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California State Park Rangers Association

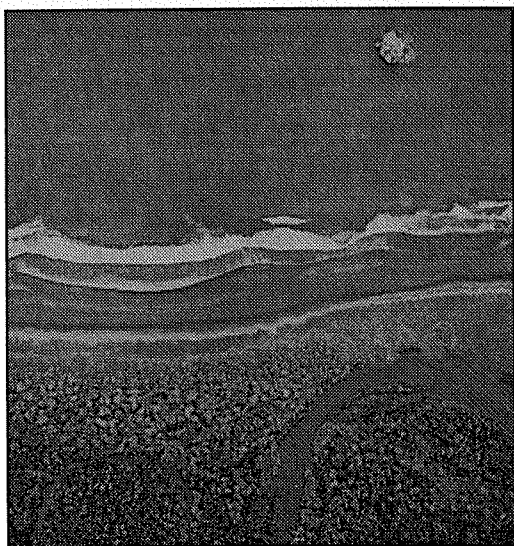
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## 1997 International Ranger Federation Congress

September 24 of this year was an auspicious day, not only was it my birthday (still "29", or is it "not 40 yet"), it was also the first day of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) Congress in San Jose, Costa Rica. This is the second IRF Congress, the first being two years ago in Poland (Mike Lynch wrote about it in the CSPRA newsletter in 1995), and it is a meeting of rangers and park professionals from all over the world. Only ranger associations can officially join the IRF, but individuals were all invited to attend.

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Santa Rosa National Park

## 1998 California Parks Conference "Visitors, Education, Resources — A Park Tapestry"

The 1998 California Parks Conference will be held March 9-12 at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo and it promises to have something for everyone. The theme for the upcoming conference is "Visitors, Education, Resources: A Park Tapestry".

Special field trips will include a bus trip to La Purisima State Historic Park for a living history program, and a four mile round trip hike to the historic San Luis Obispo Lighthouse. Golf Tournament participants will enjoy playing Avila Beach, one of California's most beautiful golf courses. The off-site dinner will be held at San Simeon and will include a catered dinner, admission to the IMAX Theater, and a special night-time tour of Hearst Castle.

The Embassy Suites is a beautiful hotel, and it features suites for \$79 per night (single or double) which includes a full cooked to order breakfast each morning for registered hotel guests. (Continued on page 6)

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## Presidents Message

by Scott Nakaji

In October, I attended the annual Retirees Rendezvous. Driving to McConnell SRA, I was wondering what kind of people would be there, and what kind of an experience it would be. I have heard of many of the names on the CSPRA Retired Members list, and I wondered what they would be like.

The Retirees Rendezvous one of the most enjoyable events I have experienced while serving on the CSPRA Board, let alone in my park career. Among the many attendees I met were people such as Wes and Celeste Cater, Carl Anderson, Kirk Wallace, Dom Gotelli, Ron McCall and Tom Miller (fake ponytail and all). What I found was a group of people with a deep love for the State Park System, and for each other. They welcomed my wife and I with open arms, as fellow members of the Park Family. I found that the "Park Family" is alive and well.

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EMBASSY.**

Sadly, it seems to be living only with these special people and those of us fortunate enough to cross their paths. Times have changed, the Department has evolved and grown and most park units are not as remote as they once were. Employees no longer have to live in state housing and depend on each other as they once did. Things will probably never be what they once were, people living and working together as one "family." If we are lucky we may be able to be a small part of that somewhere, sometime in our careers. What the Retirees Rendezvous and all of the attendees gave me however is the gift of a deeper appreciation of the State Park System and those of us, past and present, who have worked within it.

One thing I sensed at the Rendezvous was the desire of the retirees to see and speak with current employees, to share stories, enjoy the camaraderie and pass on traditions. These people embody the spirit of the Park Family. I think it would benefit everybody, from field personnel on up to attend future events, to gain a little perspective about what parks used to be and what the Park Family is all about.

The Park Family is alive and well, we just need to know where to look for it. I was lucky enough to have found it. I'm proud to be a part of it.

## 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 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**

## Help! Request from John Little SR and J.P. Burns SP

We are in the process of installing new interpretation panels at J.P. Burns SP and we have camp hosts who are collecting and compiling information on the history of the Lathrop Brown/Helen Hooper Brown house at J.P. Burns. We would like any park staff that might have information or stories about the house or about the park's other features to contact us so that we might add to the material that we have on hand.

Any information on John Little SR would also be appreciated. Information on park staff that lived there, what improvements were made (and when). This information will be added to the unit history.

Any information on these requests can be sent to:

Ranger Ken Lee or Ranger Ranada Laughlin  
c/o Big Sur Station 1A  
Big Sur, CA 93920  
(408) 667-0528

## Man Who Shot Park Ranger Convicted Attempted murder charge leads to attempted manslaughter verdict.

**by Ramon Coronado, Bee Newspaper  
Staff Writer, Published Sacramento, CA  
10/28/97**

A Rio Linda man, who was charged with attempted murder of a Sacramento County park ranger, was instead found guilty Monday of attempted voluntary manslaughter.

The Sacramento Superior Court jury found James Dean Peacock, 21, guilty of the lesser

charge on its third day of deliberation. He faces about 15 years in prison at sentencing December 5.

"This was stupid, irresponsible and immature kid," said juror Louis Mitchell, after the verdict. "The consensus was that there was not the kind of malice the attempted, murder charge requires. Under the circumstances, he didn't intend to kill," Mitchell said.

Peacock was arrested August 3, 1996 after he was shot by park ranger Havicon who also was shot in an exchange of gunfire with Peacock. The shooting occurred after Havicon responded to another park ranger's call for assistance after stumbling upon Peacock and a juvenile who appeared to have been smoking marijuana, trial evidence showed.

As the suspects ran in the Roy E. Hayer (Sacramento County) Park shortly before sunset, Havicon chased Peacock into a creek bed where the shooting took place.

Havicon, who was wearing a bulletproof vest, survived without major injuries and returned fire, hitting Peacock three times. Peacock suffered internal injuries and nerve damage, some of which is permanent.

Assistant Public Defender Judith Kent argued that there was no evidence that Peacock intended to kill and that the juvenile suspect, who was never charged and testified against Peacock, also had a gun, which could have been used to shoot at the ranger.

Deputy District Attorney Donald Slivka said there was no evidence of another gun and that the weapon used to shoot at the ranger was found two feet from where Peacock fell to the ground.

Havicon, who was 38 when he was shot, testified that it was Peacock who fired at him from a short distance. He said he could see the muzzle flash before he felt the stinging in his chest.

(Public Defender) Kent claimed the officer "had a motive" to implicate Peacock because he didn't want to be accused, of shooting the wrong suspect. "He wasn't able to see that clearly," Kent said of the officer.

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# HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price



## *Staff meeting strategy?*

Sometimes you have to listen between the lines to get what he really wants us to do.

## *Cannibal Bill the Donor?*

I heard the President had one of those "donner parties" to raise campaign funds.

## *Ouch!!!*

The Bears are only one frustrating quarter away from having their hopes drop off.

## *Would you like butter too?*

Yes, it was a criticism but sometimes you just have to take it with a kernel of salt.

## *Self explanatory.*

I have my CalCard stuff done, this time I won't be the slow cog that, I mean the wheel that . . . uh, well you know.

## *That's another train.*

And, on the same light . . .

## *Second degree.*

Once it was lit, we just couldn't get a hand on the fire.

*. . . now passing Ellis Island.*

They can't do anything to her because she passed the statue of liberation.

*Clean but soapy campers.*

If we get all the predicted rain from El Nino, it could be a real detergent to park attendance.

*No @#!\*, Sherlock!*

That comment still clings to the bowels of my brain.

## Park Rangers on the Web

A home page for park rangers  
world-wide  
by Mike Lynch

Check out this interesting website and join the automatic park ranger mail service. The site covers Ranger Newsgroup, Resources for Interpretation, law enforcement and park operations, graphics for rangers and a ranger's in action photo gallery. The

site is hosted and maintained by Rick Holt, a Maryland park ranger. The site address is: [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/6081/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/6081/index.htm)



## Honorary Membership Nominations

Send your Honorary Member nominations to Mary Wright, Monterey District, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 by 12/31/97.

An honorary member may be any person who has contributed in an outstanding or extraordinary manner to the California State Park System.

Send your Honorary Member nominations to Mary Wright

## Hot August Signs

by David Carle, Park Ranger  
Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve

Two pickup trucks got stuck along the sandy road near Rush Creek, near the shore of Mono Lake, on the same August day. A scattering of other cars and trucks buried their axles in that same road's sand traps earlier in the summer. It appeared our warning sign was not doing the job and ought to be changed.

For the last few years a big yellow diamond, the standard "warning" background, with the words "Loose Sand" has tried to send the message. Obviously some drivers were unimpressed. The local tow truck operator was going to pay his kids way through college on Rush Creek calls, at this rate.

So, last week, as that second truck was being towed out of its hole, I was replacing the yellow diamond with a brown rectangular sign. The new message, in big white letters, is "4-Wheel Drive Vehicles Only." Ought to work, right?

In the next three days, two more cars got stuck. Neither was a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

You might ask, "Why?" We did. Asked ourselves why people ignore our warnings; we're trying to help, after all. We asked the drivers, "Why?" too. "Why did you drive past the sign?"

"Well . . .," a pause, embarrassed, they know they have no real excuse, "We just thought we could make it. You know?"

Expensive optimism, even with a AAA card. That far from pavement AAA requires an extra, hefty payment.

Maybe if we put up both the yellow sign and brown sign? "Loose Sand/4-Wheel Drive Vehicles Only." That ought to cover the bases, surely.

It doesn't, though. A few years ago I had the Sacramento shop do a custom job for us, incorporating both messages on a brown background, plus the word "Warn-

ing" within a yellow diamond, all on one sign. Two of those signs mark the soft roads heading east from Navy Beach. If they've helped some people to believe, great. But cars and trucks still fearlessly attempt those roads . . . and lose.

For some, the message is a challenge, rather than a warning. And for others, signs really seem to be invisible.

I think we learn to ignore most signs, to filter them out and only pay attention when we have a specific need. Hungry? Look for the golden arches. Following directions? Hunt out each street sign. Highway Patrol car on the side of the road? What did the last speed limit sign say, anyway?

This summer we have had a frustrating number of kayaks and canoes approaching too close to an osprey nest on a tufa tower in Mono Lake. Osprey have nested on this tower for 14 years now. They happened to choose a site that is directly offshore from the Navy Beach parking lot. And in the last few years canoes and kayaks "discovered" that place as a launch site.

The two things are not necessarily in conflict. We put up signs at the launch points on shore and install buoys, marked "Closed" where the boats should stay back from the nest. For many years, when boater numbers were lower, things worked pretty well.

Boater number are not low anymore. And, unfortunately, they are piloted by people. We've already established the relationship between people and signs, haven't we?

The osprey have repeatedly been disturbed this season. They didn't hatch any eggs this year, either. We don't know if that is cause and effect.

So we ask the boaters, when we can, "Didn't you see the sign? Didn't you see the buoys?" Sometimes the answers are yes, sometimes no. All kinds of excuses and explanations.

Do we need bigger signs? More buoys? Or what?

Eighteen years ago I was a ranger at the  
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## Capitol Corner

by Jill Dampier

Well, the Capitol has been quiet now that the Legislature is in recess. But we have been busy. Assemblymember Michael Machado, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife invited us to testify at a Interim Hearing on the Status of California State Parks in Monterey on October 28th. The purpose of the Hearing was to help educate the committee members on the status of the State Parks. This information will assist committee members when looking at SB 2, Park and Resource Improvement Act (Thompson). Chairman Machado and Assemblymember Honda were the only committee members present to hear Don Murphy (Director, DPR), Susan Smartt (Exec. Director, CA State Park Foundation), Rachel Dinno (Natural Resources Director, PCL), Terry Jewell (Chairman Legislative Committee, CA Park and Recreation Society), Doug Bell (CA Association of Recreation and Park Districts), Doug Chotkevys (City of Arcadia), Gary Tate (District Manager, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park) and me (CSPRA) testify as to the status of State Parks and surrounding parks. Assemblymember Keeley, Chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee, Subcommittee #3 (and whose district we were in) opened the Hearing with a positive reflection on the needs of State Parks and need for financial assistance. Unfortunately, it was not difficult to accomplish our objective to inform the committee of the current plight of our parks. We do need to get SB 2 passed in the Legislature and on the ballot as a bond measure to help insure the health of State Parks.

Bethany Knorr, Legislative Analyst in Assemblymember Machado's office, asked to tour some of the local park units prior to the Hearing. She was responsible for coordinating the Hearing. I was able to set up three such tours and attend two. We first visited Folsom Lake SRA. Rick LeFlore, P & R Specialist and "funding hound", gave us a tour of the Lake Natoma area which provides examples of how a few state dollars can turn into many, many dollars when used a "seed" moneys. Through Rick's efforts, many improvements have been made to the area and even more are in the works.

Bethany saw how decrepit our current facilities are in contrast to the new user friendly and inviting facilities that have been built within the last several years. We discussed the type and breadth of use of urban parks and how important it is to provide well-maintained facilities to keep the general public coming to parks.

We also visited Sutter's Fort. Maintenance Chief, Ron Snodgrass and Interpretive Specialist, Katrina Hoover were our tour guides. Bethany and I were amazed at how much the staff does with so little. We saw the remains of the shop area which was burned down last April. Bethany did not have much to say after that. The sight of the charred remains of the maintenance shop, tools and equipment brought home the widespread impact vandalism has on our facilities.

I have not heard how the Brannan Island SRA tour went, but am confident that Bethany was treated to another aspect of the diverse and severe problems all our parks are facing by Stu Macy, DSI.

Susan Smartt, Executive Director of CA State Parks Foundation has been working on raising funds to support a grass roots efforts to insure the passage of SB 2 in the Legislature and by the general public. The "approach" to accomplish this goal has yet to be ironed out, but it will require involvement by all our members.

I will be attending a meeting at Senator Thompson's office on December 1 to discuss this approach and I will keep you posted. Well that's it until next year. Happy Holidays!

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### 1998 Parks Conference (Continued from page 1)

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Embassy Suites is only one mile from downtown San Luis Obispo, where there are plenty of things to see and do.

The California Parks Conference is a great opportunity to see old friends, network, learn and just plain have fun. You will find a registration form in this issue of the CSPRA Newsletter. Make your plans and register for the 1998 conference today!

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## IRF Conference (Continued from page 1)

The purpose of the IRF is to support, through international cooperation and exchange, protected areas throughout the world and the professionals that manage them. The theme of the Congress in Costa Rica was "sustainable development" in and around protected areas.

You might be thinking, as I did when I first heard the term, "protected areas?" Isn't that the same as "parks?" Language is a peculiar, yet descriptive tool and I have come to feel that "protected areas" is a much more descriptive term than "parks" and world wide more applicable. Not all countries have well established "parks" and even in our country a city "park" is hardly a protected environment. I learned from a National Park Service (NPS) ranger from Florida, that NPS "preserves" are vastly different from California State Park (DPR) preserves, in that NPS allows mineral and gas extraction, grazing and agriculture—and not in a historical context.

Thus, protected lands, whether they be natural, cultural, historic, or scenic, are all elements of "parks" as we call our DPR units, but protected lands is a better term when applied to similar or emerging lands in other countries.

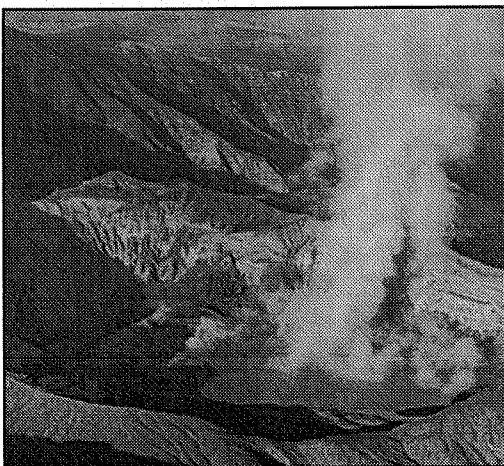
The Congress lasted six evenings and five days, during which we had sessions from about 8am to as late as 10pm. It seems sort of silly to have 240 rangers from 42 different countries all stuck in hotel conference rooms and dining rooms for six days, but conferences are designed to impart information and form discussions between the participants. It would be hard to do that if we were all out hiking around the local parks.

So, we put up with the fact that we only had one day field trip for the duration of the conference and put our attention toward the speakers and small group discussions sessions. Here are some of the notes and ideas I had taken down during the conference:

Development around protected areas that focuses on the resources showcased in the protected areas, must be integrated in the

local economy and culture. Without the support of neighboring villages and communities there will not be protection of the lands by the local community. Many local communities are worried about immediate day to day needs of food and shelter, and the recognition of these basic needs are vital in any protected lands management.

Sustainable development depends on the balance between: social equality, citizen participation, economic growth and quality of life. Sustainable development relies on the fact that there are limited resources and that technology will help manage these limited resources.



Poas Volcano National Park

Sustainable development Does Not equal sustained growth. Which brings up many thorny issues like population control and the basic belief in capitalistic countries that more growth will solve social problems.

There were many partnerships and interesting programs going on all over the world to address limited resources and community participation. For example:

Shared responsibility, social marketing, business plans for each park, putting a dollar amount on previously "un-priced" park values, management plans are resubmitted for approval to parliament every five years (Parks Canada). Joint management with traditional neighboring owners (Australia). Sociologists and Anthropologists were better suited at working with the indigenous people near protected areas to determine their wants, desires and how to integrate them with park management (Mexico). (Continued on page 8)

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Non-governmental Organizations (NGO's) are sometimes the only way to fund park management in devastated (economically and socially) countries (Rumania) and these NGO's can help overcome the citizen's traditional mistrust of government, because of 40 years of communism (Slovakia). Focusing on the important tribal council connections that the park worker's spouses have, as a means of reaching communities (Zaire).

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There was agreement in the short comings of using "glossy-shelf" park management plans developed by "expert" consultants. Local "stakeholders" must be integrated into the process, like it or not—Total Quality Management (TQM) has traveled far and wide.

We found that no matter what part of the world you worked there were similar problems, though some were quite extreme:

Not enough money or staff to adequately patrol and manage the protected areas or in the case of the North Ireland ranger I talked with, an inability to change governmental rules to more effectively manage funding—they all got new trucks because there was a surplus in the equipment budget, but they would have rather filled a vacant ranger position.

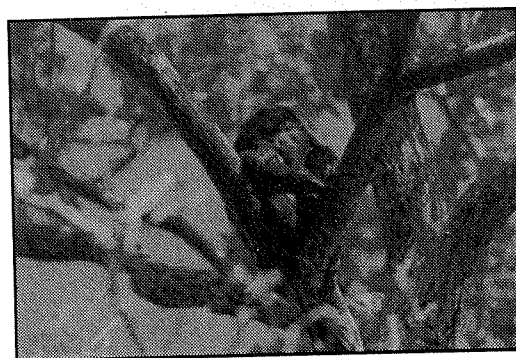
The increasing in privatizing of services and maintenance in parks, without noticeable savings or increased quality.

How local government and non-government entities (mayors, council members and the Mafia) exert pressures on protected area management and policy.

During a session that recapped a ranger survey the IRF sent out, there wasn't any real consensus on issues, but the questions revealed many of the different concerns rangers have all over the world. Such as: does your employer provide life insurance, can you search and seize weapons (poaching), who can and who would shoot a poacher and is it a good idea to rotate park staff.

Enforcement duties and responsibilities varied. In some African parks and in Argentina there are really dangerous encounters with poachers. Many park wardens in Africa are killed by poachers and in Argentina, the rangers doing anti-poaching patrols look like special military forces (full camo, long guns, shotguns). Many other rangers have no citation authority and can only report to the local authorities violations they observe in their parks.

The most rewarding conversations I had were during meals, between sessions and after hours, when I was able to talk "shop" and swap stories with the other rangers. You know your amongst dedicated park professionals when you: start having long conversations about the benefits of self composting toilets, the best way to deal with gorse and other invasive non-native plants and when you find out that when some rangers work a remote tropical island park (Australia) for a 10 day shift, they get dropped off by boat then swim through the surf to shore on a boogie board towing all of their food, water and equipment in two large waterproof containers.



Howler Monkey

The IRF Congress was a wonderful experience and it is well worth a visit to the many National Parks and private preserves in Costa Rica. Despite the wide variety of cultural and economic differences, we realized that we encounter similar problems and obstacles in the job place, yet the rewards and satisfaction of being guardians of protected areas is what brought us all together in Costa Rica. Start saving your money, as the next IRF Congress will be held in South Africa in two years!

—Kevin Joe, State Park Ranger I, Mendocino Sector



## Hot August Signs (Continued from page 5)

State Indian Museum in Sacramento. We set up an exhibit table with animal pelts of various types, furs used by California Indians, including rabbit, fox, bear, and sea otter. A sign in large letters read: "Please DO Touch."

Museums are doing this kind of thing, more and more. Letting people handle and touch some objects, because the sense of touch is another way to learn. Most museum artifacts have to be protected from such wear and tear, though, so most of us have been trained since childhood to keep hands off.

A mother and daughter (perhaps six years old) were looking at the furs, which were draped invitingly at child height. The girl reached out. Her mother said, "No. Don't touch."

I was nearby and overheard, so I came over and said, "See the sign?" This was a new exhibit; I wanted to be sure the label was placed where it would be read.

Mom saw it, but thought I was jumping in to reinforce HER mistaken message. "Yes," she said, pointing out each word for her daughter: "Please...Don't...Touch."

I was suddenly very intrigued. I could have straightened this out in just a few words, but the scientist in me needed to experiment. I said, "Wait a second; read it again, please?"

Again, pointing to each word in turn, (but not seeing them), she read: "Please. Don't. Touch."

I pointed to the second word, which was purposely bigger than the other two on the label, and reread the message for them. "Please DO Touch. We want you to feel these furs. Go ahead. The sea otter is so soft."

The change I made later that day to that sign was to remove "DO." "Please Touch," it turned out, was perceived more accurately. The extra word transformed itself irresistibly into "Don't" in some minds. Brains prefer to travel familiar memory tracks, rather than

really see something unexpected.

Last weekend I filled out a form to request replacements for sandblasted, sunfaded, or stolen signs. I found myself considering another way to address our soft sandy road "problem." Remember those old highway advertisements that were a series of rhymed messages, one after another? Can you picture, every few yards along a sandy jeep trail, this message?:

"Warning, Loose Sand"

"This Message IS For YOU"

"4-Wheel Drive Only"

"You Won't Make It With 2"

"Turn Around Now!"

"Believe Us! It's True!"

"Oh Well, We Warned You"

"For A Towtruck Call 555-2222"

*(That is not the real number for local towing, but it rhymed nicely.)*

Don't worry. You'll never see that message, or that many signs along our primitive roads at Mono Lake. But, where needed, some posting will continue. Pay attention, please. We're trying to help.

### CSPRA Withdraws From Planning and Conservation League

The CSPRA Board of Directors voted to withdraw membership from the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) Board at the September CSPRA Board meeting in Sacramento.

In the recent past the philosophies of CSPRA and PCL have grown apart, and both organizations have begun working independently of each other. PCL's philosophy has been to pursue initiatives designed to seek acquisition of land, with minimal benefit to State Parks. CSPRA has chosen to concentrate on the infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs within California's State Parks.

One of the original reasons for CSPRA to join PCL was to have a presence in the legislature, however part of CSPRA's growth as an organization has led to the  
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## Withdrawal from PCL (Continued from page 9)

employment of Lobbyist Cliff Berg. With an independent legislative presence in Sacramento, CSPRA felt it was important to concentrate on issues solely affecting California's State Parks. By concentrating on these issues, the CSPRA Board feels that we will be better serving the needs and interests of our members with the resources available.

CSPRA will continue to work in conjunction with PCL on future issues that involve California's State Parks.

### Letters

November 8, 1997  
Jerry Meral, Executive Director  
Planning and Conservation League  
926 J Street Room 612  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Jerry,

I am writing in regard to your response to CSPRA's request to cancel our membership and withdraw from our position on the PCL Board of Directors.

CSPRA is thankful for the relationship we have had with PCL, and the board's decision to withdraw from PCL was made after much discussion and soul searching. I greatly appreciated the meeting that we had earlier this year, and sincerely wish to be able to work with PCL on future issues that directly affect California's State Parks. The CSPRA Board has simply reached the decision that a formal relationship with PCL is not currently in the best interest of our members and organizational goals.

I would like to make it clear that we are not disappointed or angry with anyone at PCL or the direction that PCL has gone. We have enjoyed working with PCL, however our respective organizations have grown in different directions. We no longer share common needs and goals, therefore we have begun working independently. One of the major reasons for CSPRA joining PCL was to gain a voice in the legisla-

tive arena. As part of our growth as an organization we now independently have a legislative presence and we are focusing our efforts solely on behalf of the State Park System. We wish to continue our direction of professional growth toward better meeting member needs with the resources available.

While I appreciate your offer to meet with the CSPRA Board, I do not believe it is necessary at this time. The CSPRA Board stands behind its decision to withdraw from PCL.

We would like to extend our best wishes to everyone at PCL, and we look forward to working with you on future issues involving State Parks.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Nakaji  
President

cc: Janet Cobb

November 8, 1997  
Janet Cobb, President  
Planning and Conservation League  
926 J Street Room 612  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Cobb,

Per my letter to you dated September 29, 1997, and my letter to Jerry Meral dated November 8, 1997, the CSPRA Board of Directors stands behind its decision to withdraw from the PCL Board of Directors and cancel our membership with PCL.

Please send a refund for our two board seats and the remaining three quarters of membership to:

CSPRA  
PO Box 292010  
Sacramento, CA 95829-2010

We wish you well, and look forward to working with PCL in the future on issues that affect California's State Parks.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Nakaji  
President

## District Reps

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>FAX</u>
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Crossman, J	Angeles Inland	805 945-1323		805 940-7327
Edgemon, C	Bay Area-Coast	415 726-8800	415 879-2025	415 726-0668
Nielson, C.	Bay Area-Inland	510 837-2525		
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Robinson, R.	Channel Coast	805 654-5301	805 654-0895	805 654-4667
Zemon, J	Colorado	619 767-5311		
Stokes, M	Four Rivers	209 826-1196	209 632-1627	209 826-1196
Simmons, K.	Gold Rush Dist	916 445-7387		916 327-5655
Redoble, J	Los Lagos	760 389-2303	760 389-0099	760 389-2401
Whitehead, M	Marin	415 435-5390	415 435-3082	415 435-5390
Moffat, W	Monterey	408 667-2315		
Nelson, D	Northern Buttes	916 225-2065	916 246-4070	916 225-2038
Jones, R	North Coast	707 946-2409	707 725-4920	707 441-5737
Serpa, J	Orange Coast	714 496-6172	714 493-0773	
Vacant	Pismo Dunes	805 473-7230		
Joe, K	Russ-Mendocino	707 937-5804	707 877-3592	707 937-2593
Broderick, K.	Russ-Mendocino	707 847-3286	707 785-3432	
Kerbavaz, J	So Srvs Cntr	619 220-5357	619 575-6913	619 298-6241
Vacant	San Diego Coast			
Nakaji, S	San Joaquin	209 822-2332	209 822-6420	209 822-2319
Knapp, E	San Luis Obispo	805 772-7434	805 927-3516	805 541-4799
Van Schmus, J	San Simeon	805 927-2020	805 772-9648	805 927-2031
Oka, S.	Santa Cruz	408 338-8861	408 336-0822	408 335-7091
Lindsey, T	Sierra	916 525-7232		916 525-6730
Nixon, V.	Silverado	707 279-4293	707 279-7713	707 279-0401

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

## Do You Know Someone Who Is Retiring? Then Order Their Plaque Now!

Yes, CSPRA provides a plaque for each member when they retire if a friend, supervisor, spouse or even the employee themselves will let us know the following:

Name to appear on plaque: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years employed by DPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employee would like to be remembered on the plaque as a Ranger, Superintendent or: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send plaque to CSPRA member \_\_\_\_\_ for presentation on \_\_\_\_\_ The address the plaque should be sent to is: \_\_\_\_\_

The new address for the retiree is: \_\_\_\_\_

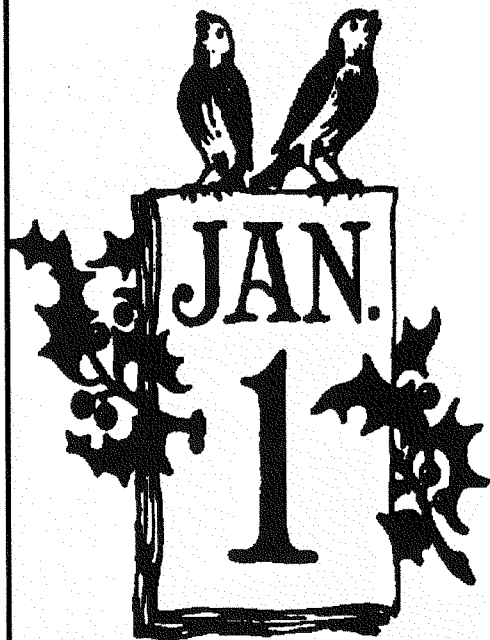
## CSPRA Finances

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Balance  
\$1,249.40

General  
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Balance  
\$3,352.44

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### CSPRA Calendar

Ballots must be  
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Honorary  
Member  
Nominations  
Deadline  
**12/31/97**

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**3/9-12/98**

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