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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ANGY NOWICKI
CSPRA President

People and Place

This June, I represented CSPRA at the **5th World Ranger Congress of the International Rangers Federation in Sterling Scotland**, hosted by the Scottish Countryside Rangers Association, with the theme: "People & Place, the natural connection." Each day they included a topic for the day, and focused on that topic during the entire program.

The Congress began at the Great Hall in the world's most impressive castle, Sterling Castle. The reception was complete with bagpipes, kilts and haggis (a delectable combination of oatmeal, suet, and lamb's liver in sheep's pluck (stomach bag)). We were wined, dined and entertained beyond belief.

During the 7 day Congress we were introduced to many agency representatives that shared the Scottish way of managing their land. Directors, Head of the Protected Area Program, Deputy Ministers, Program Managers, Ambassadors, and more. Evening programs usually included dance, music, or video.

A variety of sessions focused on best management land practices. The week included 2 days of field trips of our choice, to see first hand how the Scottish managed their lands. Their slogan is, "Know the code." All private farm land is open to all who want to "trek" across it.

One of the most memorable programs was "The Thin Green Line," a prelude to the premiere of Ranger **Sean Willmore's** documentary based on the "World of Rangers." Sean took a leave of absence from his job as a Lifeguard in Australia to film a variety of rangers on 6 continents, over 13 months. I will be sharing this documentary with you at the **California Parks Conference in March of 2007.**

The Congress included special tours for the families or accompanying persons that joined the ranger attendees. They chose from a variety of sites like the Falkirk Wheel, Red Kite Centre and the Glengoyne Distillery. All seemed to come back very happy.

Accommodations ranged from dormitories to mini-dorm cabins. Meals were served in the college cafeteria and transportation was all included. It really was a great value.

The World Cup in soccer was being held in Germany. I was surrounded by people who all became glued to the television at one time or another to watch their countries participate.

Talking to rangers from all over the world was by far the most gratifying. I gained a new appreciation for not only what we do for the preservation of our lands and history, but an awe of what other "rangers" do in their countries. I was saddened to find out that 56 rangers had been killed in the line of duty since the prior Congress in 2003. Some died at the hands of poachers, some from wildlife and others from illnesses like malaria contracted in the back country. A simple thing like a uniform, tent, flash light and batteries is all most rangers were asking for. Several rangers from third world countries were given scholarships to attend; they left with supplies that made a difference in the way they approached their job.

In 2009, Santa Cruz, Bolivia will be hosting the 6th World Congress. I hope that you might consider attending. I guarantee, it will be a life changing event for you. Please check my photos at www.cspra.com

MOUNT TAMALPAIS SP

Tamalpais

by **Jeremy Burn**, Ranger

Mount Tamalpais is a dominant presence in the San Francisco Bay Area. Just north of the Golden Gate bridge, the mountain rises from the coast to 2571 feet at its peak in Marin County, offering views unparalleled anywhere in California. San Francisco, Oakland and much of the Bay area seem almost within a stones throw from the trails and vantage points of the park, and yet in the solitude of the oak or redwood communities, you can easily forget that you are only half an hour from 5 million people.

Mount Tamalpais has been a magnet for hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts from the cities and towns of the Bay Area since the 19th century. Mount Tamalpais State Park and adjacent Muir Woods National Monument welcome well over 2,000,000 visitors per year, both tourists and those who call the mountain their home.

One of the people who call the mountain their home is **Jim Vitek**. >>> At age 81, Jim is a walking encyclopedia, an old man of the mountain, and one of the go-to guys when you want to know about the history of Mount Tamalpais. Jim Vitek grew up exploring the peaks and meadows of his mountain. After serving his country in the Pacific Theatre in WWII, he went to work for the Marin Water District, which manages the watershed on the north side of the mountain, (the State Park is on the south). For 34 years Jim prowled the mountain, making trails, maintaining the county water supply, and patrolling the backcountry. In 1983, Jim joined the Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association- the State Park cooperating association- and we have been lucky enough to reap the benefits of



Jeremy and kids from outreach program

his knowledge and enthusiasm for the park ever since.

There is more historical knowledge of the park in one of Jim Vitek's gnarled pinky fingers than could fill this magazine, but what follows is just a small sampling of what you might learn if you are lucky enough to meet up with him at the visitor center one of these days:

Mt. Tamalpais State Park is one of the oldest State Parks in the system. It was created in 1928 and the mountain already had a considerable history as a recreational destination for residents of San Francisco. The initial 500 acres of Mt. Tamalpais, which has expanded to its current 6300 acres, was acquired in order to



thwart real estate development in some of the most popular hiking areas of the mountain. The Tamalpais Conservation Corps and the Sierra Club were two of the influential community organizations to facilitate the birth and growth of the park. Hiking remains the most popular recreational activity on the mountain today, vying, and occasionally conflicting, with mountain biking; a

sport that considers Mt. Tamalpais its birthplace. The park also offers camping at the Pantoll campground,

as well as rustic cabins at the Steep Ravine Environmental campground on the coastal terrace.

The East Peak of Mount Tamalpais is one of the premier destination points of the park. At the very summit is a fire lookout maintained by the county fire department. Just beneath there is a trail that circles the peak and offers 360 degree views of the Bay Area. Here you will find a small visitor center staffed by volunteers, and it is here that you will find Jim Vitek, once or twice a month, holding court on the history of the mountain to park visitors.

What is that giant white dome on the ridge just to the west? It's a radar installation used by the FAA, originally part of the Distant Early Warning system built in the 50's to detect aircraft or missiles en route from the Soviet Union. Those abandoned houses with billion dollar views further along the ridge? An old air force base and barracks. What's with the large black Chevy Suburbans that sometimes drive up to the top and access a small building behind a locked gate? Probably the FBI or Secret Service. (Jim's right on both counts, though what they do there is still a mystery). That island out in the bay to the south? Alcatraz of course.

Jim knows the view from the top of the Peak so well that he can close his eyes and describe it in every detail.

The Mountain Theatre

In the 1930's Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps found plenty of work to do on the mountain, and one of its most lasting legacies is the Mountain Theatre, a 4000 capacity stone amphitheater set in a madrone and fir hillside overlooking the bay.

Every summer thousands of people ascend the mountain for the annual Mountain Play, a six week event which has been a tradition on Mt. Tamalpais since 1913.

This magnificent theatre has been

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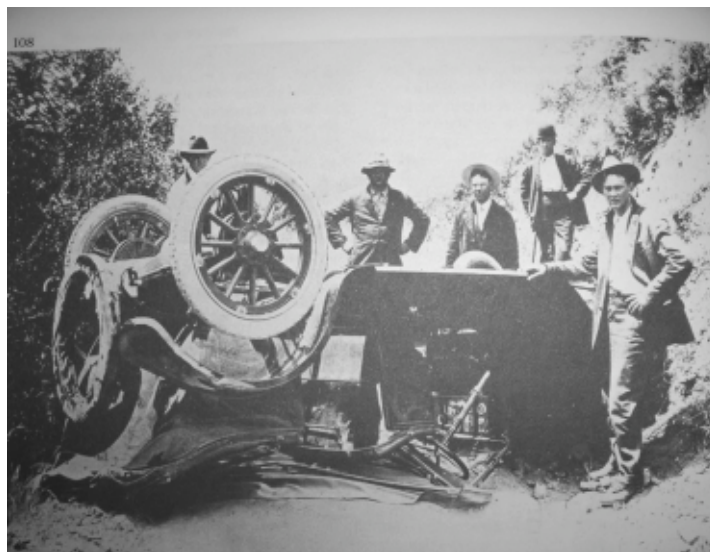
the stage for innumerable weddings, concerts, and interpretive events over the years. It also set the stage for a brief but interesting period in the park's history, which Jim calls the "hippie invasion":

After a series of music festivals in 1966 and 1967 starring the likes of the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane, some of which drew as many as 50,000 fans, many of the attendees were impressed by the beauty and tranquility of Mount Tamalpais, as all visitors invariably are. The difference this time, though, was that they decided to stay, and for a year or more there were untold numbers of people "living off the land" on Mt. Tamalpais. According to Jim, "living off the land" on the steep rocky, geography of the mountain meant "breaking into peoples houses" on the lower slopes, confirmed by sheriff's department statistics.

Ridgecrest Boulevard and car commercials

One of the most scenic stretches of road in the United States, if you are to believe the location scouts for automobile commercials, is Ridgecrest Boulevard in Mt. Tamalpais State Park. Watch television for a couple of hours and chances are you will see a shot of a new vehicle driving way too fast on a ridge perched high above the Pacific Ocean. That's Ridgecrest Boulevard. You can't blame the scouts for wanting to film here- the view from the ridge of this steep grassy slope over the Pacific Ocean during sunset is a sight that will make even the most conscientious spendthrift consider forking over \$70,000 for a luxury SUV. Originally a toll road when automobiles were still a novelty, this 4- mile stretch was dubbed "California's most scenic drive".

Ridgecrest Boulevard continues to draw crowds of people every evening to witness one of the most awe inspiring sunsets over the Pacific that you can find, just as it did nearly 100 years ago. Only we let them have it for free.



Vehicle accidents are not a new phenomeon on Mt. Tam

Mount Tamalpais today

Staff and volunteers at Mt. Tamalpais State Park continue to juggle the interests of many active and vocal user groups, while remaining true to

the mission of the Department. On any given day you will find hikers, mountain bikers, campers, hang gliders, a wedding, a film shoot, a vehicle accident, a bicycle accident, a missing person, rock climbers, fishermen, knuckleheads, school


groups, astronomy buffs, and all manner of peoples making the most of what this mountain has to offer.

It's not an easy job to manage the demands of so many people who, rightly enough, consider this mountain

their own. But then again, working on the mountain has its own rewards. Just ask the people who really get paid in sunsets: dedicated volunteers like Jim Vitek.

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The Party is Over, For Now

by **Gail Sevens**

CSPRA Legislative Committee Chair

The legislative session has ended, and CSPRA can be proud of our efforts. Two key bills we supported passed and were signed into law: **AB 2485 Sea Otter Protection measures** and **AB 2497 to study a new mechanism to review and approve acquisitions of parklands**. Thanks to the legislative committee and CSPRA lobbyist **Monica Miller** for all the hard work!

Two other bills we were in favor of died before making it onto the floor: **SB 1125 tidelands oil money for parks** and **SB 153 to support proposition 84** (see below). Well, as my dad always says, you win some, you lose some. (Why does he always say it when you lose?)

The compact that was negotiated by the governor to protect **Big Lagoon** from casino development was not ratified by the legislature, but we will work on it again this upcoming session.

Of key interest on the November ballot is **Proposition 84**. This bond measure would provide \$400 million to State Parks for "development, acquisition, interpretation, restoration and rehabilitation of the state park system and its natural, historical, and visitor serving resources.

The proposition is receiving support from environmental organizations, business leaders, agriculture, labor, public safety, and newspapers across the state. However, with a ballot full of bond measures, we don't want to get lost in the shuffle.

What you can do: to find out more about the proposition, visit the Yes on 84 website www.yesonproposition84.com or the Secretary of State's voter information guide at www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov/props/prop84/prop84.html.

As a CSPRA member you can write a letter to the editor of your local paper (be sure to identify yourself as a member of CSPRA) & talk to your friends.

Protection of San Onofre State Beach and opposition to the proposed Toll Road: CSPRA continues to work against the construction of the proposed toll road that threatens this wonderful park. Part of the strategy devised by the coalition of groups fighting the toll road includes seeking **local resolutions statewide** against the proposal. We are working on support of such a resolution that will be introduced in October for the Sacramento City Council. Legislative Committee member **Dick Troy** is working hard on this one. **Please let me know if you are interested in supporting such a resolution in YOUR locality.**

Don't forget to save the date for **Parks Advocacy Day, March 26, 2007** in Sacramento. Training and orientation for Parks Advocacy Day will be held throughout the state by



the California State Parks Foundation as well as at the **California Parks Conference March 5-8, 2007** at Tenaya Lodge outside of Yosemite. **(DPR will be reimbursing ½ expenses and ½ time, so mark your calendar now.)**

In December, we'll be setting strategy for the new legislative session and working with our lobbyist **Monica Miller** to begin reviewing introduced bills to take positions. We continue to meet with DPR Deputy Director for Legislation **Bill Herms** and look forward to seeing what legislation DPR will be introducing.

We still welcome members to our

legislative committee. Have an opinion? Then share it and let's take some action!

Lobbyist Report

by **Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist**

Just before midnight on August 31, 2006, the legislative session adjourned. As usual they spent the last few weeks of the session working at a feverish pace to get all of their bills passed and to the Governor in hopes of his signature. Once they adjourned they were off to campaign either for their seats, higher offices or for the bi-partisan bond proposals on the November ballot.

This election will bring one-third new members to Sacramento to be sworn-in this December. While most of the races are what is considered a "safe seat," which means that the person who won the primary will most likely win the General election due to how the lines are drawn, there are a couple of things to consider – the voters like to make their own minds up and it is never over until it is over. This should prove to be an interesting election with everything going on nationally; hopefully we will have a promising turn-out of voters. I also

believe that with Governor Schwarzenegger running again this November we may see higher numbers than usual.

Once the election is over we will give you a run down on the various seats, who is where and what their relationship is to Parks. It will be important to work toward getting your newly elected members to your park just to make sure they understand the significance of having that park in their district.

Getting back to the legislative session: once adjourned it is over until the new

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Mike Lynch

California Police Historian of the Year

by *Brian Smith*

CA Law Enforcement Historical Soc.

Mike Lynch, from Auburn California, has been selected as the 2005 Police Historian of the Year by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society (CLEHS).

Since 1990, Mike has co-hosted the Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors and Restored Police Cars Show, held in Ripon. The show celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2005, with Mike providing leadership and guidance for 15 of those 20 years. The show began as a small gathering of badge and patch enthusiasts and has grown into a show that attracts collectors and history buffs from across the country.

All of the shows are fundraisers for charitable groups helping the law enforcement community. Some of the benefactors include the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and the Concerns of Police Survivors. Additionally, funds are also provided to the California Highway Patrol and Fish and Game Museums, whose goal is to preserve and display the rich history of these two fine agencies. Since its founding in 1985, this show has donated over \$23,000 to various law enforcement related organizations and helps to preserve the history of California's law enforcement officers.

In 1996, Mike and two fellow badge and patch collectors founded the 49er Law Enforcement Collectors Show that is held each February in Rocklin. Like the Ripon show, the 49er raises money for law enforcement support groups and provides collectors, historians, and enthusiasts a place to meet, network, and enjoy the history. This show is known for its fine



displays of historic badges, patches, photos, uniforms and other law enforcement memorabilia.

Besides providing a venue for the display of historical law enforcement displays, Mike has also won numerous display awards himself over the last 15 years for his insignia collections. This includes his historical display of California State Park insignia and his collections of other conservation and California law enforcement insignia.

Mike published his first book, *The Rangers of California State Parks* in 1996. This book chronicles the history of California Park Rangers beginning with the appointment of Galen Clark as the first state park ranger of Yosemite State Park in 1866. Additionally on the publishing side, Mike is the author of a *History of The Ed Jones [Badge] Company* (1995), co-author of *Auburn Images* (2004) which is a collection of historic photos published by the Placer County Historical Society and the author of the history portion of

American River Canyon Hikes (2005) and *Insignia of the CA Resources Agency* (2005)

For his tireless support and impact in preserving the history of law enforcement, Mike Lynch has earned the title of Police Historian of the Year 2005 by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society.

But Mike is not done contributing to the law enforcement community. He will be co-hosting the 2007 National Police Collectors Show, October 5-7, 2007, at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada. For information about the show go to: www.Calbadgeshows.com

Reprint authorized by **Gary L. Hoving**, Editor of the *California Police Historian*, for the California Law Enforcement Historical Society: www.Calpolicehistory.com

Merkel Desert Garden Fund

by *Kirk Wallace, retired*

During his term at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and District 5, **Dalton E. "Mike" Merkel** was a master at providing interpretive information to the public. Mike also assisted and trained park professionals in interpretation. He was the first field level State Park Naturalist.

A fund has been set up at the Anza Borrego Foundation to establish a Desert Garden in the park in Mike's name. Send contributions to Anza Borrego Foundation, P.O. Box 2001, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Be sure to note it is in memory of Dalton E. "Mike" Merkel. Or contact **Jim Neal** or myself: kirkw@mlode.com. Jim is at: jbn321@sbcglobal.net.

JOHN FALK, Retired Supervising Ranger from Angeles District
Born 1955 - Died Oct. 10, 2006

John had a long career as a Ranger and Supervising Ranger in the old Santa Monica Mountains District and present Angeles District. He was instrumental in improving the special events program within the Malibu Sector and established an excellent working relationship with the Point Mugu Natural History Asso. John pioneered the use of outside vendors to process parking tickets and automated parking machines. He was a mentor for new rangers and a strong advocate for the ranger generalist. John died of brain cancer and is survived by his wife Luda, son Christopher and daughter Katie.



JACK SMYRE, Retired DPR Safety and Enforcement Supervisor
Born 1917 - Died Aug. 21, 2006

Jack was a fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps during WWII and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a captain with the LAPD and Chief of Police in Hollister, CA. Jack helped pioneer the development of the peace officer program in California State Parks and retired as Safety and Enforcement Supervisor for DPR.

J.S. HOLLIDAY, Author/Professor,
Born 1924 - Died Aug. 31, 2006

Anyone who has worked in a gold country park knows Mr. Holliday's book: *The World Rushed In: The California Gold Rush Experience*, which was published in 1981.

WILLIAM J. WHALEN, III,
Former NPS Director
Born 1940 - Died Sept. 28, 2006

Whalen was NPS Director from 1977-1980; oversaw size-doubling of the National Park System and creation of the Santa Monica Mountains NRA.

Opportunity's Knocking ***From Little Rock to Sacramento!***

by *John Mott*
 Cooperating Assoc. Program Mgr

Thanks to CSPRA's scholarship fund combined with limited state funds, I attended the Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) Annual Convention & Trade Show in Little Rock, Arkansas in March 2006. I am grateful that CSPRA enabled me to participate in this outstanding convention.

APPL conventions traditionally attract several hundred people and are the most outstanding gathering a cooperating association or liason could attend. The trade show alone (featuring over 140 vendors who specialize in interpretive merchandise and understand what "interpretation" means) showcases the largest and most diverse array of educational and interpretive merchandise. The speakers, and authors that APPL presents at the various sessions are first class. The convention has several tracks of concurrent sessions. To "attend" all the sessions, people need to attend separate sessions and compare notes afterwards. For this reason, experienced associations often send several representatives including board members and agency partners. I know of no better place to network with people who can make a positive difference in a cooperating association-park relationship than at one of these conventions.



Keynote speakers at the Little Rock conference were: **Fran Minella**, outgoing Director of the NPS; **Richard Louv**, author of *Last Child in the Woods*; **Minnijean Brown Trickey**, one of the original "Little Rock 9" from the 1957 school desegregation crisis; **Scott Simon** of the Nature Conservancy on the rediscovery of the "extinct" Ivory-Billed Woodpecker.

An excellent pre-convention session on "Asset Management" empowered me with quality information on visitor center and museum security issues involving volunteers and cooperating associations. I am encouraging the Interpretation and Education Division to address these issues in future training and policy documents. Another session, "Travel Agents, Wholesalers and Bus Tours: Oh My!" focused on forming effective local marketing relationships. A Roundtable on Concessions and Associations by NPS



yielded lively discussion. Perhaps the finest session I attended was presented by GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neil on Building an Inspired Constituency.

APPL has decided to hold its 2007 Annual Convention & Trade Show in Sacramento, March 18-22, 2007!

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RETIREES RENDEZVOUS, 2006

by **Janet Carle**, Editor

Dave and I finally made it to the Rendezvous this year. McConnell SRA is a beautiful little park right on the Merced River, with the campground under towering oaks and sycamores. The park was closed to the public for the weekend, which made for a nice venue for the 14th annual Rendezvous. This event is a chance for park people, retired or not, to catch up with each other and enjoy the camaraderie of the park family. **Kirk and Marie Wallace** made it happen with special help from **Jim and Bev Neal** and **Bob and Fi Allen**.

Friday events included a work project of repairing picnic table planks, with the added benefit of burning the old planks for our campfire! The "Roadkill Grill" Friday night potluck is always popular, as is Saturday's "pitch and putt" 6 hole golf competition. CSPRA Past President **Ron Brean** won the overall golf low score, but had me and Dave on his team to push up the group score.

The current CSPRA Board held a meeting in conjunction with the event, and it was great to meet the new Board members. **Natalie Lohi's** 6 year old son **Cameron** really livened things up.

Perfect weather continued for the Saturday main event, the BBQ dinner and raffle. Under a harvest moon, toasts were drunk, prizes won, and old friends hugged.

Thanks to the staff of McConnell for hosting us—the park looked great!



*Pitch and putt golfers.
L to R.: **Wes Cater**,
Holly Huenemann,
Bud Getty, **Kirk Wallace**, and....?*

***Ray Westburg**
(standing) and **Kirk Wallace** (on Gator)>>*



*<<**Bob Allen** and **Jim Peat**,
master chefs*

*Former CSPRA
presidents **Wes Cater**
(standing) and **Jeff Price** (center) with
the CSPRA board.>>*



*<<**Kirk Wallace**, Sup. Ranger **Lee Sencenbaugh**, and **Mike Whitehead***



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Two sessions will focus just on California:

- a day long pre-convention session geared specifically for CA local, state and national park associations on Sunday, March 18;
- a 90-minute CA State Parks Forum with the Director and key executive staff.

Other interesting sessions:

- Parks Online Resource for Teachers & Students (PORTS) - California State Parks distance learning system;
- Building Partnership Resiliency, Fundraising, Board Development, Partnership Skills and a repeat of a few of the best workshops from Little Rock.

The 2007 APPL Convention will also have its share of fun. Exciting performances and field trips are scheduled and the \$425 registration fee includes receptions and banquets, including one at the California State Railroad Museum. In addition, **Jim Whittaker**, REI Founder and first American to summit Everest, will be one of the key note speakers. Making the urban connection to public lands will be discussed in a keynote address by **Audrey Peterman**, Co-founder of Earthwise Productions, Inc.

I encourage you to apply for a CSPRA scholarship to help underwrite the costs of this unique experience. I can not think of any better way to give your cooperating association relationship a "shot in the arm" than to attend. If you are working with a cooperating association, this is a great opportunity.

More information about APPL and the 2007 Annual Convention & Trade Show is available at <http://www.appl.org/>. Register on-line and save on your registration fees.

Opportunity's knocking! Will you be there?

For more information: **John Mott**
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Nominations Open!

by **John Mott**

Honorary Member Committee Chair

The Honorary Member committee is accepting applications for CSPRA's highest award, the Honorary Ranger Award, given to people who have had a statewide impact in defending, promoting and championing the mission of the California State Parks and/or the park profession. Nominations (in writing, only) will be accepted until December 3, 2006. The committee will forward suitable nominations to the CSPRA Board of Directors for final approval. The award will be presented at the 2007 Parks Conference.

Prepare 1 page (or less), sign the nomination, and/or attach a cover note of support. Submit to CSPRA Honorary Member Committee, c/o John Mott, 95 Breckenwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95864, or via email mottfour@surewest.net, or fax (916) 654-9048.

CA PARKS CONFERENCE
Mar 5-8, 2007, near Yosemite NP

Mark your calendars now for a great week in the towering Big Trees. Tenaya Lodge will host the conference and is offering a great room rate of \$89 per night. **Ruth Coleman** has agreed to have DPR provide attendees with **half paid time and half expenses – get those training requests in early!**

Possible sessions include Lee Stetson as John Muir, the history of the Buffalo Soldiers in Yosemite and, of course, a tour of the Big Trees at Wawona. **Gail Sevrems** is looking for presenter ideas for the Interpretation Track. Contact her at gail@cspra.com.

Park Advocacy Day training is planned, as well as a 4-hour session on how to successfully interview for promotions organized by **Ron Brean** and **Joe Mette**. **Janet and Dave Carle** are coordinating the GrayBears track — let them know if you have ideas at wave@cspra.com.



by **Laura Svensgaard**
CSPRA Executive Manager

The previous *WAVE* proudly listed the 164 CSPRA members that have renewed their memberships as Retirees. Since then we received additional renewals from: **Bob Basura, Ray Patton, Linda Tornello, Harry Batlin, Dennis Imhoff, Bob LaBelle, Floyd Lemley, Jr., Richard McGaugh, David Milam, Carolee Moore, Paul Muspratt and Bill Clary**. We are pleased to welcome new members **Wendy Martin & Scott Pace** to the ever-growing membership ranks.

This will likely be my last message to you as CSPRA's Executive Manager. I now have an opportunity to make a contribution in another important arena. The Smith River Alliance has asked me to assist them in their efforts to restore and acquire lands in the largest wild and scenic watershed in the United States. Though working with CSPRA has been rewarding, this is an opportunity to get back to large-scale collaborative endeavors and to focus my attentions where I think they will make the most difference.

As of this writing my successor hasn't been selected, but please know that I will work to ensure a smooth transition. I will also continue to handle registration for the annual Parks Conference and sincerely hope to see many of you there.

My sincere thanks to all of you for the support and help you've given during my work with CSPRA.

Best wishes, Laura

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and understand that termination of my
membership will cancel all deductions
made under this organization.

Signature

Date

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session is convened. Specifically this means that any piece of legislation or legislative area that was worked on during this session has now either gone to the Governor for him to determine its fate or has died and would need to be reintroduced next year, if there is a desire to continue to work on that issue.

One such issue is **SB 168** by Senator Wesley Chesbro which would have ratified two **Tribal-State Gaming Compacts** entered into on September 9, 2005, between the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, and the Big Lagoon Rancheria, and the State of California. This compact is important because Big Lagoon Rancheria has agreed to not build on their land, which is one of only two Lagoons in the State of California. Instead they have fought along with other environmentalists to protect that land so they can pass it to their children. CSPRA is supportive of this compact so we can continue to protect this valuable land near **Big Lagoon State Park** that is at stake. The compacts that the bill sought to ratify required the tribes to mitigate local effects to neighboring communities with intergovernmental agreements. Despite extensive testimony given in strong support of the measure, SB 168 failed passage in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. It is our understanding that the measure failed passage due to opposition from other tribes. We believe that this measure will return next year in an effort to allow for the discussions to continue on the protection of Big Lagoon. We will keep you informed on this issue as it continues to be discussed.

AB 2485 by Assembly Member Dave Jones, was supported by CSPRA and signed by the Governor. This bill establishes the **California Sea Otter Fund**, to be funded through a voluntary tax check-off and other sources, to provide funds for increased enforcement and research to protect sea otters. Further, the bill increases the penalties for illegal taking of sea otters, and requires disclosures on cat litter sold in California.

Another measure supported by

CSPRA was **AB 2497** by Assembly Member John Laird, which would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the Department of Finance (DOF) to jointly convene a workgroup consisting of representatives from specific state agencies and natural resource organizations to develop options for **improving the efficiency of state resource land acquisition transactions** for those departments and conservancies subject to the jurisdiction of the State Public Works Board (SPWB).

Finally, **SB 1125** by Senator Wes Chesbro was supported by CSPRA; however this bill was stalled in the Assembly Appropriations committee during the last month of session. If the bill had passed it would have eliminated existing sunset provisions contained in current law and would have modified the allocation and priority of the **tidelands oil revenue allocation** within the Resources Trust Fund to various natural resource purposes to include the following:
--\$12 million for fisheries restoration projects benefiting endangered salmon and steelhead trout, including removal of fish passage barriers and implementation of the Coho salmon recovery plan.

--\$12 million to the Department of Fish and Game to manage and protect ocean fisheries and marine resources pursuant to the Marine Life Management Act of 1998 and Marine Life Protection Act, including fishery management plans, research and related enforcement activities.

--\$12 million to the Department of Fish and Game for management and protection of non-game fish and wildlife trust resources, plus related law enforcement activities.



humor in unicorn



Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

Decapitated.

... but what was the accident rate per quota.

Price, round-table for sixteen.

It's good to express our opinions in a quorum like this.

Nailed it.

The sound was like chalk screeching on a blackboard.

A national debt truism.

It's not worth the money it's printed on!

Tough grind.

Ranger's Log: A park visitor found a Miwok stone mortal buried near the creek.

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