



# NEWSLETTER

California State Park Rangers Association

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## Board Evaluates Goals

by Jeff Price

Since the 1997 Park Conference, CSPRA's Officers and Board of Directors felt a need to update and more clearly define organizational focus, especially with several park related bond and initiative proposals on the table.

CSPRA's Board met in Sacramento on September 11th to discuss, prioritize and evaluate organizational goals for the next year, give the Board a better sense of direction, and to work on short term goals.



Jill Dampier, CSPRA's President-Elect, facilitated the Board's goal-setting session.

The six hour session, facilitated by Jill Dampier, began with a review of our (Continued on page 3)

## California Parks Conference

The 1998 California Parks Conference will be in San Luis Obispo this March 9th through the 12th. Mike Curry is the conference chair and will be scheduling a planning meeting soon. Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's conference should contact Mike Curry at La Purisima Mission SHP (805) 733-3713. If you can't help with the planning, but have some ideas on topics you would like to see presented or speakers whom you would find interesting, please drop him a line.

## Nominations Committee Update

Nominations are still being sought for the two year positions of Director on the CSPRA board and for president-elect. The nominations committee will be meeting on October 2nd, at 2:00 PM at the Mott Training Center. All members are encouraged to attend if you can. Nominations will be accepted until November 11th. Contact Joanne Kerbavaz or Dave Nelson (info on back page of this newsletter) or Jonathan Williams at the Mott Training Center to nominate someone or with questions.

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## Presidents Message

by Scott Nakaji

CSPRA currently has 563 members. In March of 1992 we had 698 members. I can think of many reasons for such a decline in membership, most notably attrition, the fallout from reorganization, and fewer new hires, just to name a few. Unfortunately, it has become a trend. Many members who have supported CSPRA for years are retiring, and fewer new employees have joined the organization. In one of the more recent cadet classes only 6 out of 37 cadets signed up.

How many people  
do I know that  
aren't members?

I am thankful for the members that we do have. I feel that I can depend on members throughout the state to act on behalf of CSPRA to further the cause of promoting professionalism in California's State Parks. Recently, the State Legislature was considering Senate Bill 1356, which would have changed the name of Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds to Fred Farr Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds. CSPRA notified members who are constituents of the bill's author (McPherson) and several wrote letters of opposition. The bill was eventually pulled.

Perhaps you can  
motivate some-  
body to join  
CSPRA, to support  
us in achieving the  
highest goals and  
ideals of our pro-  
fession.

Another thing that surprised me when I became active in CSPRA is how many people I knew throughout the Department who were not members. Now, I believe that everyone should have the option of choosing whether or not to belong, but I must say I find it disappointing that we are suffering from declining support when we are trying to do so much good for all those involved in State Parks. As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Every man owes some of his time to the upbringing of the profession to which he belongs."

Throughout my career I have heard that CSPRA is an organization that doesn't do anything. I can assure you, historically and presently, that is not the case. Look at the huge success of the Save Bodie Committee. Thanks to the hard work and endless hours put in by people such as Donna Pozzi, Bodie State Historic Park was saved from mining interests, and it will live on, providing enjoyment for present and future generations. Currently you have a very active and motivated board that is working on several projects and ideas for the benefit of CSPRA members. CSPRA is becoming more visible, and we have new resources to help us be even more effective.

I know I'm preaching to the choir, but my hope is for people to realize just how many non-members there are out there, people that we all know, like, and work with. I want everyone to ponder this question: How many people do I know that aren't members?

Perhaps you can motivate somebody to join CSPRA, to support us in achieving the highest goals and ideals of our profession.

## 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**

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## Embassy Suites Hotel To Host '98 Conference by Susan Grove

March 9 - 12 will be here before we know it so it's time to start planning for the 1998 California Parks Conference. I headed up the conference site selection and I'm very excited about the '98 location. The conference committee, headed up by Mike Curry, is busily planning the ump-teen sessions and activities as I write this and a good time is guaranteed. The setting is beautiful San Luis Obispo. SLO is a quaint college town, chock full of coffee houses and the terrific SLO Brewing Company. A stroll through the downtown area, located only one mile from our hotel, reveals many unique shops, eateries, an historic library and mission, all situated very attractively around a meandering creek flowing through the middle.

Room rates in '98 will be \$79.00/night single or double. The double rate is the same as the '97 rate at the Sheraton in Concord. This rate is for a suite; the rooms consist of a bedroom (with phone and TV), a full bath, a mini-kitchen (with refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker) and a living room (with sofa-bed, and its own phone and TV). A full, cooked-to-order breakfast is included in the room rate, as well as complimentary cocktails each evening during the happy hour. Since two dinners (the banquet and a lavish welcome reception) and one luncheon will be included in the conference registration cost, most of your meals will be paid for. Bring something to "nuke" for the remaining dinner and lunch, and the whole thing becomes very affordable indeed.

The Embassy Suites hotel also features an indoor swimming pool, two outdoor and one indoor jacuzzi/spa tubs, an exercise room, a beautiful atrium and attractive meeting rooms. If you find a little time on your hands between sessions, wander into the shopping mall that is connected to the hotel from the atrium! Yep, this conference has something for everyone and it's taking place in a setting (and in a price range) that's tough to beat. See you there!

## Board Goals (Continued from page 1)

organizational identity, deciding what we do and what we want to provide members, our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for the short term. Priorities were crystalized from these brainstormed lists into summary lists identifying the future role and direction for CSPRA. The next step will be to share this information with the membership and set up a method to accomplish those goals selected.

Interestingly, some of the items listed as CSPRA's strengths may also be listed as organizational weaknesses. For example, having members living in every corner of the state gives us an advantage in developing a voting constituent base, however, being spread out also makes it difficult to meet, share information or work together as a team.



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CSPRA Board Members at September Board meeting (from left) David Collins, Joanne Kerbavaz, Nick Franco, President Scott Nakaji, Jill Dampier, Susan Grove, and Jeff Price)

In one specific area, it was clear that CSPRA is in a position to move into a larger political role as an organization, if the will and member support is there. With the addition of our paid legislative advocate, we may very likely be part of the core group that provides grassroots support for a new state park bond appearing on an upcoming ballot.

Your CSPRA District Representative may be contacting you soon with more information on the future of the organization and be asking for immediate reaction, comment and opinion. The Board will also do some direct member opinion polling on CSPRA's direction, goals and objectives after they refine and publish the results of their September organizational review.

# HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price



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Look out, here comes more mixed up statements and tortured comments.

*If it were only true!*

"... and finally he was arrested for being lewd and litigious."

*Snakebit?*

"She really gets me rattled off."

*I can't even guess at this one!*

"It doesn't matter who controls the strings as long as someone is at the wheel."

We should be more careful with the public money than we are with our own.

*... it was a mouth full.*

"I was so upset seeing all those poor people in Calcutta, never knowing where their next meal will come from, practically living a hand to hand existence."

*Tough move from a seated position.*

"Enough of this lax attitude, it's time we all get off our feet."

*Critically color blind.*

"... and with that comment, you now have two yellow marks against you."

*Very hard to say, even harder to do.*

"Did someone just crack the cheese in here?"

## A Word About Money

by Nick Franco

We all hear a lot about revenue these days. I am not going to bemoan the lost innocence of our parks. Is revenue generation good or bad for parks? It can be both. It is all in the approach. As long as we are true to the mission of state parks and the mission of our park unit, then our activities are well within how we should operate our parks. When we cross that line and start looking at revenue and forget about our mission, then that is very bad for parks.

The debate, I think, should not be specifically about revenue, but about how we operate our parks. Our purpose is defined in our mission and does not include profit making. In fact, one of the reasons for the establishment of government comes from society wanting goods and services that cannot be provided by the private sector because they are not profitable. Parks are such a thing. Campgrounds, for example, can be profitable (look at KOA), but not in the larger context of the park setting.

In conjunction with this is the right of the public to expect us to operate as efficiently as possible and not waste public money. In this context, revenue generation within the bounds of our mission is not only acceptable, but beneficial. We should be more careful with the public money than we are with our own. I do believe, however, that we are concentrating almost solely on internal forms of supporting our operations. I believe we need to take a system wide look at external sources of funding to support our mission and not focus entirely on how we can raise money from the individual park units.

The finest example of this is the OHMRV Division. It is self supported through funds supplied by OHV users in the form of gas tax and registration fees. This was done not through the efforts of our department, but rather through the user groups who felt strongly about obtaining a permanent funding source for the parks they use. State parks in general do not have such an (Continued on page 5)

## A Word About Money (Continued from page 4)

organized user group. I believe that organizations like CSPRA and the department itself, however, should make it a higher priority to seek out and promote an external funding source. We cannot and should not be self funding through fees charged at park units. What are your thoughts and how should we approach this?

### Capitol Corner by Jill Dampier

Well, the budget has been signed, and legislators and their staff are taking a short "breather." Status of SB 2 (Thompson) Park and Resources Improvement Bond Act still in suspension in the Appropriations Committee. It will be there until January at which time both houses will look at all bills pertaining to bonds. The question in January is will the bill pass the Assembly, and if so, which ballot will it appear, the June or the November ballot. Cliff Berg and I spoke with Ruth Coleman with Mike Thompson's office the other day. The status of the bill is still tenuous. In short, the bill may pick up "riders" like the Headwaters issue, the NCCP issue, or other special projects in the Assembly. These changes will change the complexion of the bill by increasing the total cost of the bond and/or changing the focus of the bill. In the bill's original form, much care was given to maintaining a balance. Equal share was designated to state parks, local parks and conservancies, etc. The Senate passed the bill in its original form. If the bill is modified in the Assembly, the Senate will have to pass the amendments or revisit the whole bill, depending on the extent of the modifications. The cost of the bill (bond) is "passable" now. It may be harder to "sell" if the cost gets much higher. We will keep you posted.

On October 28th, Assemblymember Machado, Chairperson of the Water and Resources Committee is hosting a hearing on SB 2 for the committee members in Monterey. Cliff Berg and I met with Bethany Knorr, the Legislative Aide in Machado's office that is coordinating the hearing, to find out what we can do to assist with the hear-

ing. Bethany relayed to us that there are several new members on the committee who may not be aware of why state parks need this bond. Scott Nakaji and I will be working with the department and the State Parks Foundation to coordinate an educational effort for the hearing. If you have any good pictures depicting the state of facilities, and/or stories that relate to failing infrastructure stuff, **PLEASE** let us know. We want to be able to paint a vividly accurate picture for the committee.

The last bit of information on SB 2. The State Parks Foundation will be coordinating the funding to support a grassroots effort to get SB 2 on the ballot and then, the bond passed. We will keep you posted on all activities. Your participation is key to running a successful campaign, and we will be asking for your help. This is an opportunity for all of us to show just how much the state parks mean to us, beyond the pay check.

Finally, the rumor is true, PCL has pulled their initiative, California Heritage Endowment Act. Apparently, initial polling was not favorable.

As for now, please take the time to find out what other park-related groups are active in your area. This information will be handy in the next couple of months. A grassroots campaign is dependent on coordinated efforts and public involvement.

### What Do You Want CSPRA To Do For You?

by Nick Franco

When I ask someone to join CSPRA, the question always comes up, "What can CSPRA do for me?" The short answer, of course, is that no one can do anything for anyone unless that person wants to do something. CSPRA can't do anything unless you want to do something. We provide you with opportunities: to go to the annual parks conference, receive training scholarships, exchange ideas through the newsletter, keep you informed about park legislation, and so on.  
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## What Do You Want CSPRA To Do For You? (Continued from page 5)

CSPRA should provide to its members those services that the membership wants. It seems as if the things listed above are what the members want. What else do you want? Call up, write, e-mail or somehow contact any or all of the CSPRA board and let us know what you would like to see CSPRA do for you? There are a wealth of ideas out there that are important and good ideas that would better our park professionalism. Let's hear them.

### A Collection of Nature Quotes Compiled by Susan C. Grove

A nature lover  
is a person who,  
when treed by a  
bear, enjoys the  
view.

—Anonymous—

I enjoy doing calligraphy as a hobby, and as a lover of nature, I often write out quotations about nature and present them as gifts to friends. As I discovered more and more beautiful quotes, I started incorporating them into my interpretive programs. I'll never be as eloquent as John Muir and using his poetic words, and those of other inspirational authors, augments my interpretive message. If you're inclined to begin including quotations in your programs, here's a handy list of some of my favorites. My favorites now include more quotations than can really fit in one article, so stay tuned to the next newsletter for the remainder of the list.

The rain falls upon the earth and grass and flowers come perfectly into form from its liquid. —William Carlos Williams, American Poet—

Nature is the one place where miracles not only happen, but happen all the time.  
—Thomas Wolfe, American Novelist—

The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.  
—Jacques Cousteau, French Marine Explorer—

Nobody, living upon the remotest, most barren crag in the ocean, could complain of a dull landscape so long as he would lift his eyes. In the sky there was a new landscape every minute, in every pool of the sea rocks, a new world.

—T.H. White, English Writer—

Anything that lives where it would seem that nothing could live, enduring extremes of heat and cold, sunlight and storm, parching aridity and sudden cloudbursts.... any such creature, beast, bird, or flowers, testifies to the grandeur and heroism inherent in all forms of life. Including the human. Even in us.

—Edward Abbey, American Writer—

The woods were made for the hunter of dreams, the brooks for the fishes of song.

—Sam Walter, American Writer—

Put three grains of sand inside a vast cathedral, and the cathedral will be more closely packed with sand than space is with stars.

—Sir James Jeans, British Astronomer—

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there's really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

—John Ruskin, English Writer—

Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, is but a succession of changes so gentle and easy that we can scarcely mark their progress.

—Charles Dickens, English Novelist—

In winter, the stars seem to have re-kindled their fires, the moon achieves a fuller triumph, and the heavens wear a look of a more exalted simplicity.

—John Burroughs, American Naturalist—

A nature lover is a person who, when treed by a bear, enjoys the view.

—Anonymous—

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## Nature Quotes

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To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee. One clover, and a bee, and revery. The revery alone will do, if bees are few.

—Emily Dickinson, American Poet—

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

—John Muir, Scottish-born American Naturalist—

## Letters

September 18, 1997  
Donald W. Murphy, Director  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Dear Director Murphy,

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) would like to thank you and the Ranger Study Team for responding to our recommendations and comments pertaining to the Ranger Study. We feel that the subsequent extension of timelines and increased communication have improved the Ranger Study process and allowed reasoned input from field personnel. The addition of field supervisors to the team has also added credibility to the study and further increased communication between the study team and field personnel.

We feel that the timely dissemination of the findings is a critical step in the study process and will further enhance credibility with field personnel. It is especially important that the statistical information and the final report is available to all employees, not just those in the Ranger classification. This step will allow for the validation of facts and will help dispel the rumors that we have seen

occur when communication breaks down.

It is CSPRA's sincere hope that the lines of communication between the Department and field personnel remain open as the completion of the Ranger Study draws near. Hundreds of dedicated employees have invested their time and effort in this study, and they are anxious to know the results of their input.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the completed Ranger Study, and we would be pleased to assist you in disseminating the findings.

CSPRA is dedicated to promoting professionalism throughout the State Park System, for all employees. If we can be of any assistance in future classification studies please let us know.

Respectfully Yours,

Scott S. Nakaji, President

cc: Dick Troy, Ranger Study Team  
CSPRA Newsletter

September 17, 1997

Carl Chavez  
Northern Division Chief  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
P. O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296

Dear Carl,

As you are aware, the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has asked to provide professional input regarding the new DPR patches. We have not been given that opportunity. We would still appreciate the chance to provide input on those criteria which affect the public image of California State Parks.

CSPRA is concerned that a decision made without the input of park professionals may not be well accepted, and is not in the best interest of professional involvement. Uniform patches are a symbol of the profession, and deciding on what that symbol (Continued on page 8)

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should be is a very important decision that should involve all employees. The Uniform Committee has done a good job of organizing the choices and options, but they have not been open to the field input needed to create a strong and lasting selection that every professional in the Department can be proud to wear.

A survey was sent out about a year ago asking for input on how the words should be arranged around the logo on the patch. That is the last that employees heard about the patches. Now that the preliminary decision has been made on the recommended patch design and color, CSPRA suggests the committee provide color photo copies to each district for preview, employee discussion and comment. Simply asking for employee input will go a long way toward creating support for changes in image. If nothing else, the Department will have sent the message that professional input is welcome in matters affecting California State Parks.

Sincerely,

Scott Nakaji, President  
California State Park Rangers Association

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### The Many Voices of the American River by Susan Chittum Grove A River Guide's Interpretive Training Course

The North, Middle, and South Forks of the American River pass through the boundaries of Auburn State Recreation Area (SRA) and Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in northern California's Sierra foothills. All three forks see heavy white-water rafting traffic during the spring and summer months. On a typical early summer weekend, more than five hundred commercial rafts head down the river.

Until the recent past, the rafters arranged their trips directly with the white-water rafting companies and were not nec-

essarily aware that they were within a California state park during their excursion. Nor were they learning anything about the rich natural and human history of the river canyons from their guides. The company guides were hired for their white-water expertise, not their knowledge of the area.



Ranger Rich Silva, who has acted for six years as the liaison between the approximately forty rafting companys and the California state park, felt that an incredible interpretive opportunity was being missed. It was logistically impossible for the small staff of five rangers to give programs for the vast number of boats and rafters on the three forks. But why not train each summer's rafting guides in the basics of interpretation and the area's history and encourage them to give informal programs during the five to ten hours they spend with their tourist paddlers?

In June 1993, Silver and Auburn State Recreation Area's staff initiated a new cooperative program, training the first group of white-water guides in the basics of interpretation. Now in its fourth summer, the program has been enthusiastically received and has been expanded to welcome local teachers.

Silver is in close contact with a representative from each of the forty companies that guide rafts on the river due to the permit process the companies go through. He approached the representatives with his idea. The training would be optional for all guides. The guides—or their sponsoring companies—would have to pay their own way. The cost would reflect the actual costs incurred; California State Parks would make no profit. The companies expressed interest, and Silver started planning.

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## Rafting

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The staff at Auburn SRA started the planning process by making a list of topics that could and should be interpreted on the river. The topics included interpretive techniques, hydrology, geology, botany, mining history, Native American history and culture, astronomy, birds, mammals, fish, and the California Water Project. All the foregoing would be covered only in terms of their relation to the American River. The staff then set out to find experts in these fields who would agree to rafting with the group and giving their presentation on the river. Some experts were found among the employees of California State Parks. Others included local teachers, university professors, authors, and historians. All were agreeable to the rafting trip and willing to give their presentation for a modest fee or at no charge. The program was titled "The Many Voices of the American River." The "voices" would be the fifteen to twenty presenters enlisted to help with the program as well as the voices of the animals, plants, and features of the river.

A schedule was drafted, and meals were planned. Food was purchased en masse for the entire group, and the participants themselves would take turns doing the cooking. All were experienced in preparing meals on the river as part of their guide duties. The schedule has evolved to generally adhere to the following sequence. Orientation, registration, and introductions take place the evening before the first day on the river. Packets containing a schedule and supplemental information are distributed to the participants. Early the next morning, rafts supplied by one of the companies are loaded with groceries and camping gear, and the group pushes off. The participants, most of whom are skilled white-water guides, take turns guiding the boats. Presenters raft as part of the group and stop the entourage to give their presentation along the shore and to point out features on the river. Camp is established in late afternoon, with dinner, practice presentations from the guides, and a professional program filling the evening.

Two of the three forks are rafted over a four

day period. Van transportation, supplied by the California State Parks system and one of the rafting companies, is provided between the takeout and the second put-in. Between rafting the two forks, the group is also taken on a tour of a historic powerhouse located along the river. Logistics are handled by behind-the-scenes state park staff. Fresh food must be brought to the second put-in. Presenters who cannot stay for the entire trip must be transported in and out of the canyon at specific locations.

Impressively, the program has grown from the original twenty-five participants in 1993 to the fifty participants in the 1996 summer season. In 1996, participation was expanded to include local teachers. The teachers will share their new appreciation for the river with their students, teaching about its value and features.

The participants fill out a program evaluation during the last afternoon on the river. A discussion of high and low points also takes place. Guides have stated that they had been embarrassed in the past when they were unable to answer questions about the river. As yet, no further evaluation has taken place at the end of the summer rafting season to ascertain the extent to which guides interpret the river after receiving training. Many of the trained guides have informally reported feeling an increased level of confidence and enthusiasm in sharing their newly acquired training with their clients. An unexpected benefit of the program has been that several guides have been inspired to make career changes toward education, interpretation, and natural science, whereas teachers are restructuring their curriculum to include river themes.

Implementation of the program has become smoother with practice. Through participant evaluations, the schedule has been altered slightly each year to include more of one topic or less of another. The network of presenters has also expanded, greatly alleviating panic when a strategic presenter is unavailable for that summer.

Development of "The Many Voices of the American River" has resulted in establishing or improving relationships

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## Rafting

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among the many people who enjoy or work on the American River. Ranger Silver and the Auburn SRA staff are no longer exposed to just one representative from each commercial rafting company but, rather, to the numerous guides who provide the frontline contact to the companies' customers and the park's visitors. The guides have an opportunity to get to know their counterparts from other companies and also gain an understanding of the mission of California State Parks. The staff of Auburn SRA has also gained support for the mission of California state parks from among the ever-increasing network of presenters.

Through "The Many Voices of the American River," California State Parks has reached multitudes of visitors that it would not have reached otherwise. Thanks to the efforts the ranger, maintenance, administrative, and seasonal staff of Auburn SRA and the expertise of about twenty presenters, fifty professional river guides and thirty local teachers have now been through the training. In turn, they have shared their knowledge with thousands of rafting park visitors and motivated them to learn more

Donna Pozzi, the Save Bodie! Committee, and CSPRA were recognized for leading the save Bodie effort.

### 1998 California Parks Conference Natural Resources

The natural resources committee is conducting a survey to determine what topics you would like covered at the 1998 CSPRA/PRAC Conference in San Luis Obispo next March.

We've listed a few ideas — please rate them in order of importance to you. We've also left lots of room for your ideas. If you have a topic or speaker suggestion please list them below or give me a call.

- \_\_\_\_ Oak Woodlands Management
- \_\_\_\_ Trends in Star Thistle Management

- \_\_\_\_ Re-introduction of Native Grasses
- \_\_\_\_ Resource Maintenance Management Plans
- \_\_\_\_ Overview of Current Zoonotic Disease Issues (ie: Plague, Hantavirus, Lyme Disease)
- \_\_\_\_ Hazard Tree Assessment/Management Planning
- \_\_\_\_ Feral Pig Management/Abatement Strategies
- \_\_\_\_ Update on New Herbicides and Pesticides
- \_\_\_\_ Physical/Chemical Restraint of Wildlife

Please include your thoughts on a separate piece of paper.

## Bodie Rededication

Over 100 people gathered on the bluff overlooking the town of Bodie on the morning of September 12th to rededicate this exquisite ghost town. It was the 35th anniversary of the original dedication.

Carl Chavez, who started his DPR career at Bodie, was the Master of Ceremonies and told of his family's experiences there. Speakers included Donna Pozzi, Bob Macomber and Donald Murphy and five others who represented the Mono County Board of Supervisors, Eastern Sierra Citizens for the Protection of Bodie, American Land Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service.

Everyone who helped save Bodie including the acquisition of the lands that were proposed for mining was recognized.

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A luncheon and tours of the mill as well as the newly acquired 500+ acres followed the ceremonies.

## District Reps

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Broderick, K.	Russ-Mendocino	707 847-3286	707 785-3432	
Kerbavaz, J	So Srvc Cnter	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	408 338-2935	408 338-7914	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:

## CSPRA Finances

Checking  
Balance  
\$966.28

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Savings  
Balance  
\$3,326.87

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Next Board  
Meeting 10/28  
McDowell Bldg  
Old Sac  
0930 —

Cal Parks  
Conference  
3/9-12/98

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