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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



KEVIN W. BUCHANAN
CSPRA President

It is amazing how quickly things can change. We have gone from a period of budget surpluses that allowed our Department to grapple with the backlog of deferred maintenance and fill positions that had long been in salary savings, to a huge state budget deficit. In spite of our most recent cutbacks in staffing and services, the visiting public continues to come smiling and eager to visit California State Parks. We have a unique opportunity to see most of our visitors at their best, away on vacation, a trip of discovery, and an opportunity to leave the hustle and bustle of everyday life behind.

As park professionals, we have the opportunity to work in some of the most beautiful places in the state. We have the opportunity in our careers to do work that leaves a legacy for future generations to come. The preservation and protection of our natural resources, such as the recent accomplishment in the acquisition of Coal Canyon, illustrates an example of a legacy that we can leave those who will replace us. Through our work, we have the opportunity to inspire people to develop an appreciation for California history, in addition to providing for historical preservation. Through our public safety efforts, we protect the resources within the parks, as well as those who visit them.

It is easy to lose perspective, when we are faced with these tough fiscal times. We are once again being asked to do more with less. The battle to gain additional personnel (PY's) when the economy was generating budget surpluses was unsuccessful. We have been unsuccessful at developing a secure funding source for our budget, leaving us to the mercy of shifts in the political or economic arena. Crime is up in parks, which means that State Park Peace Officers are dealing more and more with the worst side of our park visitors.

We must remind ourselves that it is easy to dwell on the negative aspects of what is currently happening, yet there are more good things that outweigh the bad. The public still visits our parks with smiles on their faces, thinking we have the best jobs in the world. The public has supported us, passing the last two park bonds that have been on the ballot. We have been successful in the political arena through our lobbying efforts, stopping initiatives that would lead to further deterioration of the integrity of our parks. Through partnerships with organizations that support State Parks, we were successful in preventing an extension on the lease for El Morro Trailer Park (AB 2190), at Crystal Cove SB (see p. 9). Through the efforts of dedicated park professionals such as Chief Ranger Jeff Price, we have continued to oppose off-leash dogs throughout our parks. Most recently Janet Carle stepped up to take over publishing the Wave, continuing to provide a high quality newsletter, when Noah Martin's career demanded too much of his time.

We are still fighting to pass legislation to prevent State Park lands from being condemned to build roads or ball fields, yet no land has been condemned to date since such legislation was proposed, through our efforts.

With the changing political climate we have a better chance of passing legislation that would prevent state

Got Five Minutes?

JOHN KNOTT
Sierra District Superintendent

If you like multi-tasking, a job in a district office is fantastic! On any given day you might find it necessary to change focus dramatically. One minute you are a budget analyst, project evaluator, advanced planner, public speaker, fund raiser, labor relations expert, equipment manager, land manager, community relations expert, concession negotiator, fortune teller, therapist, etc. etc. etc.

Our district is comprised of 15 + units geographically spread over 200 miles. In this recap we will work our way from south to north.

Right now, in addition to our "normal" work here is what's happening in the Sierra District:

Mono Lake – Ongoing negotiations on the relicted lands issues. In a nutshell, the issue is who owns the exposed lands when the lake goes down. This local issue has a life of its own and in one form or another has been controversial for over 50 years. Like many issues that appear to be local, the outcome could have repercussions on other similar issues throughout the state.

Bodie State Historic Park – Preservation efforts are ongoing in this uniquely beautiful and historically important unit. Our task of preserving the site in a condition of arrested decay makes for interesting challenges. Currently we are collaborating with staff from Sacramento on the correct care for our one of a kind historic wagon collection.

Washoe Meadows State Park – Final stages of completion on the restoration of a major quarry site. This is funded by the Tahoe Conservancy and phase one brought fill material into

the site and re-contoured the slope. The material was available due to a wetland restoration project that was being accomplished adjacent to Tahoe Keys. Phase two, re-vegetation, will be completed this year.

Van Sickle Property – This project, located at State Line on the south shore of Lake Tahoe, has been in the works for about a year and will require care and feeding for another 3 to 5 years before completion. We are working with Nevada State Parks and the Tahoe Conservancy to create a joint State Park and connecting parkway from Myers through South Shore to a future campground located in Nevada. The final piece of property has been purchased and the planning process is beginning. To date, all funding has come from the Conservancy and Nevada State Parks.

Lake Valley State Recreation Area – Working with our concessionaire, Lake Valley Golf Course (one of the highest revenue-producing concessions in the system) to make this location a national model for environmentally friendly golf course management. The first step is Audubon Certification for the operation.

Emerald Bay State Park – Work continues on fundraising and necessary repair of the Vikingsholm. This project, a cooperative effort of the State Park Foundation and State Parks, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to date and resulted in the accomplishment of significant restoration to this magnificent historic location.

Sugar Pine Point State Park – A 2.2 million major capitol outlay project (MCOP) to rehabilitate the day use area at Sugar Pine Point. This project is moving into the construction phase



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this summer. Anyone who has worked on a MCOP knows that there is a great deal of work that takes place before construction begins. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions in the Sierra, construction work needs to take place in the summer months. Managing visitor activities in and around this popular location will be challenging.

Truckee River Outlet – Another MCOP. At the completion of a 30-year lease, this summer we will be demolishing two popular local restaurants and returning the site to a more park-like condition with public open spaces, a bike path, picnic sites and interpretive stations. Guiding this through the public process has been exciting for the staff involved!

Bristlecone Site – This is a 14 million dollar joint project, currently in the planning/public meeting phase, between State Parks and the University of California, Davis, to build the

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Projects and Opportunities

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Tahoe Environmental Research Center on park property and locate our Resource Management Team along with UC's Research Team at this location. The synergy of this relationship should be outstanding!

Burton Creek State Park – General Plan completion is underway. This project, accomplished with district staff, will produce a general plan for this 2,000 acre unit located on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. Due to the sensitivity of this area virtually everything that we propose for this site is potentially controversial.

Kings Beach State Recreation Area – 1 million dollar project to plan and construct a replacement for existing pier. Since the new pier needs to be three times the length of the old version to be effective, the project has raised a number of regulatory issues within the Tahoe Basin. The project is funded by the California Tahoe Conservancy, designed by private engineering firm, contract administration by General Services, operated by the local North Tahoe Public Utility District, owned by the State Parks and administered by Sierra District. Additionally, with Prop 12 funding, this summer will see the replacement of existing restrooms at this unit.

Donner Memorial State Historic Park – General Plan completion is in process with presentation to the State Parks Commission this fall.

Donner Memorial State Historic Park – A 2,000 acre acquisition is in progress. Phase 1 with associated public meeting and Public Works Board meeting, etc. was completed recently. Phase two is anticipated for completion by winter 2002.

– A 2.1 million dollar project to

replace five existing restrooms within this unit. Construction to take place over the next 12 months.

High Sierra Crossing Museum – This is a joint project between a private company and Parks to relocate the Donner Memorial Museum on land adjacent to the existing park unit. Components of the project include the completion of a new General Plan for the park, acquisition of the new museum site, museum and site planning, completion of environmental documents, establishing volunteer support organizations, etc. Grand opening is approximately 5 years out. Current funding includes a 3.1 million TEA Grant and approximately 1 million in private matching funds. Additional grant writing and fund raising is ongoing.

"...the oldest downhill ski mountain in California."

Plumas Eureka State Park – Plumas Ski Hill is the oldest downhill ski moun-

tain in California. We are in the process of identifying needed upgrades to the facility and determining if there is a local organization capable of operating the hill in the future.

Other – We are preparing to host the October State Parks Commission meeting here at Tahoe.

All of the above and all the other activities that make up our work load within this district are accomplished within a team context. As a group, I have the pleasure of working with an incredibly talented and dedicated staff of professionals. At times my assignment is more as *cheerleader* than manager.

Based on my 30 years of service, four times holding the job of District Superintendent, twice working as a Division Chief in H.Q., I'd say that every district could easily produce a similar list of on-going projects and issues. Being "in the field" is quite a ride!

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Parks Conference 2003

Lake Tahoe

by Kevin Buchanan

The planning process for the 2003 Park Conference is already well underway. The Embassy Suites located at South Lake Tahoe will play host to what is being billed as the biggest and best Park Conference ever. Located on the State Line, there are opportunities for numerous activities to keep the whole family entertained. The conference planning team is working on packages for snow skiing, snowshoe and cross-country skiing, dinner cruises on the lake, sport fishing and lessons in casino gaming. A field trip to Vikingsholm is in the works, along with many others that are in the early stages of planning.

The theme for this year's conference is "Honor the Past, Imagine the Future, Enjoy the Journey". A dedicated team of park professionals is already hard at work lining up top-notch career track programs in park maintenance, public safety, interpretation and resource management. Additionally, package deals are being negotiated to extend the conference room rates for those who wish to take a longer vacation, whether arriving early or staying late. Mark your calendars for March 31st through April 2nd 2003.

New Editor's Note

It has been a real learning experience putting together this first of "my" newsletters. Huge thanks to Noah Martin for his unflagging advice, Dave Carle for his computer genius, and Kevin Buchanan for his encouragement and responsiveness to emails. Our plan is to feature a District every issue, starting with the Sierra, my home for the last 20 years. The next issue will focus on Colorado District-- we figure you'll have time to write during the summer!



SIERRA DISTRICT

Mono Lake Update

by Janet Carle, State Park Ranger

The State Water Board made an historic decision in 1994 to reduce Los Angeles' diversions of Mono Lake's tributary streams and allow the lake to return to its 1963 level, a 17-foot rise (though still 25 feet below its 1941 elevation). The wet winters of the late 1990's, immedi-

Eared Grebe migrants seem to be recovering from a devastating die-off at the Salton Sea a few years ago (the Sea is their next stop after leaving Mono Lake). This spring's grebe numbers were the biggest we have seen in years.

In June, our first Bird Chatauqua was held -- a multi-day festival of bird walks, talks and tours around the lake coordinated by State Parks, the Forest Service, the Mono Lake Committee



ately following that decision, raised the lake 8 feet, to the level it had been in 1972. It reached a high point after the El Nino winter of 1998-99. But with winter snow-packs below normal during the last 3 winters, the lake has now lost almost 3 feet from its recent high stand. This spring's snowmelt saw the lake creeping up slowly, but it will lose all of that and more during the summer and fall.

The breeding gull colony is still mostly on the islets that the birds retreated to when their primary nesting site, Negit Island, was land-bridged around 1980. Cornell University researchers report a good population this year, with numbers close to the breeding success in recent years. About 50,000 adults come over from the coast every year, producing about 30,000 young birds.

and the Audubon Society.

One of the biggest projects in the State Reserve was construction of a new boardwalk trail on the north shore of the lake last year. The old trail was removed by the District trail crew and a new, handicapped-accessible boardwalk and birding platform was constructed. Visitors have been enjoying the enhanced views and birding opportunities. The birds seem to think the humans are nicely corralled. Nesting avocets, ducks, and geese now put on a great show, quite close to the viewing platform. A side-benefit has been that the raised boardwalk encourages visitors to stay on the trail.

All in all, Mono Lake has had a good year, and the rising lake level seems to be good for ducks, geese, brine shrimp and the visitors. Now all we need is a series of good winters!

Maintaining Bodie: "Arrested Decay"

GRAHAM PAYNE
*Maintenance Mechanic
Bodie State Historic Park*

Back in its heyday, 1879 through 1881, Bodie had a population of approximately 10,000 residents. Streets were lined with houses from one end of Bodie bowl to the other. Saloons, stores, hotels and houses of ill repute thrived with the popularity of GOLD. Then in 1899, fire struck and destroyed the mill.

The town had already seen a decline in residents and was struggling to get back to its original population. Then in 1932, fire struck again and destroyed most of town leaving only what stands today.

Bodie is a true ghost town frozen in time, a town being tested by the elements. Temperatures range from the mid-nineties in the summer to minus 30 and lower in the winter months. Winds average between 3 and 15 MPH but can reach 75-100 MPH. Rainfall is sparse in the summer months but thunderstorms can drop up to 1 inch of rain or hail at a moment's notice in just minutes. Winter snowfall can range from 2 feet to 6 feet. Even though the park is open year round, Caltrans closes the road at the junction of US 395 and State Route 270 when the first big snow hits and clears it only when the weather begins to cooperate. Access to the park during these months is via snow cat, snowmobile or by skiing or snowshoeing.

The rest of the year is when the

stabilization crews do their job. Under the direction of Maintenance Chief Karl Knapp, Park Maintenance Supervisor Steve Moses, and Maintenance Mechanic Graham Payne, the crews work to keep Bodie intact for future generations. The first task in the long process is to classify which buildings are in the most need of repair. Is the building in the process of falling down, is it a safety hazard for park visitors or is it a building that

back to Bodie and it is time to begin the work.

Under the direction of Judy Polanich (Museum Curator), Karen Feischl gets to work classifying and moving items out of the building for safe-keeping. Before the crews begin their work, they are briefed on what has to be done to the building: repair perimeter foundation, repair sections of flooring, stabilize and



BEFORE...

renail walls, re-glaze the windows and rework the roof. Photos of the building are again pulled and copies are made for the crews to have on site along with the blueprints.

Bodie was purchased by the State back in 1962 and that is the magic year as to what we do to the buildings. We cannot take a building back further and we cannot change from what it was without completing CEQA's, 5024s and a whole list of other required documents.

The building is then cordoned off

has great significance to the park? Once this is done, Department Architects from Sacramento come out and measure beams, joists, building elevations and whatever else is left of the building. They try to puzzle them back together the way they think the building looked, using historic photos and what is left on the ground. Once they have taken their measurements, they take all the information back to Sacramento to draw up blueprints. When completed, they are mailed

versus “Restoration”

and the work begins. Crew Coordinator James Anthony and Crew leader Tommy Armbruster organize the crews. Tools and materials are brought to the job site and the work begins. Crews get under the structures and jack them up to remove old rotted beams and replace them if necessary. Materials used are of the same kind as the original. As much of the existing material is used as possible. If it cannot be used because it is too rotten, a similar piece is found or one is made up. Lumber is purchased from the California Department of Forestry Conservation Camp. Their inmates cut lumber to 24-foot lengths and truck them to Bodie. We order lumber in shipments of 10-20,000 board feet at a time and store it onsite.

Lumber back in Bodie days was true lumber. A 2X4 was 2" X 4". A 1X12 was 1" X 12." Today, a 2X4 is actually 1½ X 3½ inches.

Once the perimeter foundation has been completed, it is lowered back down. When the walls are completed, on to the next, and so forth, until the house is complete.

In addition to “like” lumber being used, nails must be alike also. If square nails were used, then they have to be reused or like ones taken from stock. Any nail used in the park has to be un-coated so it rusts. Coated or galvanized nails were not around back when Bodie was built.

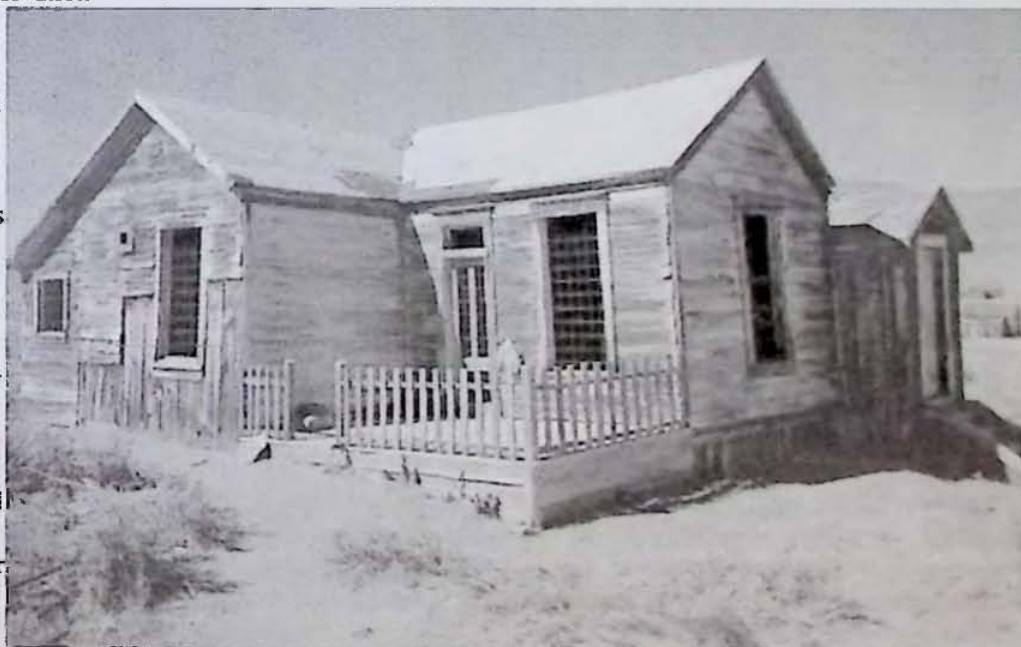
The roofs can pose a difficult task. Most roofs on the buildings being stabilized have fallen in or blown off. Crews look at all the different boards to find nail patterns, which tells what the roof fabric was (shingles, shake, rolled or tin). Many buildings were roofed with old tin cans hammered or

pressed together and they must be replicated. Crews look around the area for old tin, which has blown off of the roof. Once they have a basic design of how the tin was put on the roof (by consulting photos), they figure out how much tin will be used. If not enough has been found, they bend tin kept in stock to match. When they have sheets made they hammer it up. This can be a painstaking job and when installing the roofs with ringnail it can be a painful job if you don't pay attention.

Windows are repaired if there were any existing before the project or

did not have glass so they if photos show they once existed. Old are just wired or tinned over to keep visitors from climbing into the buildings. The outside of the building is then cleaned up leaving no sign that work has been done and the crews move on to the next structure.

The buildings of Bodie really give crews a challenge. All wood cuts must be done in the original style. Flooring and other boards must be milled to the way they were made back in the Bodie era. This is a time consuming job and hours are spent at the maintenance yard using routers, saws, and planers.



...and AFTER

photos show that they once existed. Old window frames are cleaned up and oiled and if new mullions are needed they are made. Restoration glass is ordered in bulk from a glass distributor who gets it from a factory in Germany. They make it by rolling it out, giving it the wavy look with the fisheyes. The added glass is cut carefully and installed and then glazed. The windows are then set aside to dry. Once dry they are reinstalled. Some windows

Buildings are not restored to their late 19th century appearance. They are stabilized to their point of decay in 1962. This could mean roofs sagging and walls looking like they are ready to fall down, but with the skilled work of the stabilization crews, all walls on buildings we work on within the park are sturdy and safe. It takes a special group of people to be able to work on a building and make it totally unsquare.

SIMPLY ENERGY...1999 Honorary Ranger Andrea Mead Lawrence named Greatest Winter Olympian

by JANET CARLE
Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve

Three-time Olympian and CSPRA Honorary Ranger Andrea Mead Lawrence was honored in many ways in this Olympic year. She won the 2001 Havoline Star award, which recognizes US Ski and Snowboard Team alumni who have given back to their communities in meaningful ways. She was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the North American Snowsports Journalists Association. And to top it off, Andrea was named the Greatest Winter Olympian of all time by renowned Olympic filmmaker Bud Greenspan.

Andrea's Olympic career began at age 15 at the 1948 Winter Games in St. Moritz. Her two gold medals, in slalom and giant slalom, were won at the 1952 games in Oslo. In her first run on the slalom course, she caught a ski tip on a gate, spun out and slid below the gate. Andrea climbed back up the hill to get on course, and went on to win her 2nd gold medal with an astonishing final run that bested the field by over 2 seconds. Bud Greenspan described her effort as "the greatest ski race I have ever seen". To this day, Andrea is the only American, either male or female, to win 2 gold medals in alpine skiing. She finished her Olympic career in Cortina in 1956, 6 weeks after delivering her 3rd child. At age 23, she was the veteran of the American team. Asked what drove her competitive spirit, Andrea answered "Simply energy. Early on you learn to control your apprehensions and nervousness, then it is total focus and effort and you just throw yourself away to the moment."

Andrea's considerable energy has been put to good use since the end of



her ski-racing career. She raised 5 children and moved to the Eastern Sierra of California in 1968. Andrea has provided leadership as an advocate for responsible planning and environmental protection, serving 16 years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors. She was instrumental in the effort to preserve Bodie from the threat of modern mining and in the effort to re-water and restore Mono Lake. Andrea also serves on the boards of the Mono Lake Committee and the newly-formed Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and she secured grant money for and helped organize a forum on land use planning in the Sierra last year. The \$10,000 from the Havoline Award went to the Mono Lake Committee and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and the \$2,500 Bud Greenspan/GM award will be donated to the Mono Lake Committee's Outdoor Education Center fund in Andrea's name.

Filmmaker Bud Greenspan, on presenting Andrea with his award at the Salt Lake City Olympic Games, said he chose Andrea not just for her ski racing prowess, but also for what she has done with the rest of her life. That inner force that made her a great skier has also made her a great leader and activist. When asked what she would say to State Park staff in light of the recent hard times and budget cuts, this was her answer. "It is the people who know the area who care the most, and caring means you breathe it in and out every day. I like Aldo Leopold's words... we must learn to think like a mountain... thinking long-term and for the future. The land is our history and our spirit, and those of us whose inner compass has drawn us to these grand places ...these places represent our history and allow us to weave our spirit together again."

What does it take to protect our grand places? Simply energy.

CRYSTAL COVE STATE PARK

Controversy Over Private Use of Public Lands

*by Rich Rozelle, Assoc. P&R
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As we celebrate the passage of recent State Park bond acts and prepare to add new parks to the State Park system, we must not forget that our existing public lands are not always available for public use.

Since the acquisition of the 2,800 acre Crystal Cove State Park in 1979, the El Morro Mobile Home Park has remained in full operation entirely on public parkland. This private, exclusive community which includes 294 beach front and coastal canyon homes has successfully protected their subsidized, coastal lifestyles through a series of lease extensions forced upon State Parks through political maneuvering. These efforts have resulted in State Park's inability to complete resource protection measures and provide public access to the park's spectacular coastal and canyon areas.

The Crystal Cove State Park General Plan was approved in 1982. This general plan reflected then as it does now the public's intent to have full use and access to the El Morro Mobile Home Park area. The plan calls for extensive restoration of the area including removing all mobile homes, the addition of rare coastal sage scrub habitat, the protection of a 5000 + year old archeological site and the naturalization of the channelized portion of El Morro Creek. The plan also provides for a campground, outdoor classroom and trails which for the first time in the park's history will provide the public unobstructed access from the Pacific Ocean to the oak woodlands found in the canyons inland.

For over 23 years any momentum



generated by the public and park managers to implement the El Morro portion of the Crystal Cove State Park General Plan has been stopped by the private interests of the mobile home park. The tenants have used political lobbyist and public relation experts to fight for extensions to their leases each time State Parks begins the necessary planning to implement the general plan.

Two years ago, State Parks identified the El Morro restoration as a "high priority", set aside Prop 12 funds and sent a clear message to the community that the time has come for fully protecting the natural and cultural resources found at El Morro as well as the public's right to access their land. A planning team was formed and contractors were hired to refine the restoration plans. Implementation of the plan is schedule to begin in 2005.

With these actions, it was not surprising the mobile home park interests again began a concerted effort to extend their private use of

these public lands. Last February, the El Morro Mobile Home Park obtained a new friend in Assembly member John Campbell (70th District). Mr. Campbell submitted legislation which would extend the leases at El Morro until 2009 (and possibly longer). His plan would use the "below market" rents from El Morro to fund a separate restoration project at the Crystal Cove State Park Historic District. This would, in essence, kill one park project for the benefit of another. Fortunately, after the approval of Prop 40 (which will fund the Crystal Cove State Park Historic District restoration) and the tireless efforts of a coalition of park supporters, including CSPRA, Campbell quietly withdrew his bill.

Unfortunately, the fight may not be over. We are only one election, compromise, or deal away from another lease extension for the El Morro Mobile Home Park. Should this occur, the public may never be able to use Crystal Cove State Park as they intended.

Help make CSPRA History

The CSPRA archives includes a collection of taped interviews of past State Park employees. Included are interviews with CL Milne, Paul Griffith, Everett Powell, and others. The interviews are fascinating glimpses into the history of California's State Parks, and a bygone chapter in the park family.

CSPRA seeks volunteers to transcribe these tapes so that they can be posted on the CSPRA website and otherwise be made available for dissemination to the membership.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please call Kim Baker at 831-338-8862 or email at kbaker@parks.ca.gov.

BIG BASIN CENTENNIAL 100 DAYS OF CELEBRATION; JUNE- SEPTEMBER, 2002

Come celebrate the hundredth anniversary of California's oldest state park -- a birthplace of the redwood conservation movement.

DAILY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Guided hikes
- Centennial speakers
- Historical reenactments and storytelling
- Photography and history exhibits
- Grand Vision book publication
- A 2-day festival at Big Basin State Park. September 14 and 15, 2002

Find more information at www.mountainparks.org. California State Parks and Mountain Parks Foundation; redwoods@mountainparks.org. (831) 335-3174.

New History Book by DAVID CARLE Burning Questions: America's Fight with Nature's Fire

(Praeger, March 2002, \$26.95)

With a chapter devoted to the history of fire policy and prescribed burning in California State Parks, this book explores a century of debates and controversy in the Western and Southern states over fire exclusion efforts versus fire as a tool in wildlands management. The history is wrapped around the career of Dr. Harold Biswell, a UC Berkeley professor in the School of Forestry, and mentor to the first generation of DPR prescribed burn specialists.

Carle retired in October, 2000, after 27 years as a California State Park Ranger. About his book, Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the Interior said, "An important and timely work of wildland fire history. The voices in this book warn us about past mistakes that we must not repeat."

Professor of Forest Ecology, Dr. James Agee: "Carle joins Ashley Schiff and Stephen Pyne as the preeminent fire historians of America...[bringing] forth for the first time the story of the Western fire ecology pioneers, who began fighting for a more rationale fire policy.... The careers of Harold Weaver and Harold Biswell, spun within the suffocating context of 20th century fire suppression, will be inspiring for new generations of fire managers and scientists."

Bruce Kilgore, a pioneer himself in National Park Service burning: "The patience and persistence of Biswell and Weaver, their students and colleagues, and researchers with the park service and forest service, are

finally given fair recognition! And the stories of the 1910 fires, the 1988 Yellowstone fires, Oakland 1991, and the Cerro Grande fire of 2000 are all included!"

Former Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Jack Ward Thomas: "The nation is in its early stages of what could be called a 'paradigm shift' related to how both wildfire and controlled burning are addressed in natural resources management. This shift has been a long time coming and David Carle documents those changes through the stories of the pioneers in fire ecology and controlled burning and their disciples—and in a most entertaining fashion."

Information about other books by Carle is at: <http://qnet.com/~carle>.

NAI WORKSHOP IN NOVEMBER

The Sierra Pacific Region (Region 9) of the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) is planning a national workshop for park rangers and interpreters in Reno/Sparks in November of 2003. Hundreds of rangers from around the country will learn new techniques for interpretation and environmental education, take field trips to learn about our area's fascinating history, culture and natural sites, network with other rangers and interpreters and have a little fun celebrating the profession of interpretation.

NAI consists of 10 geographical Regions and 11 Sections based on area of interest. Recently Region 9 (covering northern CA and northern NV, Hawaii and Guam) held a weekend workshop in Yosemite National Park attended by 100 people.

If you would like information about NAI, contact Mary Loan, Region 9 newsletter editor and the Interpretive Naturalists Section Acting Chair: 399 East Yaney Street #51, Bishop, CA 93514, mloan18@yahoo.com or 760-873-2504.

How much do you know about California State Parks?

by Kim Baker

The new deadline is August 31. Win a 1929 edition of Horace Albright's "Oh Ranger."

1. Name the northernmost, southernmost, and easternmost units in the State Parks.
2. What do these three rangers have in common?
Alex Weiss
Don Murphy
Galen Clark
3. Name the State Park units that were part of the mission system
4. What was the original name of Big Basin Redwoods State Park?
5. Name the 2 engines that met at Promontory Utah in 1869 for the pounding of the golden spike.
6. Name the reservoirs along the Edmund G. Brown California Aqueduct.
7. Name the location, which is now a California State Park unit, where Col. Allensworth once was stationed (hint: its NOT Col. Allensworth SHP).
8. Name the individuals known as "The Big Four"
9. Name the counties where Mountains named after the Big Four can be found.
10. What state park contains the base meridian used for much of the west?
11. Who was the creator of Smokey the Bear character?
12. What are the Highest and lowest points in California.
13. What is the largest lake lying entirely within the state?
14. Name the first architect of the California State Capitol.
15. What was the fate of the original bear flag of the bear flag revolt?
16. Who was the creator of the Watts Towers?
17. Who was the second female State Park peace officer
18. What is the name of the 50 ft waterfall at Big Sur that falls directly to the ocean?
19. What were the first and last missions in the California Mission System (north of the border) prior to secularization?
20. What year was the Division of Parks created?
21. Who was the last governor to live in the historic Governor's Mansion ?
22. In the 1870s and 1880s the resort area known as Taylorsville was one of the first places in the nation to offer outdoor camping as a form of recreation. In which state park does the site of the former Taylorsville lie?
23. Which California State Park contains an "olympic forest" planted with one tree for each of 140 nations that participated in the 1984 games?
24. What was California's first State Historic Monument, in 1889?

Send your answers to: CSPRA Headquarters, PO Box 247, Carpinteria CA 93014-8749. A winner will be drawn from correct answers received by August 31. Results and answers will be in The Wave and at CSPRA.com



BOARD MEETING NOTES

April 22, 2002

Present: Kevin Buchanan, President; Dana Jones, Director; Angie Nowicki, Director, Val Bradshaw, Director
Absent: Secretary/Treasurer; Director, Director

Meeting called to order 2:06 No Quorum

Past Meeting Minutes:

To be approved at next meeting.

Approval of GEC Minutes: Val pointed out the two million dollars in on-going resource maintenance funds was only for two years and would have to be approved again in two years. It has the potential for \$16 million in the future but it is not certain.

Under new budget correct 5 in favor, to all in favor approved, none opposed. Final approval at next meeting.

Financial Report: Handouts
Budget discussion – some areas we have overspent Board Meetings and Contractors others we seem to have additional funding available for the end of the year (Equipment & Travel) We should finish in pretty good shape overall.

Office Manager Report: Attached Val suggested that we send a letter to the Lifeguard Association to ask them if they want to remain an organizational member. Also that we send out letters to encourage membership of other groups (Foundation, Cooperating Associations etc.) Table this issue to the next meeting and discuss a new membership campaign for new members both individual and organizational.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues Increase: Kevin brought up the possibility of increasing the dues to assist in our financial picture. Supervisors are reimbursed up to \$100 for professional dues. Val figured that an increase of \$1 per month would net us around \$5,000. Members present agreed that a \$2 increase would not be unreasonable. Table

this issue until the next board meeting. Board and general membership would need to approve, as it is a by-law change. We should also discuss the possibility of creating a new category for seasonals with a reduced rate.

Articles of Incorporation: Need to reflect change of principal office.

Logo Mugs: Kim proposed we purchase stainless steel mugs with our logos to use in recruitment and sales. (See attached information sheet). Motion made to purchase 144 stainless steel mugs for sales and recruitment and 144 plastic mugs for new members at a cost of approx. \$1,200. Funding will come from Sales materials and Recruitment. Use logo and "For all Park Professionals" Dana will send out meeting minutes and request absentee votes from Board Members that were not present.

Recruitment: No report
Off Leash-Dogs: No report from Jeff. Angie reported that there were two additional dog attacks.

Maintenance Supervisor's Association: Chuck was cleaning up the last 8 names that were still having deductions. Association was fined for not filing annual report; Gar has contacted Chuck and has not received a response. Kevin will follow-up with Gar on this one.

Whitehead Award: Angie will follow up with Mike Whitehead to see if the family wanted to continue donating to this fund.

Parks Conference 2003: Toured hotel facility for 2003 conference, first conference planning committee meeting will be held tomorrow here at the hotel.

Parks Conference 2002: No report yet from Doug as to final wrap up

Honorary Ranger: We need to select a new committee. Jill Dampier expressed interest, Kevin can e-mail for other interested parties and will bring results to the next meeting. Kevin will contact past members to see if they would still like to be a part of this committee.

New Business:

Newsletter Editor: Transitioning newsletter to new editor. We missed an issue and will do a double issue with Kim working with Noah to complete this project. After this we will be transitioning to the new editor Janet Carle for future issues. Review of the Newsletter editor contract that was negotiated with Noah, Board agreed that we could use the same contract for new editor beginning June 2002. With Board approval Gar will present contract and equipment to Janet. Jeremy will continue to be the proofreader. The Board will strive to take a more active role in soliciting articles.

AB 2190 El Morro Trailer Park / Crystal Cove: Kevin provided background on this legislation. CSPRA has joined a coalition to oppose this legislation. Legislation has been withdrawn but could be reintroduced if funding is not available to begin restoring the cottages. Kevin will keep Board up to date.

SB 1918 Segue Motor Scooter: CSPRA was asked to support this legislation, President Buchanan instructed our lobbyist to write a letter in support of this legislation by our organization. Val reported that Legislation was passed.

AB 2401 DPR Land Acquisition Process: Kevin talked to Lee Butterfield and wrote a letter of support from CSPRA to support this legislation, which would streamline the department's land acquisition process.

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THE OFFICE MANAGER'S MAILBAG



Gar Salzgeber, Office Manager

We are sending out 2001/2002 fiscal year dues paid statements for active members to be reimbursed. Some of our files were corrupted during the file transfer process via the internet last July. If you do not get a statement by June 24, please contact me at: CSPRA.com, call 800-749-8749 or email at OfficeManager@cspira.com or mail your request to: CSPRA, P.O. Box 247, Carpinteria, CA, 93014-0247. Gar

Do you know someone who is retiring?

CSPRA provides a plaque for each member when they retire. Contact CSPRA at (800) 749-8749 or make a request at www.cspira.com

Want a CSPRA scholarship? Contact Fred Jee at (760) 767-3674.



Letter to CSPRA

June 6, 2002

Dear Kevin:
Thank you for your letter regarding my retirement. Yes, indeed, it has been a pleasure to work for our Department. It has also been a rewarding experience supporting CSPRA all these years. Believe it or not, I actually was active for about 10 years, including a term as a "Northern Regional Director" for CSPRA back in the 70's...boy has the time raced along since then.

Yes, I would love to have a retirement plaque from CSPRA. I actually spent just under 30 years, but go ahead and list everything on the plaque just as you suggested in your letter to me. That will be just fine.

Upon retiring at the end of March we lived in a state residence at the Vallejo Home site in Sonoma. We moved into our home in Napa, only 16 miles away, but first we had to make the place ready to move in. Now, that was a job! We are pretty much settled in now, thoroughly enjoying each day, spending time with family members and starting work on the outside, such as landscaping and painting. We are still looking forward to traveling in our new Eurovan, but for now, there are plenty of projects to finish around our home.

Thank you Kevin, and I appreciate your time spent in support of CSPRA.

Roy A. Flatt, 3723 Linda Vista Ave. Napa, CA 94558

PS Enclosed is \$18.00 for my continued support for CSPRA as a retiree.

Retirees Rendezvous

The first weekend in October at McConnell SRA. Contact Kirk Wallace for information: kirkw@mlode.com

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Membership

To join CSPRA, mail this application to: P.O. Box 247, Carpinteria, CA 93014-0247
For all except "Active" member payroll deduction, please include check for 1 year's dues.

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Social Security #

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District, Section, or Park

Membership type (Circle one):

Active \$8/month

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Supporting \$36/year

Organization \$50/year

Benefactor \$1,000/life

I hereby authorize the State Controller to deduct from my salary and transmit as designated an amount for membership dues in the California State Park Rangers Association. This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by myself or by the organization. I certify I am a member of the above organization and understand that termination of my membership will cancel all deductions made under this organization.
Send to: CSPRA, P.O. Box 247, Carpinteria, CA 93014-0247

Signature

Date



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A letter was sent in support of this. **AB 2992 6 Month Position** would support this legislation and encourage the expansion of this to include all permanent positions within the department. Legislation passed. Val wanted to point out that we need to remember all DPR positions are equally important and should be given equal weight in this. We supported this legislation as it just amended legislation that had previously been passed for peace officers throughout the state.

SB 1816 Native American Sacred Site Violations: This would make the permitting process longer and would make one-year \$ nearly impossible to spend in the allotted time with the additionally required permitting process. Val will look for this legislation and report at the next meeting. Legislation would increase the fines for violation of sacred sites. Our lobbyist will monitor this bill and we have drafted a letter in support of this.

Legislative Committee: Kevin has been unsuccessful in recruiting for this committee. We should revamp the duties of this committee to include just reviewing upcoming legislation and recommend we support, oppose or take no stand on legislation. Board members should come up with possible names for this committee, members with corporate knowledge and the ability to see the big picture. Retirees would be a good choice.

Member Services: Dana Jones, Steve Wagy and Kim Baker to continue to work on recruitment and image. Esp. at the Training Center. Board members present voted to approve these members, other Board members should vote by email.

Organizational Grant Committee: Kevin is looking for input on who should be on this committee. He will ask Jackie Ball to be a part of the committee and will look at other members (again possibly retiree's). Rich Rozzelle has expressed an interest in this committee and will talk

to Joan Irvine-Smith to see if her company would be interested in funding this grant. Kevin will be getting back to the board on this. Board will research other possibilities for this committee.

Strategic Plan: Table to next meeting (move to old business)

Jeff Price Retirement: May 4th at Chevy's Restaurant in Novato. Angie will present plaque (Kevin will call Gar to make sure the plaque has been requested).

Historian: See attached correspondence from new historian Kim Baker. Board will make it happen.

Next meeting June 3rd with PRAC at the Big Four Building 1030 (Val will set up) Meeting Adjourned 1618.

CORRESPONDENCE

(CSPRA President, Kevin Buchanan recently sent this letter to six members of the Joint Senate, Assembly, Budget Conference Committee. On June 13, just as we went to press, word came that the \$7.5 million cut had been restored. Editor)

I am contacting you on behalf of the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA), the professional association of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) employees. As President, I urge you to support the Assembly version of the proposed 2002-03 State Budget concerning Item No. 3790-012-0061, before the Budget Conference Committee. Adopting the Assembly version will stop a \$7.5 million cut in the California State Parks 2002-03 budget. The Assembly version of the 2002-03 State Budget will prevent the closure of some of the most popular boating destinations in the State of California; subsequently preventing the displacement of the people who work there.

The proposed \$7.5 million cut would be taken from about \$26.6 million earmarked for State Parks and transferred back to the Department of

Boating and Waterways grant program. The money comes from the motor vehicle fuel tax account, which supports boating recreation, a major element of our State Parks. Hundreds of thousands of boaters visit State Parks every year. About 100 of our 267, State Parks feature boating activities.

Transferring the \$7.5 million from the Department of Boating and Waterways, to State Parks still leaves the Department of Boating and Waterways' grant program with a positive balance. For State Parks, this transfer offsets a General Fund reduction in the Department's budget, and assures that California boaters will have plenty of recreational opportunities with their families.

It is important to note that the operation costs necessary to support boating activities far exceeds both current and proposed support from boater taxes. The Department annually reports its boating-related expenses to the Legislature. In that report, more than \$23 million can be attributed to boating expenses on the major reservoirs in California State Parks. These expenditures do not include the boating-related expenses for more than 100 other parks within State Parks. Since the Department currently only receives \$11 million annually from the Boating and Waterways fund, the report has not detailed all of the additional expenses incurred by the Department.

California State Parks has already suffered a reduction of nearly \$5 million in its budget. This reduction has forced DPR to reduce the number of seasonal lifeguards, who guard our beaches, work as deck hands on patrol boats and perform solo aquatic safety patrols. Additionally, among other things, DPR has not been able to replace aged vessels, or major components such as engines, due to the already serious

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park lands from becoming the path of least resistance for development.

The 2002 Park Conference in San Diego was a success, having the highest attendance in the past decade. The personal time and energy that went into putting together solid career tracks and field trips was greatly appreciated by all the attendees. Already a group of dedicated individuals are working on the 2003 Park Conference, scheduled for South Lake Tahoe, the first week of April. After visiting the 2003 Park Conference site, I can say that this one should be the best ever.

It is through this recognition of the time and energy that our park professionals give freely that we have recognized the need to write an organizational grant and to hire an Executive Director, to run the day-to-day operations of CSPRA. An Executive Director would give more continuity to many projects and committees that CSPRA is currently involved with. The Executive Director would be a liaison between our lobbyist, the many groups and organizations that support the Parks Department statewide, and CSPRA. The hiring of an Executive Director is a two-year goal that was set at the 2002 Parks Conference by the CSPRA Board. If you believe that you can assist CSPRA in being part of a committee to write an organizational grant, please contact me, so that we can make the vision a reality.

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nature of the current budget. An additional \$7.5 million reduction would force the Department to take even more drastic steps which would lead to park closures. In areas that remain open, patrol boats would be idled, due to the lack of employees to operate them, or through the lack of funds to

maintain the aquatic safety equipment. The real losers will be the visitors who arrive at their favorite body of water to find it closed, or find the waters left unprotected by State Park employees.

I implore you to support the Assembly version of the 2002-03 State Budget.



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