the most urgent need is to secure public natural open space before it is too late. Develop a system of trails and camps and/or hostels and good maps and signs with international symbols.

Recognize the economic value of natural open space. In and around Los Angeles we have some of the most beautiful natural areas already held by State Parks and National Park Service and there are more lands that should be acquired. We need to preserve more public open space surrounding the cities and provide trails, campgrounds and hostels. As population increases, so will our need for natural open space. We can't afford to lose any we have. We can never get it back.

We need a comprehensive plan to make it easy for tourists to get from airport, train station or bus to our parks, beaches, trail heads, etc.

Recreational transportation. We need better public transportation to serve all park users, residents and tourists.

Visitor use concessions such as motels, restaurants, high intensity recreation facilities, e.g. Raging Waters, supply stores (other than little campground stores) should not be constructed on park property, but encouraged on nearby private land in areas where they will not obstruct the views or other resources of the parks.

Soccer fields and playgrounds and other high-intensity playing areas should be provided in abundance through the urbanized, residential areas, but **not in the natural open space parks.**

Tourists and trails. Tourists will come for our natural resources and our history. Develop historic and scenic trails with camps and hostels to stay along the way, good maps, good international signs and camps and hostels along the trails for equestrians, hikers and bicyclists.

Create linear trail connections between
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Fall Workshop

October 15 - 17, 1993

(Forget the dates in the Newsletter — they are wrong!)

It is time to set aside October 15 - 17 for the Fall Workshop. Here is an outline of how the weekend will go.

The headquarters for the workshop will be the Wilder Ranch just north of the city of Santa Cruz. There will be an area set aside for camping. For those who wish a few more amenities there are many motels and B&B's in the Santa Cruz area (you may already have a favorite). The two inns that are closest to Wilder are the Mission Inn and the Sunset Inn. The following are the current rates:

Mission Inn
2250 Mission Street
Santa Cruz, CA (408) 425-5455
*\$53 - 75 (1 - 2 persons)

Sunset Inn
2424 Mission Ave
Santa Cruz, CA (408) 423-3471
*\$45 - 60 (1 - 2 persons)

Friday, October 15th

- Travel and set up
- Informal evening get together. Bring your instruments and your newest campfire warmup activities!

Saturday, October 16th

- Continental breakfast
- AM/PM activities will take place in parks around Monterey Bay area and will include hikes, kyaking, diving and other innovative interpretive activities.
- Barbecue and evening programs

Sunday, October 17th

- Morning beach/bird hike
- Relax, cleanup and depart

*Other accommodations will be included in the next CSPRA newsletter.

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parks and between towns. Protect non-motorized existing trails and add more.

Mountain bikes. Recognize that Mountain biking is the largest increased use and needs to be provided for in a way that is not to the detriment to other user groups. The bicycle industry may be an asset that can be tapped in the future.

How recreation suppliers should prepare to meet tomorrow's anticipated greater and more diverse recreation demands.

We are not sure what you mean by "recreation suppliers," and we are concerned that private enterprise might attempt to exploit our public open space lands. This should not be an option. Natural open space is the most precious resource the state can provide, and as population grows, it will become all the more valuable to us and generations to come. Don't sell our heritage down the river because of hard economic times.

Private suppliers should operate on private lands, perhaps near the parks and recreation areas. They might arrange tours, provide transportation, maps, supplies, places for visitors to eat and stay overnight.

Retirees' Rendezvous

Arrangements are moving forward for the rendezvous at McConnell State Recreation Area from September 30 to October 4, 1993.

The committee is growing as new members commit to assisting with planned programs. We will be looking and asking for further assistance as we finalize more of the programs.

The May flyer has generated approximately a 10% response with positive interest and offers of assistance. The response has also helped to add names to our list and has given the committee an informal count of participants.

If you are a past employee of DPR and did not receive the May flyer (or know someone who didn't), send a card with your (or their) address to: Kirk M. Wallace, P.O. Box 687, Mi-Wuk Village, CA

95346 (209) 586 - 3209.

The rendezvous is open to all past and present DPR employees and their families/guest. This is a CSPRA-sponsored event but membership is not required for participation.

For the organized & "disorganized" board game and activities portion of the program, we encourage participants to bring their favorite table or yard game for shared use.

CSPRA will release another flyer in mid to late August that will list facilities available at or near the park, (including motels and sanitation stations.) and information for finalizing the rendezvous.

We are looking forward to your participation and a great time of fun, friendship and renewing acquaintances.
The Committee

Statement on Sierra Club Report on the Condition of California's State Parks by Douglas P. Wheeler

I am pleased to join you this morning, not only to introduce the Director of Parks and Recreation for a briefing on the 1993-94 budget, but also to respond on behalf of the Administration to a report of the Sierra Club being released today on the condition of California's State Parks.

The title of this report — "California State Parks: Next on the Endangered List" — is a misnomer. As you will learn this morning, the great State park system is faring remarkably well in light of a budget situation which affects the delivery of all government services. The real casualty of this report is the truth about our parks and our park personnel. It is a shoddy document, rife with speculation, rumor and innuendo, and sustained only by misinformation. On the critical issue of whether state parks will be closed as the result of budget deficiencies, for example, the report speculates that parks will be closed, despite the fact that none have been closed, and despite the Governor's repeated assurance that none will be closed. The report makes inflammatory assertions that resource management has been impaired, and visitor safety compromised, but offers no
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Retirees Rendezvous — open to all DPR employees current or past — 9/30-10/4/93 at McConnell SRA.

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evidence of either claim.

As a former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, and Life Member, I am dismayed by the irresponsible character of this report, but not entirely surprised. It is the latest in a series of hyperbolic attacks on the people, programs and policies of this administration. You will recall that — alone among the State's environmental organizations — the Sierra Club opposed our "Grand Accord" to reform timber harvest practice in the State, and the condition of the State's forests are the worse today for that intransigence. You may also be aware that the Sierra Club has consistently opposed the Governor's pioneering efforts to protect endangered species habitat, despite their having been recognized as a national model by President Clinton and Secretary Babbitt. And, perhaps most surprisingly, the authors of this report have done virtually nothing to support our efforts — in Sacramento and in Washington — to secure additional funding for state parks.

Let me make perfectly clear that it is always has been the policy of this Administration to support, nurture, and protect the state park system. Even as we meet today, the Administration is examining ways in which to secure a sound financial future for the State's parks. We certainly do recognize that parks — and all resource programs — would benefit from additional funding. But the real news today is that — due to the support of Governor Wilson and strong leadership of Donald Murphy — California's state parks have weathered the budget storm, and will emerge better able than ever to meet their resource and public service mandates.

And now, the facts. I am pleased to introduce Donald Murphy, the experienced park professional who was appointed by Governor Wilson to lead the Department during this challenging period. Donald is among the most qualified individuals ever to serve as Director, and is particularly well equipped to share with you our vision for the bright future of California's parks.

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C.S.P.R.A. Fall Workshop October 17 - 19 1993

The fall workshop is starting to take shape and looks like it is going to be an event to remember. The purpose of this workshop is to bring park professionals together to share in friendly intercourse while enjoying the many magnificent State Parks that the Monterey Bay area has to offer. It is a time to renew acquaintances and maybe even learn some new techniques. This year the focus is on interpretation with many of the best interpreters in California presenting programs designed to stimulate your interpretative appetite. So mark your calendars and please contact Rick Sermon at Asilomar if you can lend a hand or have any great ideas to contribute to this event. Call him at (408) 372-4076.

"HUMOR IN UNICORN"

by Jeff Price

A supine confession, was it? "You did it. Come on, face up!"

Plane rejection. "He just told me flat blank I couldn't have it."

What, exactly, was the little bandit wearing? "The City is making out like a fox on this pier deal."

He could lose his shirt. "If they didn't pay my travel claim, I was on the cuff for over \$500."

A very tiny proposal? "That idea isn't worth the grain of salt its written on."

Always bending over backwards to please people, it seems. "My crew is really cracking their butt to get it done on time."

Well, Monty, I'll take what's behind door number three. "Sorry I carried on so, but you really opened the door to my soap box."

Retired Members

Don't forget to pay your annual dues. They are only \$18.00

**1993-94 Budget
Adopted 6/15/93**

<u>Income</u>	<u>92/93</u>	<u>93/94</u>
Dues	35,000	34,344
Donations	-0-	-0-
Interest	-0-	60
Sales	500	100
Workshop/Training	---	1,000
Total Income	35,500	35,504
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank charges	50	25
Benevolent fund	350	350
Cal Ranger	4,000	-0-
Collect Dues	1,100	1,100
Committee	400	200
Contractors	4,700	5,400
Equipment repair	400	400
Equipment	-0-	500
Fees & taxes	100	40
Membership (paid)	2,500	2,500
Newsletter	9,000	8,500
Officer & board mtgs	2,000	2,500
Exec Mgr Travel	1,000	500
Office expenses	2,000	2,000
Park Integrity	1,500	-0-
Phone	-0-	1,000
Printing	-0-	1,200
Postage (& prntg 92/93)	3,400	1,800
Recog. & awards	400	400
Recruitment	150	-0-
Promotional items	300	300
Scholarship	2,000	2,000
Whitehead Scholarship	650	650
Savings	-0-	1,039
Special Projects	---	3,100
Total Expenses	36,000	35,504

**Positions Available
City of Santa Cruz**

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Park Ranger - Open Space

Salary: \$1,944 to 2,672 per month. Patrols, performs general maintenance and improvement work, assists with enforcement of rules and regulations. Requires knowledge of codes and ordinances; ability to perform heavy labor; and ride and care for horses and equipment. Requires high school graduation or GED; park ranger experience, general maintenance and/or construction experience and experience involving public contact. Apply by 9/15/93.

**Recreation Supervisor -
Aquatics Program**

Salary: \$2,487 to 3,333 per month. Plans, organizes, promotes, supervises aquatics program, including pools, beach and ocean related programs. Requires working knowledge of principles and practices of providing pool and ocean lifeguard services. Requires BA in recreation or related field and one year responsible administrative experience coordinating community programs/events including some supervisory experience. Requires current cert in CPR. Apply by 9/8/93.

For applications contact City of Santa Cruz, 337 Locust St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. (408) 429-3616 Cal Relay 1 800 735-2929. AA/EOE/ADA

**CSPRA Loses
Two Pillars**

During the past month Jack Knight and Harriet "Petey" Weaver have died leaving a void for all who knew them.

Jack Knight, a charter member, started his DPR career as a seasonal at Big Sur in 1937 and retired as Chief of Operations at the end of 1980. He suffered with cancer for the past nine months. He was 75 at the time of his death. The family requests that donations be sent to the Sutter Memorial Hospital (Cancer Center Fund), 5151 "F" Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Petey Weaver, A CSPRA Honorary member, died July 2. She was made an Honorary Member in 1971. In 1929 she began her career as the first California State

Parks female ranger. She was the only female ranger during her career which ended in 1950. Petey was 82 at the time of her death.



Photo — Harriet "Petey" Weaver

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Board Meeting
Lodi
8/3/93

CSPRA/PRAC
Annual Workshop
Riverside
3/7-10, 1994

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