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Park Bond on June Ballot

The California Parks, Environment, and Water Bond will be on the ballot in California as a legislatively-referred bond act on June 5, 2018. This bill passed with a very close vote. A 2/3 vote (54 members) was required in the State Assembly and it received 56 aye votes. A 2/3 vote (27 senators) was required in the State Senate and it received exactly 27 aye votes.

In September 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 5, titled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition 68.

Proposition 68 would authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. The measure would also require that between 15 and 20 percent of the bond's funds, depending



on type of project, be dedicated to projects in communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the \$39,980 statewide average.

This bond allows us to invest in critical priorities that have been neglected for years, while lifting people up with good jobs and developing livable, healthy communities.

Proposition 68 is supported by CSPRA, Governor Brown and a broad range of conservation organizations, community advocacy groups, business and trade organizations, and government agencies.

The largest share of bond revenue — \$767 million — would provide funding for state conservancies and other conservation restoration activities, including funding for Salton Sea air quality and habitat improvements that support state efforts and help reduce potential impacts to Colorado River water users.

Of these funds, \$725 million would be used to create and rehabilitate neighborhood parks in disadvantaged neighborhoods in accordance with the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008 competitive grant program.

CSPRA recommends a YES vote on Proposition 68.



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Progress...Slowly

By Mike Lynch, President

Progress often comes slowly, especially working with the state. Even within CSPRA it

often takes much more time to accomplish goals than anticipated. However, progress has been made in a few areas:



Threats to Parks. Jack London and Sugarloaf Ridge. For over three years, CSPRA has been involved in this issue. It started with members bringing to CSPRA's attention possible problems with the operation of these units by park "partners." CSPRA, led by Threats Committee Chair **Jeff Price**, began asking questions of the department and requesting documents. This led to a long tug of war and revelations of actions taken by the department to try to correct problems at Jack London. As CSPRA persisted, with some incredible resistance from some in the department and the partners, the department eventually issued two extensive and detailed corrective letters, one each to the operators of Jack London and Sugarloaf Ridge. During all this time, CSPRA actually never took a stand or made an accusation, however the persistent attention and questions, I feel, moved the department to take their oversight responsibilities

more seriously. Partners of other park units became more rigorous in their responsibility to operate state park units consistent with the department's mission, environmental and cultural requirements, and other legal obligations. CSPRA has scheduled one more meeting with the department to clarify the progress on some of the remaining issues regarding the Jack London and Sugarloaf Ridge operations. **Jeff Price** is preparing a final report.

Ranger Foundation. CSPRA has established an independent Ranger Foundation as an incorporated non-profit IRS 501(c)(3) organization, registered in California. Besides the benefits of being able to accept tax deductible donations, the Ranger Foundation will be eligible to seek grants that are only available to 501(c)(3) organizations.

Affiliation with the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR). An affiliation agreement has been finalized between ANPR and CSPRA, which was approved last year by both groups. This affiliation agreement was an outgrowth of the two-year effort of ANPR, with assistance of CSPRA, in organizing the Ranger World Congress in 2016. The hope is that CSPRA and ANPR can continue to cooperate in the future on issues of common interest, including the efforts of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) and the upcoming 2019 World Ranger Congress to be held in Nepal.

Jeff Ohlfs: 2018 Honorary Ranger

By Carl Chavez

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) Board of Directors has selected Jeff Ohlfs as the recipient of the CSPRA Honorary Ranger for 2018. The award will be presented at the CSPRA Annual Membership Meeting & Retirees Redezvous in Lee Vining September 26th.

Jeff retired in 2016 as Chief Ranger at Joshua Tree National Park after a distinguished 32-year career with the National Park Service. Throughout his career, he has been deeply involved with international ranger issues with the International Ranger Federation (IRF) and the World Ranger Congress.

As a third-generation Californian, Jeff grew up visiting state



parks and worked as an intern for California State Parks in 1981. He has personally visited every state park unit, including all 292 current ones and 90 former state park properties operated by other agencies. Additionally he has visited every California State Park Historical Landmark site, another important program of California State Parks.

Jeff was co-chair with CSPRA President Mike Lynch in many of the 150th Celebration activities including the very successful Yosemite Conference in 2014. He is a CSPRA Benefactor and is currently on the Board of Directors of our newly established CSPRA Ranger Foundation.

This honor is in recognition of his lifetime work that has not only focused on the ideals and Mission of CSPRA but of the park and environmental issues both here in California and throughout the world.

It is our hope that you can join us in Lee Vining in September to show our appreciation for our 2018 Honorary Ranger.

Rangering in Rwanda

Denzil Verardo, Retired Chief Deputy Director and former CSPRA President sends a photo with a Rwanda National Park Ranger, looking for mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.

Denzil says “Whenever we meet a park ranger in our travels we give him/her a CSPRA patch and discuss “rangering.” From Chile, Nicaragua, Tanzania, etc. we have been greeted wonderfully and given that extra bit of attention. The ranger bond really is a “brotherhood” around the world.”



Toxics at Candlestick SRA

by Jeff Price, CSPRA Park Threats Committee Chairman

In late February 2018, a CSPRA member expressed concern regarding potential Candlestick Point park visitor and staff exposure to toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and nuclear contaminated waste buried by the US Navy at the Hunter's Point Naval Base. Included in the note of concern was a photo of a caution sign with the nuclear logo, attached to chain link fencing along the northeastern park boundary along Yosemite Slough.

The potentially contaminated sites are near a proposed interpretive center location at Candlestick and adjacent to current hiking trails and other public park facilities. Since one of the funding sources for the information center construction is the State Park Foundation, I called to see if they were involved and what they knew. I am still waiting for a call back.

The 866-acre Treasure Island Naval Station-Hunters Point site is adjacent to parkland. The site was home to a shipyard from 1945 to 1974 and the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory from 1948 to 1960. Radiological Defense Laboratory activities contaminated soil, dust, sediments, surface water and groundwater with petroleum fuels, pesticides, heavy



Radiological warning sign on park boundary fence near Yosemite Slough

metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds as well as radionuclides.

The Navy conducted radiological experimentation using horses and cows, due to their large body mass similar to humans. The purpose of these experiments was to calibrate the effects of radioactive exposure on humans. The dead animal carcasses were reportedly buried in ditches dug on the shipyard site perimeter. The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard remains a Superfund site. In 1989 the Environmental Protection Agency named it one of the 10 most polluted federal properties. [More good news from the Navy: Soil tested near the park was recently found

to contain significant levels of naturally occurring asbestos and heavy metals.]

In 1973, \$10 million was used to purchase the land, and in 1977 the California Legislature voted to develop the land as a park – the first “urban” state recreation area. Seems a perfect location to site a premier public state park unit that includes group camping, picnic areas, hiking trails, fishing and community gardens that allow locals to grow and harvest their own vegetables!

We located a recent January 31, 2018, KRON-TV report which briefly reviews the toxic contamination issues at the former Navy Shipyard. It does not paint a pretty picture <<http://ti.nyurl.com/park-toxics>>. Cancer-causing cesium and radium were found on the property 15 years ago in Building 366, a space used by local artists at the Shipyard. Radioactivity was determined to be, “... as much as six times higher than what is legally acceptable on property the military could place in civilian hands.”

I contacted **Bren Walberg** on February 23, 2018, the onsite supervisor for ITSI/Gilbane (the company name on the nuclear caution sign), with an office on Hunter's Point Base. I described the sign, location and told him it had been there



Location of radiological warning sign in the park.

a long time. He said there were no such hazard signs on fences in the park near Yosemite Slough as far as he knew. He said all signs should have been removed when they finished working there. He planned to send a security guard to walk the fenced perimeter and see if he could locate the misplaced warning sign.

Initial Threats Committee investigation shows that Tetra Tech, the private contractor who was hired by the Navy to clear and test the old Navy facility, may have falsified test reports showing that the area was clean. The Navy has started to retest many areas along Yosemite Slough, which is surrounded on all sides by parkland. Environmental consultants have been hired to check the data collected by Tetra Tech. Unfortunately, the preliminary report found that almost half of the contractor's data for the testing was flawed!

I contacted **Doug DeLong** on February 26, 2018, the Navy Facility Manager at the Caretaker Site Office on the Base. His assistant said he was not available and would be calling me back. Not yet.

Staff at the park tell me they have not been informed, prepared or warned about working alongside this potential threat. Perhaps CSP is unaware of the Navy consultant findings of faked data. It seems amazing that there hasn't been some acknowledgement from the department for visitor and employee safety regarding this potential hazard from contamination and nuclear toxics.

To get some park history, I had a discussion on February 26, 2018, with past CSPRA President **Rick Parmer**, who worked at the park from 1983 to 1989. He told me about park staff living in mobile homes and old construction trailers at a makeshift residence area on concrete slabs, sited on the point of land sticking out into the north side of Yosemite Slough. After EPA restrictions tightened, Parmer said it was common to find 55-gallon drums filled with toxic material dumped at night in random locations in that part of the park. Removal to toxic waste dump sites, such as Casmalia, was time consuming and expensive, but the only option.

When Parmer worked there, core sample soil testing was done on the park property in the area north of Yosemite Slough, as it had been used in the 1940's and 1950's for auto dismantling, salvage and junk yards and generally as an illegal public dump. He recalls the soil reports tested positive for heavy metals such as cadmium, various acids, and other toxic materials. Parmer did not recall any concern or testing

for radiological material at that time, although he had heard about military experimentation with radioactive material on Hunter's Point after World War II.

A cap of clean soil was discussed as remediation, to seal in offending toxic materials found in soil testing on park property. By the time he transferred in 1989, CSP had not started any remediation measures that he could recall.

It seems to be important for public safety to know if that planned remediation was actually completed. Now that we know of the Navy contractor's falsified toxic testing data, we suggest review by qualified experts of subsequent reports, tests or studies done along Yosemite Slough and the park trail corridor. We will be asking the CSPRA Board to follow up with CSP and the Navy to get answers.

More on this story from the SF Chronicle as we go to press:

[<http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics1-sf>](http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics1-sf)

More on SP Foundation work:

[<http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics2-sf>](http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics2-sf)

[<http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics3-sf>](http://tinyurl.com/park-toxics3-sf)



Yosemite Slough in upper left corner.

CSPRA Board Retreat



The recent CSPRA Board meeting was held at California Alpine Club Lodge on scenic Mount Tam.



After a day of hiking and taking in the views, your Board gets down to business.



More photos of the Board Retreat on back cover.



Ann Meneguzzi masterfully handled all of the logistical arrangements, serving some very tasty meals.



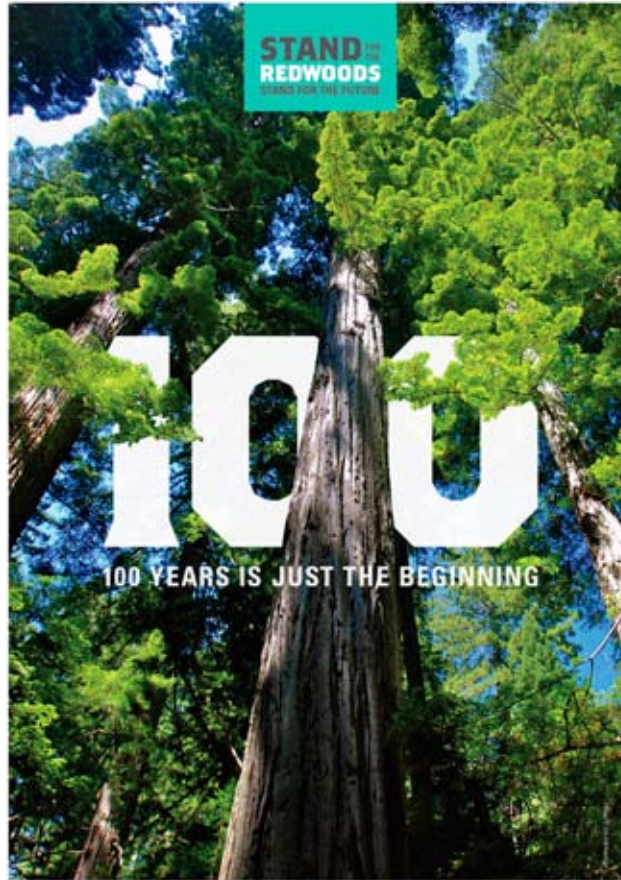
Celebrate Redwoods 100

By Ann Meneguzzi

CSPRA is a Centennial Partner helping Save the Redwoods League (STRL) celebrate 100 years of protecting California's redwood forests. At several events during 2018, CSPRA is publicizing STRL Centennial Year and the ongoing efforts to protect both the Coast Redwoods and the Sierra's Giant Sequoias. By early March, Centennial Partner CSPRA was telling tourists, park visitors and other park professionals about the valuable protection Save the Redwoods League has secured for California's grand forest giants.

CSPRA set up a Redwoods 100 display at the recent PRAC Park Training Conference in Fish Camp which is very close to both the Yosemite Mariposa Grove and the Sierra N.F. Nelder Grove of Big Trees. Visitors from many parts of the U.S. as well as from Norway and Spain stopped at our display to ask questions and learn more about redwood parks. STRL exemplifies the power of concerned private citizens dedicated to keeping redwoods protected in lands set aside from commercial harvest.

STRL itself speaks of its own history and importance: Established in 1918, the League has protected more



than 200,000 acres of majestic redwood forests in California and helped to create 66 redwood parks and preserves. The League has pioneered innovative, science-based forest-restoration techniques and touched the lives of hundreds of millions of people by connecting them to the marvels of nature throughout the redwood forest. More than 31 million people from around the world visit the redwood forest each year.

“One hundred years ago, the ancient redwood forest was disappearing at an extraor-

dinary pace,” says **Sam Hodder**, president and chief executive officer for Save the Redwoods League. “Thanks to the unwavering commitment of League supporters and partners over the past century, we saved the world’s most iconic forest from elimination. But our work is just beginning. Throughout this landmark year, we will be announcing major initiatives, scientific discoveries and our vision for the future of the redwood forest.

Today, we begin with new and expanded programs to connect yet more people to redwoods this year and beyond. To walk among these giants is to look upon the original face of nature and experience the incomparable majesty of the world’s tallest and largest living things.”

During the remaining months of 2018 CSPRA will continue to publicize and celebrate Save the Redwood League’s Centennial at planned events. STRL works to safeguard the redwoods and their protected groves that so many visit and enjoy. We are honored to be a STRL Centennial Partner and will help the public realize the significance of Save the Redwood League’s 100-year history.

Sept. 24 - 27, 2018

CSPRA Membership Meeting & Retirees Rendezvous

by Janet Carle

Fall is a beautiful time in the Eastern Sierra, with golden trees, uncrowded trails, and Indian summer weather. We hope you will join us for a gathering featuring two iconic California State Park units: Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve and Bodie State Historic Park.

Field trips will explore the Mono Lake shore, canyons full of aspen trees and the high country of Tioga Pass, as well as a new brewery in June Lake.

Judge William Alsup, the 1993 CSPRA Honorary Ranger will share his memories of the "Save Bodie" battle. Authors **Dave Van Cleve** and **Will Furman** will discuss their new books, and Mono Lake Committee Executive Director **Geoff McQuilkin** will update us on the state of the lake. The grand finale will be a trip to Bodie for a late afternoon tour, sunset Happy Hour, and BBQ into the evening.



The \$35 registration fee covers an opening reception at the world-class Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, two breakfasts, a lunch, and a dinner. See www.cspra.com for registration form and detailed agenda. Make your lodging plans soon, as this is a very busy time of year in Lee Vining. Murphey's Motel is holding rooms for CSPRA: 760-647-6316, info@murpheysyosemite.com. The Mono Vista RV Park provides great lakeview campsites

among the shade trees and a place for the group to gather for meals and visiting.

For RV spots, contact the Mono Vista RV Park at 760-647-6401, sites 40-46 or 24-28 are recommended. Tent sites have been purchased already by CSPRA, so contact **Janet Carle** at jcarle@qnet.com to reserve yours.

We looking forward to seeing you all this September in the high country!



CSPRA Supports SB 1

By John Mott, Director and Legislative Committee Chair

Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 passed last year. SB 1 added a 12 cent per-gallon tax to the price of gas, 20 cent per-gallon tax on diesel, increased vehicle registration fees and added a “road improvement fee” for electric vehicles. At the CSPRA March 2018 Board meeting, the board voted to support SB 1. What our support will look like will depend on whether efforts to repeal it gain traction.

There are those who believe that no tax increases are ever justified. Others are convinced that tax increases wind up lining politician’s pockets or that gas taxes regularly get siphoned off to fund unneeded “pet” projects. Little evidence is offered for these claims.

California’s last gas-tax increase was in 1994, when the dollar was more valuable. What cost only a dollar in 1994 costs \$1.69 today. Back in 1994, the average cost of a

movie ticket was \$4 and average rent was \$533 a month. It’s not just decades of inflation that have eroded the buying power of the dollar. Road construction and maintenance costs have risen faster than the general level of inflation.

Combine this with improved fuel efficiency, plus hybrid and electric vehicles mean that, for every mile driven, there are fewer tax dollars available to cope with the wear and tear that vehicles impose on road. Over the next ten years, SB 1 revenues will fund a wide variety of statewide and local transportation challenges. Among them are millions of dollars for parks programs, off-highway vehicle programs, boating programs, and agricultural programs. Anyone who has worked in a park knows the challenge of creating and maintaining the transportation infrastructure. SB 1 recognizes this challenge and is providing some badly needed long term funding to address it. CSPRA will be monitoring SB 1 and any efforts to repeal it.



Legislative Committee Forming

John Mott recently accepted the challenge of chairing CSPRA’s newly formed Legislative Committee. The operations of this committee will be a work in progress as there has not been such a committee in recent memory.

John writes “Presently I am working to establish productive working relationships with existing partners, such as the California State Parks Foundation and others. I welcome your ideas and assistance to help shape CSPRA’s legislative agenda. As I see it, our strength is that we know the parks and the people who work in them. We know where to go to get information. We also are a ready-made statewide network of park professionals.”

John lives in Sacramento, not far from the Capitol and is willing to testify or attend hearings. If you want to help or have a legislative idea for CSPRA to follow, please contact John — john@cspira.com



Gas tax opponents are gathering signatures again after failing to qualify an initiative for the November ballot.

Book Review

Engineering Eden

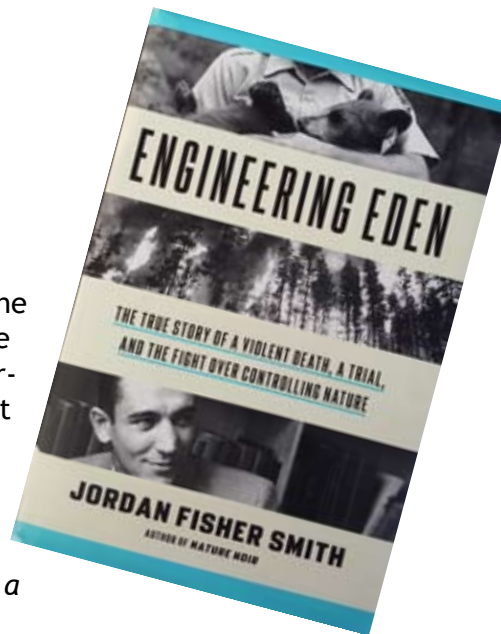
By Jordan Fisher Smith
2016, Crown Publishing,
New York, 370 pages,
Hardcover \$28.00

I just finished reading **Jordan Fisher Smith's** newest book, *Engineering Eden*. I would recommend this book to anyone that has worked for a resource agency, or anyone who is interested in resource management issues, wilderness or the politics of resource management.

On the cover it says: *The true story of a violent death, a trail, and the fight over controlling nature.*

This may lead you to think the main focus of the book is on a trail where a park visitor was killed by a Grizzly bear in Yellowstone in the early 1970's, but it is much more than that. The fight over how to control (or manage) nature in our National Parks may be the real central theme of the book.

The book lets you into the heads of several of the country's leading resource managers



from a variety of disciplines. This allows you not only to understand what they were advocating for, but why. In resource management there are often competing ideas and philosophies, and the book excels in explaining how the philosophical and scientific differences clashed and evolved over time.

The book really covers the evolution of resource management in our National Parks, and by extension, other resource agencies. It focuses largely on

the period from World WarII to the present, but gives you glimpses of landscapes back to the 1850's.

It is an interesting read for the scientist or lay person. It excels in providing the history of resource management in the National Parks under one cover.

I received a B.S. Degree in Natural Resource Management from Humboldt State University back in the late 70's. I was aware of most of the people covered in this book, but to a much lesser degree than the author. I have visited Yellowstone and Yosemite many times and have seen the story in this book play out with my own eyes.

Resource management has changed a lot since many of us worked in parks in the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and beyond. This book helps you understand the research and thought behind the science, and the differing thoughts on how it should be applied in our parks. You will also note from your own experiences that everyone isn't always on board with the same opinions.

I enjoyed the Epilogue and Afterword also, and felt the author's conclusions were pretty spot on. I won't tell you what they were, read the book!

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Reviewed by Jim Baird

PRAC Conference

Mike Lynch and Ann Meneguzzi attended the recent PRAC Conference representing CSPRA. CSPRA also staffed a Redwoods 100 display at the Conference. Conference attendees and visitors from many parts of the U.S. as well as from Norway and Spain stopped at the display to ask questions and learn more about redwood parks.

This year's California Parks Training Conference was held at Tenaya Lodge, just outside of Yosemite. There were park rangers from Humboldt to San Diego and rangers from Nevada, Colorado and Hawaii in attendance. Two other CSPRA members were also there, Neill Fogarty and Cecilia Rejas. Cecilia was a featured presenter on the Interpretive Track. Her "Reptiles" session was popular and crowded.



We shared information with rangers and visitors from around the world on both CSPRA and the Redwood 100 Celebration.

It all started off with Chris Cruz on The Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in Park Management. There was a great keynote speaker, Captain Ken Brink, Visitor Services Manager for Larimer County, Colorado, discuss the need for national standards for the park ranger profession. Scott Gediman, Yosemite's PIO, discussed managing public affairs at a high-profile park like Yosemite.

The opening speaker Wednesday was George Durkee, who has served as a park ranger for 47 years. He discussed his 40 years as a backcountry law enforcement ranger and the use of GIS in Search and Rescue.

The conference concluded with the annual banquet, where George Durkee was presented as the 2018 PRAC Honorary Lifetime Member.

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A Wave Goodbye

Wes Cater

Retired California State Park ranger **Wesley E. Cater**, a long time resident of Morro Bay, died February 13, 2018 at the age of 92. He was born in Redlands, CA and after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard as a ship's cook and served in World War II.

Wes's ranger career began in 1949. His assignments included California's deserts, beaches and mountains. In 1968, Wes came to the San Luis Obispo coast where he was assigned as State Park Supervising Ranger of Hearst Castle. He was later promoted to San Luis Obispo Coastal Area Supervisor. Co-workers remember him as "great to work for and fun to work with." He will be missed.

After retirement he became an avid fisherman. He was doing well – playing golf, pool, going to church and enjoying visits from his kids before he suddenly succumbed to leukemia.



Catherine Taylor

Catherine Anne Taylor had just settled into her "dream job" as director of the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, when a medical condition accelerated. She died at age 58.

Born in Waco, she was excited to return to Texas. Cathy had over 30 years in museum administration and preservation, non-profit foundation management and government. She was driven to "get things done the right way" with clarity of vision and an ability to cut through challenging road blocks. She had little patience for those who were motivated by self-interest, and was often described as strong and tough.

She served 12 years as executive director of the California State Railroad Foundation, 7 years as director of the California State Railroad Museum, and 8 years as Capitol District superintendent plus a stint at HQ as Chief of Archaeology, History and Museums.

Calvin Mehlert

Many of us met Calvin Mehlert at the recent gathering at Fort Tejon. We were saddened to hear of his passing in January. While his brother Charles was a longtime Ranger, Calvin only worked for parks seasonally on state park survey crews. His first assignment was a preliminary survey of the streets of Columbia, soon to become Columbia SHP (about 70 years ago). He worked all over the state. One memorable assignment was the boundary at Calaveras Big Trees where some of the ancient trees were threatened by adjacent timber operations. Mehlert served in the Marine Corps during WWII, and then continued to serve the country in the US State Department for 28 years. There are many stories from his long and fascinating career. Tom Bernardo described him as "one of the most interesting people I have ever met."





Vic Trevisanut

Victor Raymond Trevisanut III, of Polo, MO, passed away on January 2, 2018. He was 75 years old.

Vic was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. In 1966, while serving his country, he was introduced to his wife Hildegard Hartmann, who he gave the nickname of "Sue." After his discharge, he returned immediately to Germany and married Sue. They returned to the states and he began working for California State Parks as a Park Ranger.

He was elected President of the California Union of Safety Employees, and president of the State Park Peace Officers Assn. of California. In 1984, Vic was recognized by the largest police labor group in California as the PORAC "Man of the Year." Vic was also active in a variety of political and legislative efforts. Vic retired from Parks in 1997, and relocated to Kingston, MO, where he raised ostriches for 15 years.

Chuck Combs

Charles "Chuck" Combs was born on November 8, 1954 at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, CA. He grew up in Oceanside, CA. where he graduated from Oceanside High School, Class of 1972.

Chuck's career with California State Parks started at Carlsbad State Beach in 1973. From there he moved on to Empire Mine SHP, where he met his future wife Nikki at an employee potluck. His first permanent appointment with State Parks was as a PMA at Lake Perris SRA. He rose from Park Aide to retirement as a Staff Park and Recreation Specialist at the Mott Training Center in Pacific Grove. Co-workers treasured the "Santa-like twinkle in his eyes" and his great sense of humor and fun that infiltrated all he did.

In 1978, Chuck married Nikki Robson at the Empire Mine State Historic Park in Grass Valley. After 43 years with California State Parks, Chuck retired in Nevada County where Nikki and he set upon working on their dream retirement home.



Dan Murley

Daniel Francis Murley passed away at age 70 in Timber Cove, California. A Vietnam era veteran, he served in the United States Army in Germany where he earned top security clearance.

After completing his military service, he joined California State Parks. The bulk of his nearly 30 year career took place at Fort Ross State Historic Park. It was here that Daniel indulged in his scholarly research with focus on Russian America, and particularly the Native people of Alaska. He emphatically expressed his love for the field in realms both academic and public. An avid naturalist, ornithologist, and photographer, he spent most of his time outdoors leading hikes, gardening, and pursuing his passion for archaeology, which is how he met his wife Sandra. Following his retirement from parks he became the Curator of the Healdsburg Museum for 6 years.

Dan was a wordsmith and poet who wrote a weekly column for 35 years. He will be remembered for his inimitable sense of humor and mischief.

Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

By Jeff Price, Seriously Retired

Mixed Metaphor: a figure of speech combining incongruous metaphors. **Malaprop:** the mistaken use of a word in place of a similar-sounding one.

Here comes the sun!

He started calling her everything under the book . . .

STOPS, please!

This is her last slalom run and she is really pulling out all the gaps.

Hook, line and sinker, I'd punt . . .

He tricks you and fails to keep his promises, like Lucy pulling



the fishing pole away at the last second so Charlie falls flat.

Maybe racking his brain, or that rake must have a very short handle, or you have really long arms...

I am raking my head as to why this statement of yours makes me feel so uncomfortable.

Some of these are inexplicable ...

He's really threading the needle by walking such a fine line.

Not a chunk of free-floating ice?

What we know about this investigation is just the tip of the glacier.

. . . or fleas from dogs maybe?

When you lay down with people like this, you have to expect flies.

Grainy review in 3-D.

. . . so, take comments from her with a giant salt lick.

ANPR Affiliation Formalized



Jamie Richards from ANPR and CSPRA President Mike Lynch hold new affiliation agreement.

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