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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by **Victor Bjelajac**, CSPRA President

The past few months have been a time of transition for CSPRA. We have moved away from a paid executive manager for the time being and have spent a good bit of time getting our CSPRA house in order.

We have been moving through CSPRA housekeeping matters with an Executive Committee team composed of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, taking action to consolidate finances, access membership information and reach out to members. We have learned more than we ever wanted to know about the inner workings of CalPERS and are grateful for your responses as we reached out to members. Many of you have been queried recently about private e-mail addresses, membership status and been invited to subscribe to our member based list-server CSPRAnet. If you haven't received that e-mail request, please contact our Board Secretary at jeff@cspira.com and he will take care of it.

Queries on membership and contact information were necessary to refresh our enrollment information and make a concerted effort to engage you in issues important to parks and the movements related to the management of parks that are underway. CSPRAnet is intended as a tool for more effective communication to members on all things CSPRA. Please use it to elevate professional discussion on parks related issues and concerns.

The CSPRA Board and Executive Committee will develop survey

material to elicit your opinions on reports and teams that have been developed by Parks Forward and California Department of Parks and Recreation executive management. Please participate in the surveys as they become available. We (the CSPRA Board) are here as agents of the membership. We can be the voice that asks the hard questions and the advocate that is needed to continue as stewards of the parklands that many of you have spent a professional career protecting.

In the last few months we advocated for additional DPR review of actions contemplated for Red Rock Canyon State Park and offered preferred options for actions at Washoe Meadows State Park. The Board and members are preparing to participate in Park Advocacy Day, reviewing lease options and operator actions at other state parks with protection of the resources in the forefront. We had another annual membership meeting (San Diego "Boots on the Ground"), installed newly elected board members, inducted new Honorary Rangers and welcomed new members and benefactor memberships (we now have 16 benefactors).

We have contacted all 259 active and Professional Development members and heard back from 150 (please reply to help us keep you informed); all 136 Active Retired members responded. We have 342 member subscribers to CSPRAnet list-server as of April 15th, and a total of 406 CSPRA members (Active, Retired park professionals, and benefactors).

I have been grateful for guidance, and advice on CSPRA governance from officers, directors and long-tenured CSPRA members. I am excited about our initiatives and look forward to an active 2015. I will communicate more about the 2016 membership meeting location and CSPRA inclusion in departmental initiatives and advocacy actions.

Please send me your thoughts and suggestions related to our parks and thank you for your continued support and efforts toward the continued protection of our parkland resources.

Park Advocacy

CSPRA Advocacy Role Invigorated

by *Nina Gordon, Past President*

CSPRA is advancing our advocacy role. We have revived CSPRA's advocacy efforts to maximize the effectiveness of CSPRA in influencing key legislation and related efforts. Our goals are 1) to raise the profile of CSPRA to local, state and federal legislators and staff, 2) to educate local, state and federal legislators and staff as to the existence of CSPRA and the benefits to them, 3) to promote CSPRA as a significant resource comprised of decades of experience in park management, public safety, maintenance, education/interpretation, cultural and natural history preservation and management and grants administration, 4) to be available to committee and legislative staff who are preparing committee analysis and/or briefing legislative members on park related issues and/or legislation.

Our Current Efforts

CSPRA is taking the following action
Developing an Advocacy Brochure for Park Advocacy Day on May 5th.

Participating as a team of CSPRA members in Park Advocacy Day: Donna Pozzi, Nina Gordon, John Mott, Ann Meneguzzi and Angi Nowicki.

Distributing the Advocacy Brochure along with a cover letter of introduction to all State Legislators.

Working closely with the CSPRA

pro bono legislative advocate, Monica Miller from Governmental Advocates

Updating CSPRA members on key legislation

Educating CSPRA members as to how to track legislation. Information will be forthcoming on CSPRAnet.

A new email strictly for legislative advocacy efforts: parkadvocacy@cspira.com

YOU can make a difference

Come to the State Park Expo on May 5 from 11:30-1:30 at the Capitol.

Attend committee hearings on relevant legislation and report back to CSPRA

Help testify on legislation in the State Capitol

Write, call and/or email your legislator regarding park issues.

Draft CSPRA position papers on pending legislation and issues to present to the Board.

Important Legislation (this is not an inclusive list. Information is current as of April 12)

SB317 (DeLeon)

The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016

The bill was recently amended to include \$200 million for State Parks and \$50 million for enterprise activities to increase revenue generation at State Parks.

SB204 (Pavley) –

Addressing recommendations of the Parks Forward Report.

AB 549 (Levine) .

Changes the date the Department is required to report State Park and Recreation fund allocations and use of funds to districts from July 1 to Dec 31. Will be heard in the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife April 28

AB 327 (Gordon)

Public Works:Volunteers. Deletes the current sunset date exempting volunteers on public work projects from minimum wage requirements.

AB 988 (Stone and Atkins)

Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants

. Establishes (by March 30) an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program to be funded by private donations when available. Will be heard in the Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee April 28.

Here is a chance to get involved and help take a stand. Help is needed to track legislation, draft position papers to submit via the Board to the legislators, testify, and assist in contacting and/or meeting with Legislators representing CSPRA. Please contact the CSPRA Board or parkadvocacy@cspira.com.



The newly-elected CSPRA Board at work at the San Diego conference.

Photo by Secretary Jeff Price, not pictured.

California Parks Conference

San Diego in the Spring



CSPRA members attending the 2015 General Executive Council meeting at the March California Parks Training Conference in San Diego.



*Victor Bjelajac, Maintenance Chief of Marin District, receives the President's gavel from outgoing President **Matt Bellah**. Matt will remain on the Board as a Director.*



*The Sultan of Swag: Treasurer **Mike Lynch** and his ever-evolving display of must-have collectibles!*



*Long-time member and Benefactor **Mike Whitehead** enjoys sunset at the Cabrillo Lighthouse.*

California Parks Conference

Finance Update

By Mike Lynch, CSPRA Treasurer



The 2015-2016 CSPRA Budget was adopted at the Annual Meeting March 4, 2015. The budget includes significant savings from switching to a bookkeeper/member services contract from a paid executive manager and that Jeff Price is providing webmaster services free as an officer. Much of these savings are being used in this budget to fund more advocacy and membership services (not funded in the past) to cover the costs of Board and committee meetings, quarterly meetings with the state parks director (underfunded in the past), and a one-time scholarship/donation to sponsor an international park ranger (who could otherwise not afford to attend) to participate in the International Ranger Federation (IRF) World Ranger Congress to be held May 2016 in Colorado. CSPRA is an IRF member and has in the past provided a similar scholarship. Finally, there is also a fund for special efforts or projects that may come up during the fiscal year.

2015-16 CSPRA Budget	
Adopted by the Members on 3/4/15 at the Annual Meeting	
INCOME	
Dues - from Controller	\$32,500.00
Dues - Benefactor Members	
Dues - PERS	\$7,400.00
Dues - Direct Billing	\$1,000.00
Sales	\$100.00
California Parks Training Conference - Misl.	
Interest Income	\$400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,400.00

EXPENSES	
Administration	
Contractors - Bookkeeping/Member Svcs.	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$2,000.00
Dues Collection - State Payroll Deduction	\$2,000.00
Equipment & Equip Repair	\$500.00
Fees & Taxes (CPA tax filing)	\$2,000.00
Officers & Board - meetings	\$2,500.00
Office Expenses	\$500.00
Officers Expenses	\$1,200.00
Phone	\$800.00
Postage	\$250.00
Printing	\$250.00
Subtotal Adm.	\$15,500.00
Member Services	
Awards/Recognitions	\$1,200.00
Mott Training/Cadet ceremony	\$400.00
Retirees Rendezvous	\$500.00
Recruitment	\$500.00
Ellection Ballots - printing & postage	\$1,400.00
Scholarships	\$2,500.00
International Ranger World Congress Scholarship	\$2,500.00
Newsletter printing	\$1,000.00
Newsletter mailing	\$1,000.00
Annual Member (GEC) & Board meetings at Conf.	\$5,000.00
Website	\$1,800.00
Promotion & Sales items	\$500.00
Park Advocacy Day	\$500.00
Advocacy & Department meetings	\$3,000.00
Lobbying Expenses - filling fee	\$100.00
Special Efforts or Projects , as approved by the Board during the fiscal year.	\$4,000.00
Subtotal Member Services	\$25,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,400.00

New Benefactors

CSPRA Benefactors contribute \$1000 or more for a lifetime membership.
Our three newest benefactors below!



DONNA POZZI



SYD BROWN



JACKIE BALL

California Parks Conference

2015 HONORARY RANGERS

Three very deserving new Honorary Rangers were honored at the San Diego California Parks Conference in early March:

DOUG BRYCE is a Charter Member of CSPRA and was first involved as an elected District Delegate to the annual General Executive Council. Following that, he was selected by the board in 1968 as Executive Manager and served CSPRA in that capacity for almost 35 years. He provided invaluable service as a resource person for our membership, far and above the requirements of a general member. As CSPRA's Executive Manager, Doug fulfilled officer, board and member needs with efficiency and enthusiasm from 1968 to 2002.

Doug's tireless support for over three decades involved editing and printing every publication produced by our organization. He coordinated our initial Internet presence, processed membership, coordinated GEC site selection and preparation, annual meeting program detail arrangements, maintaining and executing an association calendar, and helped the board manage all its activities. He coordinated the team that reorganized and amended CSPRA's Constitution and Bylaws, restructuring elections and eliminating sexist terms, as the organization began to have female members. He first suggested the concept of sponsoring a Retirees Rendezvous to the Board. He securely controlled CSPRA ballot mailings and elections, set up meeting space and meals for the board, scouted potential locations and venues for the Annual GEC, and provided regular financial oversight.

DONNA POZZI was the driving force behind a 9-year long effort that



L to R: Doug Bryce, Dave Van Cleve (Hon Rgr. Chair), Michael Mantell and Donna Pozzi. Photo by Jeff Price.

successfully prevented the destruction of Bodie State Historic Park. Environmental and physical threats posed at Bodie by Galactic Gold, the Canadian mining company, would have been devastating. The company wanted to dynamite hills around Bodie and use a toxic cyanide leaching method to extract gold.

As she once remarked, "Work with SAVE BODIE! took over my life for 9 years." It is true that there are almost 50 boxes of files from that effort still stacked against a wall in her bedroom.

Donna directly and successfully lobbied US Senators to get SAVE BODIE! protection provisions included in federal legislation pending at that time. She took an extraordinary amount of her time to become personally acquainted with partners at all levels. Donna used her own time to fly to Washington DC and testify before committees with legislation pending. She worked on creating a federal bill called the Save Bodie Act, which was eventually amended into the successful Desert Protection Act, and signed into law.

She was instrumental in a small but significant film by Chris Chater, "Jewel

Keepers," that chronicled the 125-year history of Rangers in California. Donna worked tirelessly helping to add historical perspective to a successful celebration of CSPRA's 50th Anniversary and the 150th Anniversary of the Yosemite Grant to California in 2014.

Donna recently retired from her long time position as Chief of the Interpretation and Education Division of California State Parks.

MICHAEL MANTELL is the founder of the Resources Legacy Fund and Resources Law Group. Through RLF and RLG, Michael has pioneered new approaches to strategic conservation philanthropy, habitat and land use planning, park and open space protection, ocean and fishery policy, and conservation finance. RLG is a unique law and consulting firm representing clients to achieve enduring conservation outcomes. RLF is a donor centric, nonprofit organization that works with philanthropic partners to craft cutting-edge solutions to conserving natural resources, improving environmental sustainability, and diversifying conservation leadership and capacity.

Michael's effort have led to many park and open-space successes in and around state parks, federal lands, and wilderness areas throughout California as well as the Cargill Salt Ponds in the San Francisco Bay. Michael brought together the private funding required to protect the 5,800-acre Coast Dairies property in 1998 from luxury estate development, resulting in the donation of over 400 acres of rocky coastal bluff and beaches to California State Parks, now open to the public as Coast Dairies State Park. Additionally, since 2001,

BACK IN THE DAY

The Big Sur Area, 1981-83

by Robert Pavlik

Big Sur is among the greatest interfaces of continent and ocean in the United States, if not the world. We are fortunate to have several California State Parks in the area, from Point Lobos SR in Carmel to Garrapata SP, Point Sur SHP, Andrew Molera SP, Pfeiffer Big Sur SP, Julia Pfeiffer Burns SP, Limekiln SP, and John Little SR near Esselen.

I was working as a Park Aide at Thornton SB in Daly City and was on the list for State Park Ranger (INT) positions when I received a phone call from SPR II **John Knott**. He conducted a phone interview and offered me a job at Pfeiffer, which I gratefully and eagerly accepted. I had only been to Big Sur once before, and was awed by the rugged beauty and sense of isolation and lonely grandeur. That I would get to live and work there for four months out of the year was beyond my expectations.

On my initial visit to meet the staff I was greeted at the gate by Park Aide **Chris Sutton**. He was friendly and welcoming and an enthusiastic presence. Later that day I went on a ride along with SPR I **Curt Itogawa**, who took me on an unscheduled Code 3 chase up Highway 1, lane splitting along the way.

When I returned to live and work in Pfeiffer Big Sur SP I was assigned to share two rooms in the Triplex in Skunk Hollow with PI Ranger **Bill Moffatt**, the resident entomologist. Our neighbors included PI Rangers **Rick and Joann Ellison-LeFlore** and **Mark and Marcia Faull**. I learned a lot about running a campground from Mark, who was also an expert on Big Sur geology. We were fortunate to have several experienced Park Aides, including **Tu'u Trotter**, **Tracy Trotter**, **Ken Lee** (who went on to a long and successful career as a SPR), **Pam Clark** and **Debbie See**, the J.P. Burns Park Aide and a good friend. **Jacqui Foster** was a SPR (INT) working at Pfeiffer



Big Sur and living at J.P. Burns, and **Bonnie Endsley-Ward** worked at Molera during the summer of 1982.

The Area Manager

was **Ken Jones** and the Chief Ranger was **Jack Sutton**. There were several terrific Rangers during my three summers in Big Sur, including SPR IIs **Ray Patton**, **Paula Peterson**, and **Kay Schmidt**. The Ranger Is included **Bill Berry**, **Steffani Graham**, **Bob Foster**, **Curt Itogawa**, **Lin O'Kelley**, **Bruce Thomsen**, **Don Fuller** and **Richard Wendt**. **Barbara Von Protz**, **Lorelei Wendt**, and **Bev Ewoldsen** ably managed the Area administrative office while serving as the park's dispatchers. The parks were well maintained by **Steve Wagy**, **Jerry Layman**, **Phil Fish**, **Bret Harte**, **Erick Erickson**, **Ernst Ewoldsen**, and park aides like **Ray Endacott** and **Paul Keel** (now SP Superintendent on the San Mateo Coast and a good friend).

During the summer of 1981 **Bill Moffatt** and I were sent north, to the Santa Clara Valley as a part of the State Park contingent fighting the Medfly invasion. We provided public information and guidance on stripping trees and shrubs of any fruit, and protecting cars and pets during the aerial spraying. I was lucky to meet SPR II **Ed Tavares**, who had worked in Big Sur in the late 1960s and who regaled me with stories of the hippie invasion. Treatment Plant Supervisor **Bret Harte** still used the GMC van that the Area bought as a paddy wagon to haul people to Monterey County Jail on a variety of offenses.

Subsequent summers were spent in a trailer in Skunk Hollow, and in

1983 in the Flause Cabin, a coveted redwood house in a secluded part of the park, where **Paul Keel** was one of my roommates. Summers in Big Sur are busy with thousands of tourists, the campground at capacity almost every night from Memorial Day to beyond Labor Day. We had our share of challenges but the entire staff was always up to the task. We also found great support from the local CHP officers, **Pat Chamberlain** and **Ken Wright**.

In addition to the daily tasks of running a 217-site campground, we maintained three day use areas, two group camps, eight miles of trails, and conducted patrols of the other nearby parks, including the newly acquired Garrapata SP, which was **Bill Berry**'s responsibility along with his patrol dog, Utz. **Lin O'Kelley** and **Richard Wendt** surveyed Molera from horseback, and **Bob Foster** kept close tabs on J.P. Burns along with PA **Debbie See**. Several park employees played on the State Parks baseball team (**Ken Jones** was a standout) and some even volunteered on the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade (**Steve Wagy** was Chief).

The Ranger and Park Aide staff also was noted for their expertise in natural history and interpretation. On several occasions **Lin O'Kelley** brought her patrol horse to Pfeiffer for evening campfire programs. **Bill Berry** had a knack for finding placid gopher snakes to share with visitors, and **Curt Itogawa** shared his passion for fish while wading in the Big Sur River. Big Sur's night skies are also ideal for star gazing. During the summer of 1982 the Big Sur Area staff staged two living history programs. The script was based on pioneer life and was written and directed by park staff, with the assistance and support of local residents. The programs depicted a July 4th celebration and a harvest celebration on the Big Sur

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BIG SUR, from page 7



A site in the campground circa 1950.

The CCC constructed stoves, tables, and infrastructure in Pfeiffer-Big Sur.

coast, circa 1880s. Park employees dedicated many volunteer hours to the productions, as did the locals, who assisted in the research, writing, and performance. The two shows played to audiences of 350 to 500 people, were warmly received and a source of pride for all involved. Bill Berry and Joann Ellison-LeFlore were standouts at both events.

The winter of 1982-83 was catastrophic for the Big Sur area. A series of winter storms broke the coast highway link between Monterey and San Simeon, when a series of 30 slides closed the road for almost one year. Although the road has always been susceptible to slides and road closures,

this period was particularly unusual and notorious, due to the duration and the severe economic impact the closure exerted on all affected communities. Garrapata, Andrew Molera, and Pfeiffer Big Sur all remained open, while J.P. Burns was closed due to a lack of access and the presence of the largest slide (named for the park) that resulted in the removal of Bob and Jacqui Foster's house on Highway 1. During the summer of 1983 there were 26 bulldozers working 13 hours a day to remove the 963-foot high landslide, thought to be the largest slide to bury a highway in California history. I had the opportunity to cross the (smaller) Sycamore Draw slide with

Pat Chamberlain and Fire Brigade Chief **Walter Trotter**, and spent some time breaking up illegal fire rings in Partington Canyon and replacing the slide-damaged gate on Tin House Road. Seeing the ongoing work on the Burns slide, with those huge Cats high on the slope, the raw material slowly encroaching on the marine terrace was both awesome and terrible. It was cause for celebration when the road was re-opened on April 11, 1984, in a ceremony that recalled the original road opening 50 years earlier.

I never returned to the Big Sur Area to work for Parks, but I have stayed close by for the last 30 years. I went to work at the San Simeon Region in 1986, and from there moved on to Caltrans District 5 in San Luis Obispo, where I have worked on several projects on the coast over the past 22 years, from the seismic retrofit of six of the concrete arch bridges in Big Sur to the Piedras Blancas realignment in northern SLO County. I was lucky enough to visit, live and work on the Central Coast, with several Rangers that went on to become legendary leaders in the State Park System, and I want others to know what a remarkable area it is, the greatest meeting of land, sea, and sky.

Retirees' Rendezvous *October 6, 7, 8 at Pfeiffer-Big Sur SP*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a wonderful gathering

Rooms at the Big Sur Lodge are available now for \$95 plus tax. Call 1-800-424-4787 or 831-667-3100. Campsites available as well.

More details at www.cspira.com

Planned programs include "Dining on the Big Sur Coast" led by Ann Meneguzzi and a presentation "Making of the Book California State Parks in Vintage Postcards A-Z" by Rodi Lee and Mike Lynch.

See the long-awaited total remodeling of the iconic Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park campfire center.



Plus all the ever-popular potluck, breakfast, raffle, field trips, and lots of time to visit with park friends.

All this and no registration fee!

Mongolia's Ikh Nart Nature Reserve

California State Parks Official Sister Park

by Lynn Rhodes

Since 1998, along with a small team of California State Park managers and scientists (**Mark Jorgensen, Mike Wells, Joan Schneider, Steve Bier** and others), I have spent the better part of most Augusts in Mongolia collaborating to assist State Parks' official Mongolian sister park, the Ikh Nart Nature Reserve. August of 2014 was no different. What initially brought me to the Mongolia protected areas is the formal Sister Park agreement between the Mongolian Ikh Nart Nature Reserve and California's Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The mission has evolved and now includes a wider influence of Mongolia Protected Area relationships and work directed towards natural and cultural sustainability and security.

Mongolia has the lowest human population density of any nation on earth yet one of the highest proportions of land classified as protected. Comparatively, Mongolia has few human resources and very large areas of the MPA network to manage. A community-based natural resources management strategy for protection has evolved involving a combination of decentralization and privatization, and community empowerment relating to social, economic and ecological improvements, attempting to ensure public trust resource protection to the highest degree possible.

For the past two years our working-group has focused on development and implementation of a management plan for the Ikh Nart Nature Reserve with the United Nations Development Program Special Protected Area Network.



One of the primary goals of the plan is to help balance environmental and cultural asset protection with development, mining and other competing activities. The cumulative impacts, if left unchecked, threaten the historic, pastoralist lifestyle and interdependence on healthy natural systems. Core cultural and civilizational issues lie at a crossroads in Mongolia today as she balances the traditional, current and evolving customs and culture impacts.

Upon arriving at the Dalangargalan Soum (soum is a geographical, governmental region similar to a county in the US), with my two partners, naturalist **Mark Jorgensen** and ecologist **Mike Wells** Ph.D, we were taken by local officials to the Soum Governor's headquarters. There, the Governor held a ceremony, thanking us for the many years of work in not only the Ikh Nart Nature Reserve,

but the entire region, adjacent protected areas, education system and respective communities.

Prior to our August 2014 visit, State Park Archaeologist **Joan Schneider** Ph.D., secured funding to pay for one additional ranger at the Ikh Nart Nature Reserve to focus on the many cultural resources in the reserve. Our team met this new ranger and provided him with Ikh Nart NR patches for his uniform. An article in a local governmental newspaper was written about this cultural protection work: http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/news_081514.html.

We also met with the head of the new NGO selected to oversee the nature reserve, **Amgaa Sukh Amgalanbaatar** Ph.D., We visited the new park administration office, confirmed priorities for daily duties of the small ranger staff, made donations to the local school and identified new boundary areas with the staff.

Yet to be developed is a stand-alone plan ensuring the balance of social, environmental, resource-consumption, and economic demands. Success will be enhanced by many people, at times working independently and at times together, to ensure that the environment and its special places remain protected and viable for future generations.

Lynn Rhodes is a former Division Chief for California State Parks and former VP and Board Member of CSPRA. She can be reached at lynn@cspira.com.

CSPRA HISTORY

History of the CSPRA Logo

Plus Designs That Did Not Make it

By M.G. "Mike" Lynch



1964



2000's



2012 logo used for patch

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) was formed in 1964 and the first Board of Director's meeting was held November 4, 1964. Designs for a logo for the new organization were solicited and several were submitted by members. The final logo design was a composite put together by Norm Wilson. Thanks to Doug Bryce, long-time CSPRA Executive Manager, some of the early proposed designs have been preserved and are pictured below.



Graybears Logos

The CSPRA Retirees have developed their own logos. Right are the two most commonly used.



CSPRA-PRAC Logo
CSPRA has for many years held a joint conference with the Park Rangers of California (PRAC) who represents local and regional park rangers in California. Left is the joint logo used for the conferences.



CSPRA 50th Anniversary

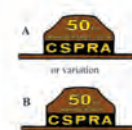
In addition to the official logo, several other logos have been used by CSPRA over the years. The most recent was the 50th Anniversary logo, selected by a competition won by design student Jose Miguel Mayo. The other finalist designs are to the right.



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Lobbyist's Report

by **Monica Miller**, CSPRA Lobbyist

The Legislators have a hard deadline at the end of April in which to move over 2000 policy bills into fiscal committee or the floors in their respective houses. Budget sub-committees are meeting regularly trying to close out a few items but are really waiting for the Governor's May Revise to be released around May 15, 2015.

The state is continuing to face a very serious drought and passed a drought package similar to last year in an effort to help affected communities. They also took a measurement of the snow pack in early April and

it is the driest California has ever been on record. As such the Governor declared statewide mandatory water restrictions. He held a series of briefings with his top officials and water districts statewide in hopes of supporting them to help achieve better water usage.

1000 Year Drought

His drought package included SB 91 and SB 92, which includes more than \$1 billion for local drought relief and infrastructure projects to make the state's water infrastructure more resilient to extreme weather events.

Specifically, the legislation does the following: 1) Accelerates \$267 million from Proposition 1 Water Bond funding for safe drinking water and water recycling from the Governor's January budget proposal. 2) Accelerates drought-related expenditures from the Governor's January budget proposal augmented by \$31 million in targeted additional expenditures (\$132 million total), including efforts to implement the Water Action Plan and provide direct assistance to workers and communities impacted by drought. 3) The additional \$31 million in new targeted expenditure items which were not included in the

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Order Form - California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA)



1. History of CSPRA Book \$5



2. State Park Ranger History \$10



3. CSPRA logo

4. 50th Anniv. Pins - \$2.50 each

5. CSPRA Patch \$2.50



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

1. History of CSPRA - 50th Anniversary	_____ @	\$5 each	= \$ _____
2. California State Park Rangers Book	_____ @	\$10 each	= \$ _____
3. CSPRA logo pin, 1"	_____ @	\$2.50 each	= \$ _____
4. CSPRA 50th Anniversary pin, 1"	_____ @	\$2.50 each	= \$ _____
5. CSPRA logo Patch, 3.5"	_____ @	\$3 each	= \$ _____

Free Shipping/handling = \$ free

Total..... = \$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Payment: Checks to CSPRA

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PayPal payment to: paypal2@cspira.com - More Info: lynchcspira@gmail.com



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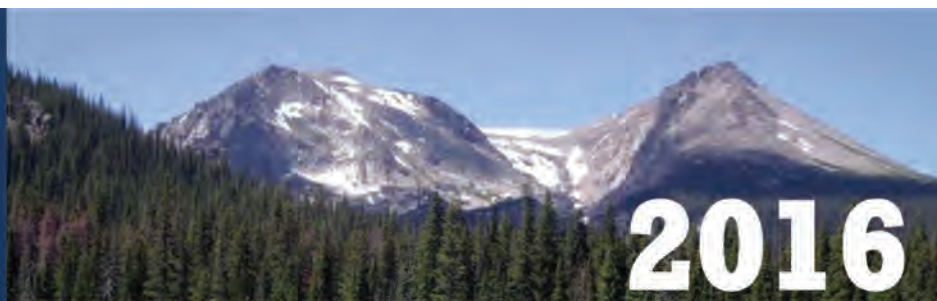
ANPR is raising funds to sponsor as many rangers as possible from developing countries to attend the 8th World Ranger Congress. These scholarships will allow deserving ranger and protected area professionals to attend this stimulating international forum focused on global conservation. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of rangers who are struggling every day to protect the world's special places. Since it costs approximately \$3000 per delegate to attend a WRC--every little bit helps. To sponsor a ranger, visit www.causes.com/campaigns/84845 Donations of gently used equipment can also be made to the Ranger Relief Team at meaghanbauder@gmail.com

Going Digital

The WRC will have a large digital presence offering live video feeds from the conference and engagement through social media to encourage participation from rangers all over the world. These digital tools will foster connections among parks, rangers, and communities during the Congress which will continue to grow and prosper after its conclusion.

For Information

Contact World Ranger Congress Organizing Committee at worldrangercongressusa.com



World Ranger Congress

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Connecting Parks, Rangers, and Communities

The Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) in partnership with the International Ranger Federation will host the 8th World Ranger Congress (WRC) in Estes Park, Colorado, just minutes from Rocky Mountain National Park. Every three years, the International Ranger Federation selects a member association to organize a Congress which brings together rangers from around the globe to renew their commitment to preserving and protecting the world's natural and cultural resources. This international gathering provides rangers and protected area professionals the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge, create lasting partnerships, and be inspired by their colleagues.

The Congress will focus on the idea of connecting parks, rangers and communities. Delegates from over 40 countries will explore the different ways rangers and protected area professionals are actively protecting and preserving the world's natural and cultural resources from ever-increasing threats like climate change, world hunger, and poaching. Participants may also register for shadow assignments, field trips, and college credit training before and after the Congress. Prominent conservationist and author Terry Tempest Williams will deliver the inspirational closing keynote at the Congress.

The WRC is one of many great events celebrating the National Park Service (NPS) Centennial in 2016. Both the NPS and the National Park Conservation Association have pledged their support for the Congress. NPS Director Jon Jarvis has been invited to speak

regarding the role the NPS plays in protecting and preserving special places around the globe

Registration services will be provided by the George Wright Society. George Wright will also devote all or part of an issue of the George Wright Forum to covering the plenary speeches and issues raised at the Congress. Previous Congresses have resulted in formal declarations by the assembled delegates on issues affecting the international ranger community.

Registration

register at:
www.worldrangercongressusa.com

The Congress is open to members of ranger associations affiliated with the International Ranger Federation worldwide or those working to establish ranger organizations. North American attendees must be endorsed by their respective associations before registering, as home continent delegate numbers will be limited to assure the international flavor of the Congress.

Interested in attending but not a member of a ranger association?

For more information contact Jeff Ohlfs: deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com or considering joining ANPR at: www.anpr.org.



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PLEASE CONTACT MIKE LYNCH if you are interested in attending the 2016 World Congress : mikelynych@cpsra.com

A WAVE Goodbye



DALE HASKINS

1941- 2015

Born in Los Angeles and educated at UC Berkeley, Dale worked as a ranger in Utah, Colorado and Pismo Beach before arriving in Guerneville in 1975. He began work at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve and stayed until his retirement 26 years later. Dale and his wife Marjorie later served as missionaries in Papua New Guinea and Kenya. Dale is survived by Marjorie and his two children Becky and Forest, as well as his mother, Barbara.

OLIVIA SUBER

1950-2015

Olivia passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. She worked for many years as the State Parks Personnel Officer at Sacramento Headquarters.



BILL CLARY

1921-2015

Bill passed away recently at the age of 94. He was a popular attendee at the Retirees' Rendezvous for many years, contributing his beautiful jewelry, buckles, money clips and metalwork to the raffle. Bill began his career as a Park Attendant, became a Maintenance Worker, and retired as the Maintenance Chief for the Santa Monica Mountains in Angeles District. Bill also worked on the Delta.



HENRY TRIONE

1920-2015

2008 Honorary State Park Ranger

Henry Trione was born in Humboldt County, the son of an Italian immigrant baker. He started a mortgage company in Sonoma County after World War II, having success with the banking industry, as well as timber and wine making. He became interested in the preservation of California State Parks through Joe Long (Longs Drugs) as founding members of the California State Parks Foundation. They both shared a love of the outdoors, and had a particular interest in the preservation of open space and wetlands. Henry funded and helped obtain funding for projects and programs. One of the more spectacular results was the creation of Annadel State Park in Sonoma County, where Henry helped put together a consortium of private and state foundation funds to acquire land for the park. Later, Henry, with the Sonoma County Trail Blazers, provided a 3.1-mile wooded trail in Annadel State Park. Henry also contributed to the Annadel Visitor

Center project. He worked as a Chairman for the State Parks Foundation to provide a visitor center at Fort Ross State Historic Park. He helped financially to acquire land, save historical sites and build interpretive centers throughout the State. His involvement included the Old Bale Grist Mill restoration, Stagecoach Hill Azalea Preserve, Ehrmann Mansion, "Coming Home to California" educational program, restoration of Jack London's cottage, Colorado House at Old Town San Diego, and support of the Youth Conservation Corps. Henry also made a very generous donation to CSPRA in 2008.



RAY JENKINS

1931-2015

Ray passed away recently after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He worked as a park attendant, maintenance worker, ranger, maintenance chief, supervising ranger, superintendent and Deputy Director. He retired as Superintendent of the Santa Cruz District. His son, Phil, has had a long career in State Parks as well.

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HONORARY RANGERS from page 6

RLF has worked closely with the Anza-Borrego Foundation and other nonprofits to protect near 17,000 acres in and around Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, including the Lucky 5 Ranch, which connected (for the first time) Anza-Borrego to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and over 10,000 acres of park inholdings that ease management challenges within a complex matrix of public and private land ownership.

Michael also helped create a statewide network of Marine Protected Areas along the California coast from Mexico to Oregon. All Michael's conservation work is science-based, systematic, taking into account likely impacts of climate change.



Michael Mantell displays the Stetson holder crafted by Secretary Jeff Price

Lobbyist's Report from page 11

Governor's January budget proposal include the following:

\$17 million in additional funding to support emergency food aid to 29 counties most impacted by the drought; \$4 million for emergency drinking water in disadvantaged communities; \$5 million to the Department of Water Resources to provide emergency drinking water support for small communities, including addressing private wells; \$1.4 million to the Department of Water Resources to increase advertising and public relations related to the Save Our Water campaign; \$2.8 million to the Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife for additional modeling support and species tracking in the Delta and greater Central Valley to support efficient management of the state's water system; and \$1 million to address critical infrastructure deficiencies at remote fire stations that have run out of water.

4) Accelerates \$660 million from the Governor's January budget proposal of Proposition 1E bond monies for flood protection in urban

and rural areas to make the state's infrastructure more resilient to climate change and flood events. 5) Accelerates \$30 million from the Governor's January budget proposal of cap-and-trade auction revenue to DWR (\$20 million) and CDFA (\$10 million) for programs that provide a reduction of GHG emissions and also deliver state and local water use efficiency and agricultural water use efficiency. Both proposals were part of last year's agreement on cap-and-trade expenditures.

This bill in an important first step in addressing urgent needs brought on by the extreme drought. It contains critical funding for emergency water and food services and gets a start on big projects – such as water recycling – that help provide local water supply reliability in the future.

The month of May will bring the focus to the Appropriations committee and the budget committees as they attempt to close out as many items as possible and then we see what goes to the budget conference committee in June.

Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops



by Jeff Price
Retired

Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and cerebral misfires. Sometimes people get so excited in public speaking, they mix comparisons and come up with some very funny concoctions. Feel free to send along any you hear - malaprops@cspra.com

Don't monkey around

This defeat and vote against Eric Cantor is coming at him like a barrel of trains in a tunnel.

The story almost got away?

Ya gotta love the press -- you can read volumes in what they don't print, even more in what they elude to.

Reflective camouflage?

You know politics, it's all done with smokescreens and mirrors.

Did he confuse cause and effect?

You are proposing a \$4 Billion park bond issue; isn't that putting the horse before the cart?

Some of these just can't be explained!

... his back is against the wall on 3rd down but he can still smell all the marbles.

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