



# NEWSLETTER

California State Park Rangers Association

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## CSPRA Sends Letters

May 8, 1996

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Re: 1996 Water Resources Development Act — Oppose the Auburn Dam

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As part of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act, the Auburn Dam on the American River in California will be considered. The California State Park Rangers Association opposes the Auburn Dam Project.

The Auburn Dam would destroy more than 40 miles of the American River. Much of this area is currently under the management of the California Department of Parks and Recreation and is used by rafters, fishermen, hikers, and for wildlife observation. There are flood control alternatives that would not have the environmental impacts of the proposed 508 foot-high dam.

The proposed dam would not only cause severe environmental impacts, but it would also have severe economic impacts. Considering that there are alternative flood control measures available at half of the cost, it seems foolish to use one third of the available flood control money in the United States on this project.

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## 4th Annual Retirees Rendezvous at McConnell SRA

McConnell SRA will be the site of this years Retirees' Rendezvous. The location was the overwhelming choice of those attending the last two rendezvous. Mark your calendar (10/3 — 10/7) and prepare for another weekend of fun, food and relaxation. **This event is for all past and present DPR employees and their families and guests.** CSPRA membership is not required.

(Registration form is on page 4)

## CSPRA Scholarship Fund

(See application form on page 5)

Have you ever wondered what your dues to the California State Park Rangers Association can give you? Communication with your fellow park professional and an annual conference bringing together other park people and experts in various fields of ecology and environmental education.

A benefit that is often missed is the CSPRA scholarship fund.

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## Presidents Message

Park bonds have existed as a funding tool for our Department for many years. Bond money has allowed us to do things that our normal budget process does not include. Historically this has meant money for acquisition, development, resource protection and various enhancements.

Although not all park bond money has gone to State Parks, our Department has administered most of it through the local grants program. Many of the recent "park bonds" have included a great deal of money for habitat and open space acquisitions by land trusts, conservancies, and open space districts. This has resulted in very large bonds that have included considerable chunks of money for acquisition of all kinds, and they have been rejected by the public.

**Private efforts, in sum, are no substitute for public funding.**

On May 12th the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee consolidated 2 bond bills into a measure that would fund local and state park restoration, long term maintenance and infrastructure rehabilitation. This measure passed out of committee 10-0 and received support from both sides of the aisle. CSPRA Board Member Stephen Hill testified at the hearing and was pleased with the results. The real work is just starting, and I urge everyone who is interested in helping get a park bond passed to contact a CSPRA Board member.

And why is a Park Bond so important now? Bob Hansen, Executive Director of the Yosemite Fund, says it best in a recent article in Sunset Magazine. "Groups like ours can't do more than enhance the system. We can't completely patch up holes in the safety net of public funding, or even begin to address the deeper core problems facing the parks today — increased visitation, decaying infrastructure, facility maintenance." As the article goes on to say, if that's true of Yosemite, it's doubly so for other parks, few of which can boast such a reservoir of public affection or muster a comparable level of corporate or citizen support. Private efforts, in sum, are no substitute for public funding. It can be argued that bonds are not the most efficient use of public funds, but at the moment a November Parks Bond appears to be our best chance of increased public funding. **With your help, that could become a reality.**

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Lastly, the proposed site is on a fault system, and studies indicate that it could trigger an earthquake in the region.

We urge you to reject any legislation that includes an Auburn Dam. There are other good, less expensive, and much more environmentally responsible options for improving flood safety. Please send us a written response stating your position on this issue.

Dave Nelson  
President

Similar letters sent to the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and California Members of the House of Representatives.

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Mr. Les White, Executive Officer  
Fort Ord Reuse Authority

Re: East Garrison — Peace Officer  
Training

Dear Mr. White:

The California State Park Rangers Association strongly urges the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to support East Garrison's continued use as a peace officer training facility.

For Over 20 years, California State Parks and other agencies have utilized the Garrison's facilities. Many of these agencies are bringing officers in from all over the state, spending money in Monterey County for food, lodging, entertainment, travel, and operational costs . . . Continued use of East Garrison as a training center will contribute to the economic vitality of Monterey County and supply  
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# HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price, Marin

*Medical advice costly!*

"He was really sick, but after seeing the doctor, he got a clean bill of sale."

*Can't read you.*

"10-4, but please repeat, you were illegible."

*Swinging time.*

"I know, I have been at both ends of the pendulum too."

*Commendable terrorists?*

"... a 56 day stand-out against police in Montana."

*Footwear harmony.*

"At least you didn't already have your shoes matched to dye your tuxedo when she left."

*Deceased slurs.*

"I couldn't believe the racial epitaphs that man used."

*...and don't we all*

"I believe this country's policies should be heavily biased in favor of nondiscrimination."

## 1997 Cal Park Conference

Larry Ferri, Jeff Price, Carol Nelson and Dave Nelson met with representatives of other organizations to start planning for next years conference in Concord. **If you have suggestions for next years theme or activities please contact any of the above before the 19th of June.**

## Retirees' Rendezvous — 96

McConnell State Recreation Area

October 3 to October 7, 1996

Registration form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of persons planning to attend all or part of RR' 96.

\_\_\_\_ Number who will attend the pancake breakfast (\$5.00/person) on Saturday, October 5, 1996.

\_\_\_\_ Number who will attend the Saturday night barbecue (free to retirees and spouses; family and all others \$8.00/person) \_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_ beef

\_\_\_\_ Please send information on the golf tournament.

\_\_\_\_ We will be staying at McConnell in tent/RV (no hook-ups, no sanitation station; water and combination building available).

\_\_\_\_ We will stay at a local motel.

Comfort Inn  
200 W. Glenwood  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 668-3400

Orchard Inn (Best Western)  
5025 N Golden State Blvd  
Turlock CA 95380  
(209) 667-2827

11 miles from McConnell SRA Taylor Rd exit Hwy 99 - 16 miles from pk)

### Other information:

#### Sanitation station:

Delhi Beacon Station (5 miles from Pk)  
East of Hwy 99 at Shanks Exit  
No charge -donations accepted  
to Lions Club

#### Markets:

Mini-Marts only in Delhi  
Supermarkets in Turlock

**Roadside rest:** Between Delhi and Turlock on Hwy 99. No sanitation station.  
Vending machines and restrooms.

### Please return by 9/23/96 to:

CSPRA, P O Box 292010, Sacramento, CA 95829-2010  
(800) 994-2530, Local & Outside California (916) 558-3734

Please pay fees with registration. Those cancelling prior to rendezvous will receive a full refund.

Please invite  
your friends —  
they will thank  
you.

## Education and Training Committee Scholarship Request Form

Instructions: Please send completed form to Frederick Jee, in sufficient time to receive your grant prior to your training.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CSPRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you send in your DPR 392? \_\_\_\_\_

Description of training \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How will it be of value to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To the profession? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Material \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much will the Department pay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement.  
Send to:

**Frederick Jee  
Education and Training Committee  
P. O. Box 483  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

**Allow two weeks  
for processing.**

## District Reps

Name	District	Work Phone	Home Phone
Muetz, M	American River	916 988-0205	916 622-9133
Padilla, F	Angeles-Coast	805 986-8484	818 880-4510
Crossman, J	Angeles Inland	805 945-1323	
Edgemon, C	Bay Area-Coast	415 726-8800	415 879-2025
Nielson, C.	Bay Area-Inland	510 673-2891	
Harrison, W	Calaveras	209 795-3488	209 795-5342
Vacant	Channel Coast		
Zemon, J	Colorado	619 767-5311	
Stokes, M	Four Rivers	209 826-1196	209 632-1627
Simmons, K.	Gold Rush Dist	916 445-7387	
Redoble, J	Los Lagos	909 657-0676	909 943-5119
Whitehead, M	Marin	415 435-5390	415 435-3082
Rath, L	Monterey	408 623-4526	408 623-4398
Vacant	Northern Buttes		
Jones, R	North Coast	707 946-2409	707 725-4920
Vacant	OHV		
Serpa, J	Orange Coast	714 496-6172	714 493-0773
Franco, N	Pismo Dunes	805 473-7230	
Joe, K	Russ-Mendocino	707 937-5804	707 877-3592
Broderick, K.	Russ-Mendocino	707 847-3286	707 785-3432
Kerbavaz, J	S.D. Coast		619 575-3613
Vacant	San Joaquin		
Knapp, E	San Luis Obispo	805 772-7434	805 927-3516
Van Schmus, J	San Simeon	805 927-2020	805 772-9648
Oka, S	Santa Cruz	408 338-2935	408 338-7914
Lindsey, T	Sierra	916 525-7232	
Vacant	Silverado		

If your District  
doesn't have a  
Rep, why don't  
you volunteer or  
volunteer one of  
your friends.

The District Reps are your best connection with the board. Give them your ideas, suggestions, questions and complaints.

### CSPRA Finances

## California State Park Rangers Association

### Who we are . . .

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for more than three decades.

CSPRA actively promotes advancement of the ideals and philosophy for which state parks were founded.

### What we do . . .

\*Provide professional exchange of thought

\*Defend State Park System integrity

\*Support quality Department efforts

\*Comment on proposed park uses

The Professional organization  
that cares about protecting and  
preserving the values of the  
State Park System.

For more information about CSPRA  
and how you can become a member  
write:

**CSPRA**  
**P.O. Box 292010**  
**Sacramento, CA 95829-2010**  
**(800) 994-2530**

Checking  
Balance  
\$1,515.61

General  
Savings  
Balance  
\$8,910.54

SAVE  
BODIE!  
Savings  
\$3,268.20

**Total Assets**  
**\$13,694.35**

## Scholarship Fund (Continued from page 1)

This scholarship fund is designed to augment or in many cases provide the funding necessary to obtain training that benefits the applicant in his or her park career.

Currently our department's budgetary woes have eliminated or drastically reduced the amount and type of training available to its employees. The CSPRA scholarship attempts to reduce the impact of that lack of funding in order to benefit the employee and to benefit the Park System by encouraging better trained and motivated staff.

The CSPRA scholarship program provides any member of CSPRA with up to \$200 per year for the training of their choice. Criteria for receiving scholarship funds are rather broad. For example: will the training be a direct benefit to the employee? Will the training be a benefit to the Department? Will the training be a benefit to the applicant's career with DPR? Tough criteria? No. CSPRA's goal is to ensure that its members get as much support in improving skills, knowledge or viewpoints as possible with the final objective; a skilled and knowledgeable park professional.

Are there limitations to this program? Yes. The current funding level of CSPRA only allows for a maximum of \$200 per member per fiscal year. Beyond that level of funding, the applicant must ask the Board of Directors for further financial assistance. Each recipient receives only half of their scholarship immediately upon approval and the balance after an article has been written and sent to the editor of the Newsletter. The article must be 200 - 750 words in length. The

article should bring out those points of the training that best benefits the membership. In this way all CSPRA members will gain from the training!

How does one get a scholarship? Write your request in letter form or on a printed scholarship application (see page 5). Include any brochures or pertinent information about the training requested. Send a copy of your DPR 392 - Training Request showing that you have attempted to get departmental funding for the training. Don't be discouraged if the department turns you down or only partially funds your training. CSPRA's goal is to see that if at all possible, you, a CSPRA member, get the training you need.

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the region with a much-needed training facility. . .

Dave Nelson, President

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Honorable Dominic Cortese, Chair  
Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee  
California State Assembly

Re: AB 2910 — Park Bond Support

Dear Assemblyman Cortese:

. . . CSPRA strongly supports a Park Bond that would finance a program to rehabilitate and help maintain our state parks.

Recreation and tourism are very important to the growth of our state economy. Parks are the infrastructure and foundation that is driving this growth . . .

Thank you for your continued support .

Dave Nelson, President



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P O Box 292010  
Sacramento, CA 95829-2010

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
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Elk Grove, CA

To:

MUETZ-HISTORIAN, MICHAEL  
2781 STONECREST COURT  
PLACERVILLE CA 95667-4965

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The California State Park  
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Delta District  
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President-Elect  
Scott Nakaji  
State Park Ranger I  
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Four Rivers District

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Susan Grove  
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(619) 742-3462

### CSPRA Calendar

Retirees  
Rendezvous  
10/3 - 8/96

California  
Parks  
Conference  
Concord  
3/12 - 16/97

### Directors (Continued)

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Assoc Pk & Rec Spec  
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(209) 826-1196

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All committees use CSPRA address.

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