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Stanford SHP Rehabilitation Underway

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This Month's Highlight: Deferred Maintenance

Historic rehabilitation is underway at the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park at the corner of 8th and N Streets in downtown Sacramento.

The Mansion was home to Leland Stanford, one of the Big Four of the Central Pacific Railroad and Governor of California from 1862 to 1864.

The work started in June and is scheduled to be completed in December 2003.

The Reyman Brothers Construction Company, from Sparks, Nevada, heads the projects, with subcontractors qualified to perform historic preservation work.

This phase of the work, budgeted at more than \$8 million, will be the rehabilitation of the exterior and first three floors of the Mansion as well as completion of the installation of roof ornamentation. In conjunction with this phase, furnishing plans are being developed which will include conservation of original pieces from the house. A future phase is being planned to complete rehabilitation of the fourth floor and to landscape the Mansion grounds. In 1998, the Department of Parks and Recreation, along with the Governor's office and

with the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation, approved a project to rehabilitate the Mansion and grounds. A use plan for the Mansion includes continued public access and use by the Governor's office and leadership of the Legislature as a protocol facility.

The Stanford House was built between 1856 and 1857 as a two-story home for merchant Shelton Fogus, and was purchased by Central Pacific Railroad co-founder and President, Leland Stanford, in 1861 just before he became California's eighth governor.

Stanford added a separate governor's office, and later expanded the home to four stories and 19,000 square feet to better meet the needs of his expanded family and enhanced stature. His son, in whose

memory Stanford University would be founded, was born in the home in 1868.

In 1900, Jane Lathrop Stanford, whose husband and son were both deceased, gave the home to the Bishop of Sacramento as a home for friendless children. During the late 1980s the children's home relocated, the historic structure was sold to the state and is now known as the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park. 🌿



Brian's Rescue

By **Linda Rath**, Supervising State Park Ranger, Monterey District

Brian Barton, State Park Ranger, Monterey District, shared a story with me that I wanted to share with you.

Brian told me that he had asked for several days off for vacation but was denied a few of the days due to operational needs. Brian had just completed a Swift Water Rescue training the week before. Brian is also an accomplished scuba diver.

He was really bummed since he was planning on going hunting with his father. He did get Sunday, April 14, off so he and his family decided to spend the afternoon at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove with some friends and their children.

While at Lovers Point, Brian looked out into the small cove there and saw a young boy, around nine years old, floundering.

Since he has been diving there several times, Brian was familiar with the underwater terrain and knew that the area was about eight feet deep. Brian said it looked like a swell had picked the child up and the backwash had taken him out beyond where the boy could reach the bottom of the cove. As he watched, the boy went under water. No one else on the beach noticed, including the boy's mother.

Knowing that he could not wait to take off his street clothes or even his boots, Brian jumped into the water. He saw the boy come up once, then go under again. The boy did not come up again. Brian swam out to the area, dove down and scooped up the child as the child continued his descent downward. He quickly brought the child up to the surface where he heard the boy take a big gulp of air as soon as his head reached the air. Brian swam the boy back to the beach where, by then, the mother had realized something was wrong. After checking the boy for breathing and finding he was okay, Brian advised the mother to have the child checked out by a doctor.

Brian told me he is no longer upset about not being able to go hunting with his father that weekend, since, had he gone, the boy would have drowned. 🌿



California State Parks Takes Home SIOC Awards

California State Parks brought home top awards in the State

Information Officer Council (SIOC) 2001 Awards Program. The awards recognize excellence in state government communications.

State Parks' Communications Deputy Director **Roy Stearns** was master of ceremonies for the lunch-time awards program.

Awards went to:

Tina L. Williams, State Park Recruitment Supervisor, State Park Ranger **Scott Liske** from Folsom Lake SRA, and Communications Deputy Director **Roy Stearns** - Gold Award for PSA video on Recruitment for California State Park Rangers and Lifeguard.

Laurena Cabanero and **Gail Dudding**, Interpretive Publications Office - Gold Award for Diversity Recognition posters.

Brian Cahill - Silver Award for one or two color newsletter, "The Catalyst".

John Arnold, Communications Office - Silver Award for feature story on Empire Mine State Historic Park.

Carol Cullens, Interpretive Publications, received a special award as a member of the awards committee.

Close up: California Citrus State Historic Park

By **Ron Krueper**, Park Superintendent

It has been over a year since we conducted a significant “groundbreaking” ceremony for the start of the long awaited Phase II and Visitor Center project (\$2.5 million). We have completed the 5,000-square foot Visitor Center and adjacent parking area. When we embarked on this project with the City of Riverside there was sufficient funding only for the Visitor Center building and surrounding features. Additional funding for the all-important exhibits detailing the “Journey of Citrus” to California and its impact on our history had not been secured yet. However, with the approval of the State budget in July 2001, funding has now been obtained through California State Parks and Proposition 12 for the exhibits.

State Park staff will contract to have the exhibits fabricated and installed in the new Visitor Center. Also, completion of the Visitor Center in March allowed the State to take official occupancy of the “building.”

The Phase II project will essentially double the facilities available at the park. It consists of a main entry drive lined with palm trees winding up through the existing navel and valencia orange groves to the base of highest knoll by Van Buren Boulevard. A new 100-space parking lot will be adjacent to the new Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center will resemble a packing-house from the 1920s and will feature 3,500 square feet of exhibit space. It will also contain a gift shop and public restrooms. Adjacent to the parking lot will be a focal garden with fountain and decorative iron gates and fencing leading to the future “Wealthy Grower’s Mansion.” The fountain will depict the first “Sunkist” advertisement of the California girl giving the Iowa boy an orange in the “cold” of winter. It features bronze statues replicating the boy and girl with a reproduction of the advertisement and interpretive plaque.



Another important element of Phase II is the water flume bridge. The flume bridge will be a replica of how water was carried across canyons in the early 1900’s. However, this one will not carry water, but will allow visitors to walk from the south side of the Park, across the arroyo (canyon) to groves on the north side

and to the future “historic core” area of the park. The City of Riverside has already secured partial funding for the flume bridge. We are still waiting to see if the park was successful in securing an additional grant that, when coupled with funds supplied by the Citrus Non Profit Management Corporation, will allow this project (\$1.4 million) to start.

With all of these new and exciting projects we hope to see you soon at California Citrus State Historic Park! 🌿

QUIZ

The answer to last issue’s quiz (“Which state beach is not on the ocean?”) is Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach, which is on San Francisco Bay. The winner is **Barbara Swinehart**, Examination Analyst in the department’s Exam Unit, who e-mailed the correct response about five minutes after the newsletter went on line!

This issue’s question is:

Who discovered oil in Los Angeles in the 1890s and has a State Beach named after him?

Please e-mail your answer to John Arnold at jarno@parks.ca.gov. The first person to answer correctly will receive a prize.

The State Historical Resources Commission

By **Gene Itogawa**, Historian III,
Office of Historic Preservation

The State Historical Resources Commission is a nine member public body appointed by the Governor with responsibilities for the identification, registration, and preservation of California's important cultural heritage. The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) serves as staff to the Commission.

Five members of the Commission shall be recognized professionals in the disciplines of history, pre-historic archeology, historic archeology, architectural history, and restoration architecture. One member shall be knowledgeable in ethnic history. One member shall be knowledgeable in folklife; and two members shall represent the public or possess expertise in fields that the Governor deems necessary or desirable to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities. The State Historic Preservation Officer serves as the Executive Secretary to the Commission.

The primary responsibility of the Commission is to review applications for listing historic and archeological properties on the National Register of Historic Places,

California Register of Historical Resources, California Historical Landmarks, and the California Points of Historical Interest programs. The Commission is responsible for a variety of activities, including:

- ◆ Conducting a statewide inventory of historical resources and maintaining comprehensive records of these resources.
- ◆ Developing and adopting criteria for the rehabilitation of historic structures.
- ◆ Establishing policies and guidelines for a comprehensive statewide historical resources plan.
- ◆ Consulting with and considering the recommendations of public agencies, civic groups, and citizens interested in historic preservation.
- ◆ Developing criteria and procedures based upon public hearings and active public participation for the selection of projects to be funded through the National Historic Preservation Fund, the California Heritage Fund, and other federal and state grants programs. 🌿

Commission Members

Lauren W. Bricker, Ph.D., Vice-Chair, Redlands

Dr. Lauren W. Bricker is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 2001, she became a member of the Academic Senate at Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Bricker is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians and the Redlands Area Historical Society.

Philip P. Choy, San Francisco

Mr. Philip P. Choy was an architect in private practice from 1964 to 1997. He is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Asian American Studies Department, San Francisco State University. Mr. Choy has been a lecturer at the University of California and San Francisco Community College. He has written several publications relating to Chinese American history in California and the United States.

Kathleen D. Green, Sacramento

Ms. Kathleen D. Green has been actively involved in historic preservation programs and issues in the Sacramento area. She is a member of the State Historic Capitol Commission and the Stanford Mansion Preservation Community Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Green served on the Sacramento Heritage Board and Citizens Committee for the Memorial Auditorium.

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D., Chairperson, Riverside

Dr. Anthea M. Hartig is Assistant Professor of History at La Sierra University in Riverside. She has served as a preservation planner for over a decade, most recently as a Senior Planner for the City of Riverside. She has served on many local, statewide, and national history-related non-profit foundations' boards of directors and has published in both academic and professional journals.

John D. Henderson, FAIA., San Diego

Mr. John D. Henderson, FAIA, is a practicing Architect in San Diego specializing in historic preservation projects. Mr. Henderson is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Association for Preservation Technology, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the San Diego Historical Society. Mr. Henderson has received numerous professional design awards and personal honors for his architectural projects and community involvement.

William R. Hildebrandt, Ph.D., Woodland

Dr. William R. Hildebrandt is President of the Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc., in Davis. Dr. Hildebrandt has published several articles and monographs on the prehistory of California and the western Great Basin. He is a member of the Society of California Archaeology and the Society of American Archaeology.

Mary L. Maniery, Sacramento

Ms. Mary L. Maniery is President of PAR Environmental Services, Inc. in Sacramento. She is a member of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Society for American Archaeology, and the Society for California Archaeology.

Carol L. Novey, Rocklin

Ms. Carol L. Novey has more than 15 years of experience working for the U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Novey takes great interest in California history. She participated in the Postal Service's unveiling of the California state stamp during the state's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Sue F. Schechter, Pasadena

Ms. Sue F. Schechter, a former educator, was the Administrator and Executive Director of the Pasadena Historical Society and Museum from 1978 to 1986. She is currently associated with the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation, Pasadena Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the California Preservation Foundation.

Point Cabrillo Joins The Fold

By **G.W. Picard**,
Mendocino District Superintendent

For nearly ten years the North Coast Interpretive Association has been the caretaker of the Point Cabrillo Light Station and Preserve in Mendocino County near Fort Bragg. Originally intended for transfer to State Parks by the Coastal Conservancy, the fiscal woes of the early '90s kept the Department from being able to take title and operate the facility.

The North Coast Interpretive Association's diligent efforts to maintain the facilities and offer some level of public access became a labor of love for many of the local residents. So successful were they that they managed to completely restore the lighthouse by the year 2000. So committed were they that they were reluctant to let go. Parks, however, still maintained an interest in seeing this incredible cultural resource in the State Park system, and the Coastal Conservancy which funded NCIA was feeling the pinch of continued operational costs that didn't fit well with their agency mandates.

Thus, the State Coastal Conservancy, on April 24, 2001, agreed to transfer the 270-acre Point Cabrillo Preserve property to the State Department of Parks and Recreation. Subsequent transfer of the 30.5 acres

comprising the light station buildings was voted to be transferred to State Parks at the May 24, 2001 meeting of the Conservancy Board in Fort Bragg, but that transfer is contingent upon payment by Parks of \$4 million to the Conservancy, which they will subsequently spend through the North Coast Interpretive Association (NCIA) on restoration of the buildings over the next five years. NCIA will be working for Parks under an Interpretive Concession contract to complete the work with our ongoing review and approval of the activities.

Though we are still awaiting the completion of the transfer process as it wends its way through General Services, the Public Works Board, and the Department of Finance, we anticipate beginning cooperative operations this year. This somewhat unique approach to park acquisition, restoration, and management was the result of six months of negotiation between the NCIA, Conservancy and State Parks at the request of Assemblywoman **Virginia Strom-Martin** and State Senator **Wes Chesbro**.

While it is a bit different from the traditional Parks model, we feel very pleased with the way things worked out and are committed to giving our best for the betterment of the Point Cabrillo Light Station and Preserve. 🌿

Watching Your Waistline: Basic Visitor Training Style

BSVT Group 21 is working hard at reducing their waistlines under the direction of Cadet Training Officers **Denise Reichenberg** and **Bill Hambaro**.



Accessibility For Park Visitors

By **Heather Christensen**,
Mendocino District

Our Department is in the process of providing more accessibility for all of our park visitors. My co-worker, **Guy Burnett**, Maintenance Mechanic, and I had the privilege of attending Park Accessibility Training, the week of May 12, 2002 through May 16, 2002, at Mott Training Center.

In true park style, the training was very informative and entertaining. **Mike Bielecki**, **Gerry Vinson**, and **Jim Holt** from the Accessibility Unit were our instructors. Their presentations included information on ADA Codes and Standards, Policies for Guidance of Accessibility Issues, Access To Parks Guidelines, Trails, on-line Database of Barriers in State Parks, Historic Structures and ADA, Routes of Travel, Program Interpretation, Living with Disabilities, and Real Life



Camping Experience with a disability.

We were taken to Point Lobos and were each given an impairment. We were divided into groups of 3 or 4, and each member was either blind, hearing impaired and using a walker, or in a wheelchair. Our campsites were not accessible. We were then asked to set up our campsites. We were told we needed to set up a tent, put a sleeping bag inside the tent, retrieve water in a cooking pan, set up a propane stove, and lantern.

My fellow team members and I instantly became dependent on each other.

The truth is, we had a lot of laughs in this class, but I'm sure there isn't one person who attended this class who doesn't view our everyday park business with new "eyes." We know the importance of making sure our California State Parks will be accessible. 🌿

Headquarters Take Your Child To Work Day

By **Olaya Paschal**, Headquarters

On April 25, Department staff shared California State Parks treasures with Resources Agency children participating in the annual, "Take Your Child to Work Day" at Headquarters.

More than 150 children came to headquarters that day and enjoyed rich educational experiences throughout Resources Agency departments. Special DPR events included Lifeguard - Water Safety, Bicycle Safety, Archaeological Dig and Treasures, California's Nature in a Knapsack, Stampin' thru History and California Museum Collections.

A special thank you to Park Operations, Cultural Resources Division, Interpretation and Education Division, Information Technology Services, Recruitment, and the Business and Procurement Services Section teams for providing the children with a diverse program and a wonderful day with their parents/mentors.

It Takes a Whole Village to Raise A Child
-African Proverb-

Director's Recognition Program

Acting State Parks Director **Ruth Coleman** announced the honorees for the 2001 Director's Recognition Program Awards.

The individual recipients and teams who distinguished themselves through their extraordinary achievements are:

Mary Helmich, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Interpretation and Education Division, received the Olmsted Award for Leadership and Vision.

Helen Smith, Interpretive Specialist, Seasonal, Sierra District, received the Hill Award for Inspiration.

Broc Stenman, Staff Services Manager III, Mott Training Center and **Peggy Zentner**, Program Support Section Chief Acquisition and Development Division, received the Drury Award for Professional Integrity.

David Boyd, Senior Resource Ecologist, Marin District, and **Michaele DeBoer**, State Park Ranger, Office of Community Involvement, External Affairs, received the Mott Award for Innovation.

Ivo "Bob" Kirsch, Trails Crew Volunteer, Santa Cruz District, received the Dewitt Award for Partnership.

Special Commendations went to: **Keenen Sederquist**, Park Maintenance Chief III, Technical Services Section, Park Operations; **Sherrin Grout**, State Park Ranger, Calaveras District; **Dena Bellman**, Communications Operator, Oceano Dunes District; **Hailee Zaldivar**, Communications Supervisor,

Northern Communication Center; **David Wrightsman**, State Park Land Officer, Office of Acquisition and Real Property; **Susan Jackson**, Business Services Officer, Office of Historic Preservation; **Cindy Thompson-Marsh**, Park Maintenance Assistant, Orange Coast District; the Personnel HRIS Team represented by **Pat Cloney**, Personnel Services Supervisor I; **Janene Wooley**, Staff Services Manager I; **Jackie Cheyne**, Associate Personnel Analyst; **Melissa Glipa**, Management Services Technician; and **Todd Boltjes**, Staff Information Systems Analyst, Supervisor; and the Natural Resources Maintenance Development Team represented by **Dave Boyd**, Associate State Park Resource Ecologist; **Art Fong**, Associate Biologist; **George Gray**, Senior State Park Resource Ecologist; **Wayne Harrison**, Senior State Park Resource Ecologist; **Marla Hastings**, Senior State Park Resource Ecologist; **Geary Hund**, Senior State Park Resource Ecologist, **Bruce Lynn**, Park Maintenance Chief; and **Jim Trumbly**, Senior State Park Resource Ecologist.

Special Act or Special Service recognition went to **Chuck Jackson**, State Park Ranger, San Luis Obispo District and the "**Foo Fighters**" represented by **Michael Gross**, State Park Superintendent II; **Linda Cooper**, Museum Curator II; **Brad Krey**, State Park Interpreter I; **Jack Frost**, Guide-Historic Monument I, **John (Phil) Cantrall**, Park Maintenance Worker I; **Kent Richmond**, Park Aid; and **Vince Hubbell**, Volunteer, Northern Buttes District. 🌿

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Awards Ceremony

By **Cathy Croly**, Business and Procurement Services Section, Headquarters

The Department of Parks and Recreation was honored at the 10th Annual Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) "Keeping The Promise" Trade Show and Awards Ceremony with the **2002 Most Improved Program Award**, and **Darlene Atkinson** was honored with a **Special Recognition Award**.

Darlene used innovative ideas and techniques to enhance the DVBE participation for the Northern Service Center. She has required a six percent DVBE participation goal on selected public works contracts, and these efforts have greatly improved the Department's DVBE participation statistics.

Administrative Services Division would like to thank all departmental staff for their continued support in meeting and exceeding the three percent DVBE participation mandate. Way to go!

Patriotism at Fort Humboldt

By **Edie Carhart**, State Park Interpreter, Fort Humboldt SHP

In the midst of the lush Redwood Coast, Fort Humboldt State Historic Park stands out as the only state park devoted to historical events of the Humboldt Bay area.

With State Park Interpreter **Edie Carhart** assigned as the first permanent park staff in several years, the Fort is focused on community outreach. Response has been very positive, and can be illustrated by special activities that took place at the park.

A show of patriotism was held at the Fort ten days after the attack of September 11. More than 250 citizens bowed their heads to honor those who died trying to save and protect others. The service included remarks, songs, and prayers from representatives of police, firefighters, and veterans groups.

The emotional ceremony brought together many local people who had not visited the Fort in years. We are hopeful this response will translate into volunteers and docents to help revive some of the living history events held here in the past.

Brian Klock Wins Chappie Z'berg Award

Brian Klock, a veteran of more than a quarter of a century with California State Parks, is the Employee of the Year and the recipient of the first Chappie-Z'berg award presented by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks.

"Brian is a true can-do staff member, and anyone who has seen his work knows that he is invaluable to not only the Division, but all of State Parks," said California State Parks Deputy Director **David L. Widell**, who established the award.

The award is named after two visionary state legislators, **Gene Chappie** and **Edwin Z'berg**, who foresaw the impact of this trend on California. Chappie, an off-roader, and Z'berg, an environmentalist, worked with OHV enthusiasts and environmentalists to craft legislation that would provide management of this burgeoning sport. Brian began his State Park career in late 1977 as a ranger. He then moved to Sacramento

to work for the OHV Recreation Office in a Training & Development assignment as a Park & Recreation Specialist. He administered all of the OHV grants statewide. After two years, rather than returning to the field as a ranger, he made a lateral transfer to the Park & Recreation Specialist series.

Brian continued to administer OHV grants for the next 13 years. In 1987 he promoted to Associate Park & Recreation Specialist and assumed the lead role over the OHV Grants Program for nine years. He was the Winter Recreation Program manager for five years, until 1995, when he was assigned as the special assistant to the Chief of the OHMVR Division. In 1989 he received the Department's **Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award** for "helping the Department attain its goals and objectives." He is currently the assistant OHV Stakeholders Roundtable coordinator and the Project Manager for a new \$2 million OHV Fuel Tax Study. 🌿



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Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration

By **Nick Franco**,
Park Superintendent
Angel Island State Park

In 1882, the United States Congress passed the Immigration Act which for the first time declared immigration regulation to be a task of the federal government. That same law barred “idiots, lunatics, and persons likely to become a public charge.” Later that year, Congress passed the first law prohibiting free immigration on the basis of race in all of American history. The Chinese Exclusion Act forbade the immigration of Chinese laborers and forbade the naturalization (citizenship) of any Chinese. Just four years later, an inscription was placed in New York harbor that read:

*Give me your tired, your poor, your
huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.*

*Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed to me.*

I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

That inscription, of course, is at the Statue of Liberty.

Construction for the U.S. Immigration Station on Angel Island began in 1905 to better enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act and the many other anti-Asian laws that were passed up until all Asians were again given the right to become citizens in 1952. The Angel Island Immigration Station operated from 1910 to 1940 and processed about 1 million people. About half of these were emigrants leaving the country and the other half immigrants arriving to the United States. Of the 500,000 arriving, about 1/3 were Chinese and 1/3 were Japanese.

This facility was the detention facility that would hold these immigrants until it was determined if they could legally enter the country. For a European, this process took a matter of hours, for a Japanese immigrant it could take up to 48 hours, for a Chinese immigrant, it took an average of three weeks, but some remained in detention for months or years.

The Chinese detainees, frustrated at their long detentions unjustly based upon their race, carved hundreds of poems in the walls to express their feelings of hope, despair, courage and strength.

These poems are visible today and connect with each of us and cause us to reflect on when a person ceases to be foreign and when they are considered American and how that definition has changed over time.

This chapter in American history that is so clearly represented by this site helped make this place a National Historic Landmark in 1997. Since that time, a three-way partnership between California State Parks, the National Park Service and the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) has been working to restore the site.

We received \$100,000 in National Parks funds to begin the study of how to restore the site and tie into the future development of a West Coast Immigration Museum in San Francisco. We also received \$400,000 in a special allocation from the State Legislature to complete the Historic Structures Reports, Cultural Landscape Report and a Poem Documentation and Conservation Study. The AIISF has received almost \$1 million in private and public grants and donations to assist with these studies and to begin restoration work. Finally, the public passed the last bond that included \$15 million for the restoration of this site.

We are finishing up our studies and are beginning the exciting task of Interpretive Plan development. Angel Island State Park Interpreter II **Darci Moore** is leading this project. Master Planning will follow with construction anticipated to begin in 2004. The full restoration is likely to cost approximately \$30 million or more. The AIISF is committed to raising the funds to complete

this project so that all people can understand this important part of American history. I invite all of you to come and see the station now, before it's fully restored, so that you can come back in six years or so and see an even more inspiring site. 🌿



Archaeological Site Monitoring Through Site Stewardship Training

By **Joe Rosato**, State Parks Information Officer, Headquarters

Recognizing that it will be difficult to protect archeological resources in off-highway vehicle recreation areas without the support and cooperation of its users, California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission has awarded \$46,000 to the federal Bureau of Land Management for its site stewardship training program.

The goal is to preserve a significant portion of California's rich cultural heritage. The California Archeological Site Stewardship Program, now in its fourth year, provides opportunities for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts that are not provided anywhere else. Consider:

- Off-highway vehicle recreation enthusiasts will be able to recognize archaeological and historical sites that they may have ridden by and not recognized before.
- Enthusiasts will be able to enroll in a site monitoring class with their peers and learn about the importance of sensitive resources and how to effectively monitor them.
- Enthusiasts will realize the importance of their presence on public lands, and how the information that is collected will help people enjoy those lands more fully.
- Off-highway recreation enthusiasts, archaeologists and Native Americans will work together for the common goal of recreational enjoyment and the understanding and preservation of California's past.

Taking the Diversity Steering Committee Sessions

By **Jean Lacher**, Quality and Customer Service Manager, Headquarters

To passersby, these sessions may have looked like a combination of the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and a Stephen Covey workshop. What really occurred were opportunities to hear from DPR employees about how they see DPR ensuring diversity within the department and in service to the public.

This spring, DPR's Diversity Steering Committee conducted two-hour employee focus group sessions in Northern Buttes District, Monterey District and San Diego Coast District, in addition to sessions at headquarters and with the Cultural Resources Division. These interactive sessions enabled over 250

employees to hear about the Committee's efforts and to provide feedback about where our department is on its journey to ensure diversity. Additional ideas were shared about perceived barriers and how DPR can build on prior successes. Employees, from entry level to executive level, worked in small groups and also shared ideas via a "roving microphone" or round-robin format.

The Diversity Steering Committee is now summarizing employee comments and combining them with feedback from several subject-matter experts. The final report of recommendations will be shared with the Director and Executive Staff. Upon approval, the Committee will invite all employees to assist in implementing these recommendations. 🌱

Accessibility Survey Team Saga

By **Susan Chittum Grove**, SPR II,
Shasta Cascade

Back in the fall of 1999, a group of eight adventurous park employees applied for and got new limited term jobs. What's so adventurous about that? Well, these jobs were brand new positions, and a huge task awaited the newly formed Accessibility Survey Team. The supervisors, **Michael Bielecki**, Maintenance Chief II, and **Susan Grove**, Superintendent I, came from very different backgrounds, as did the remaining six team members: **Bruce Brown**, Interpreter I; **Patricia Turse**, Interpreter II; **Wendy Martin** and **Greg Yanchus**, Maintenance Supervisors; and **Michelle Gardner** and **Adrian Itaya**, Supervising Rangers. Sadly, **Bruce Brown** passed away in June 2000, and was replaced by **Greg Hackett**, Supervising Ranger.

Thanks to some innovative thinking, the arrangements for this team were quite unusual. The employees were assigned to Headquarters in Sacramento, but did not have to relocate there. Since the facility surveys would take place at all parks throughout the state, the team would be on the road virtually every week. Team members, who worked four 10-hour shifts for a considerable savings in per diem, left their homes on Tuesday morning, drove or flew to that week's location, and returned home by the end of the work day on Friday.

After reporting in early November 1999, the team and the other members of the newly formed Accessibility Section trained as a group for two months on the subject of codes and specifications that park facilities must meet to be legally accessible to persons with disabilities. The first two weeks were formal training put on by State Parks and the Department of Rehabilitation. Six more weeks were spent researching codes, revising State

Parks' latest accessibility surveys, learning to interpret and apply the codes consistently and creating electronic versions of the surveys. In January of 2000, the team of surveyors went off to our parks, laptops and surveying tools in hand.

On December 20, 2000, about a year after they began surveying, the last survey was completed at Lake Perris SRA. In the course of that one year, the field survey team chalked up some impressive figures: the team drove a collective 200,000 miles, stayed in motels for 1128 nights (more than three years worth of nights!), wrote 1162 pages of summaries of findings, surveyed 1089 restrooms along with a vast number of other facilities, filled out 216 travel claims, and uploaded thousands of hours of survey data. All this while using their vehicles, hotel rooms and cell phones for offices! It was time for a brief celebration of the end of the trail.

The celebration didn't last long since there was much more work to do. After a holiday break, team members split their time between their homes and the Sacramento Accessibility office. The data was evaluated, and accessibility projects were identified throughout the state. The team then worked on developing the Department's Transition Plan that will guide our agency for the next 15 years as we strive to make our parks accessible to all people. A few have stayed on to revise our in-house publications, especially Access to Parks Guidelines, provide training, review projects, develop public web pages that describe our accessible facilities, and do other work to ensure that full access is more than a dream. Most of the field surveyors' limited term positions ended on June 30, and they returned to their previous positions or moved on to new ones. We all take with us the memories of this unique 24 months in the parks, and are filled with satisfaction of a job well done. 🌱



The California Biodiversity Council

By **Nina Gordon**

Supervisor, Office of Grants and Local Services, Headquarters

The California Biodiversity Council (CBC) was formed in 1991 to improve coordination and cooperation between the resource management and environmental protection organizations at federal, state, and local levels. Strengthening ties between local communities and governments has been a focus of the Council by promoting strong local leadership and encouraging comprehensive solutions to regional issues.

The Council was originally formed by **Douglas Wheeler**, former Resources Secretary, to address more regional and broader approaches to timber harvesting practices. The Council has grown from an original membership of 12 agencies to 38 members, including eight regional associations of county supervisors and governments, 16 state agencies, 12 federal agencies, the University of California, and the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.

The Council meets four times a year, rotating among 10 bioregions in the State

with a wide variety of subject matter on the agenda. All meetings are open to the public and are co-chaired by Resources Secretary **Mary D. Nichols** and State BLM Director **Mike Pool**. The Council is examining the impact of current and potential activities that affect the use of the land and natural resources, and the subsequent threats to sustaining the diversity of species in each ecosystem, or “biodiversity.”

One of the many successful accomplishments of the CBC is the formation of the Watershed Work Group (WWG). Under the direction of **Secretary Nichols**, the California Resources Agency pulled together a statewide network of federal, state, local, private, and non-profit organizations which included grass roots watershed councils and the California Farm Bureau. **Nina Gordon**, then a staff member of the Resources Agency, helped to facilitate the group. **Syd Brown**, geologist, represented the Department. Funding was soon identified as a common issue, and the WWG group produced a document *entitled “Best Funding Practices”* which is available on CBC website or through the CBC. 🌿

CALPA AT THE CASTLE – Save the Date!

Don't miss the California League of Park Associations (CALPA) annual conference October 24 – 27, 2002 at San Simeon being hosted by the Friends of the Hearst Castle and the staff of Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument. The conference theme, “How Associations and DPR Work Together to Promote Interpretation,” will focus on interpretation, communication, recreation, and celebration.

Some conference highlights include a reception at the Neptune Pool, field trips to the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse and the newly remodeled Morro Bay Museum of Natural History, and exciting sessions by noted consultants. Along with many regular features this annual conference will feature many new “twists.” Registration packets and more details will be sent out during the summer.

CALPA plans a power-packed, fun-filled, festive, four-day function for all. Mark your calendars; conference registration packets will be sent out this summer.

To receive a registration packet or other conference information contact CALPA Secretary **Arlene Halligan** at (415) 479-4635, ahalligan@value.net.



Ranger Relief

What is Ranger Relief?

Formed in 2000, “Ranger Relief” is an important recycling effort. It’s a group of individuals from various wildlife agencies and organizations who are tackling the much-needed task of recycling surplus equipment throughout the professional parks & wildlife agency systems.

By obtaining surplus uniforms and equipment from North American agencies and distributing them to under-equipped rangers and agencies overseas we can all aid in the fight to protect our global environment and do it through the smart re-use and re-cycling of available resources.

Who is Ranger Relief?

“Ranger Relief” is comprised of individuals who hold such titles as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agent, National Park Ranger, State Conservation Officer, Provincial Park Wardens and Provincial Conservation Professionals. Numerous parks & wildlife agency organizations

such as the International Ranger Federation and the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association and the International Fund for Animal Welfare are involved. 🌿

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PERSONNEL NEWS

Pamela (“Rocky”) Rocksvold, Secretary, Interpretation and Education Division, transferred from the California Highway Patrol.

Jenan Saunders, State Park Interpreter II, transferred to Interpretation and Education Division from Office of Historic Preservation.

Jeff Price is retiring from the Department’s Marin District.

Retirements

Rick Ray, retired after 31 years with the department. His final assignment was as Chief Ranger for the San Luis Obispo Coast District. During his career with State Parks, he also was a Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Chief and Regional Maintenance Specialist.

Deaths

F. Lee Motz, an Associate State Archaeologist with the Cultural Resources Division, died on April 17, 2002. He became a specialist in the Santa Cruz-Monterey area, focusing on projects at Año Nuevo and Wilder Ranch.

DeVerl Mills passed away on Tuesday, April 16th. “Dee,” as he was known, was a Landscape Architect with Parks from 1959 to 1990. After 30 years of service, he retired to pursue his long time desire to expand his own landscape construction company with his son.

Interpretive Staff go to Law School

By **Donna Pozzi**, Division Chief, Office of Interpretation and Education, Headquarters

Two employees from the Interpretation and Education Division have been accepted into law schools for this coming fall. Office Technician **Sherri Vargas** has been with the Department for about a year and a half, in the Interpretive Publications Section. She will be going to McGeorge Law School in Sacramento. Sherri will continue to work for the Department while in school.

Nilu Majd has worked as a student assistant with the Cooperating Associations Program for the past year. Nilu will be leaving us to attend law school at UC San Diego. We're very proud of both of these exceptional young women and wish them all the best with their studies and future careers.



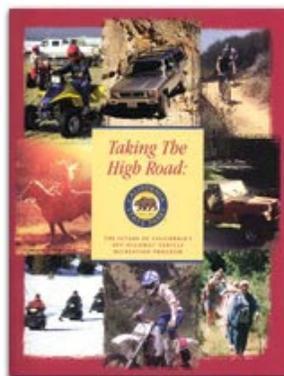
Sherri Vargas, left, and Nilu Majd, right, have promising careers ahead of them as future lawyers.

New State Parks Publication Shows Huge Increase In Off-Road Recreation

By **Joe Rosato**, State Parks Information Officer, Headquarters

Registrations of all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, dune buggies, sand rails and dirt bikes in California have more than doubled in the last 20 years, according to a new publication prepared by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks.

Taking the High Road: The Future of California's Off-Highway Recreation Program, took two years to complete, and was paid entirely by user-generated Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund revenue. It examines the challenges facing California's off-highway vehicle recreation program, the largest of its kind in the nation.



The publication found that in addition to the 108 percent increase in the OHV green sticker registrations since 1980, there has been a 74 percent increase in street-licensed four-wheel drive vehicles in California since 1994. In the last six years alone there has been more than a 60 percent increase in the sale of sports utility vehicles in the state, according to the report.

While off-highway vehicle use is growing in popularity, the amount of available acreage for the sport has been shrinking, the report found. For example, there has been a 48 percent decrease in acreage available for OHV recreation in the California Desert since 1980.

"These factors present us with a profound challenge in the 21st century," said California State Parks Deputy Director **David L. Widell**. 🌿

New Attorneys in Legal Office



Two new attorneys have joined the department's Legal Office.

Lisa Ditora has over 17 years of experience and works in the office half-time. Her work includes real estate matters; conflict of interest; concessions, cooperative associations and donor agreements; collection issues and other security matters.



Leilani Yang is a new attorney and works full-time. Her work includes general liability issues, law enforcement, cooperating associations and park operations regulations.

The Department's Chief Counsel **Tim La Franchi** noted, "We are working to strengthen and enhance the process to respond to the department's needs for legal advice. We welcome our new attorneys."

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UPDATE



This Issue:

Deferred Maintenance Projects

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In this issue of *News and Views* we are including a special four-page section focusing on our Deferred Maintenance Program. About 1,300 projects now have either been completed or are underway, an amazing accomplishment given all the other tasks we had to do at the same time. We touch on some of those accomplishments in this section.

This was an historic undertaking in scope, and the lessons we learned will help us in our future deferred maintenance efforts.

I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make this such a success. The program touched all divisions and districts, and most of our employees were involved in one way or another. I also want to thank Governor Gray Davis for his leadership in providing the funds for this program, and his ongoing support of our Department and our parks.

Ruth G. Coleman
Acting Director

State Parks' Historic Maintenance Effort

California State Parks has entered the final stages of its historic \$157 million statewide renovation and rehabilitation that began three years ago. Gov. **Gray Davis** and the Legislature created the Deferred Maintenance Program to address a large backlog of maintenance resulting from state budget cuts in the early 1990s. It is the largest deferred maintenance program ever undertaken by the California State Parks.

"Our hats are off to our Department's employees who worked so hard on this project," said Ruth Coleman, Acting Director of State Parks. "They deserve our gratitude, as well as the gratitude of our visitors."

"It was a massive undertaking," said Dr. **Mark Schrader**, the department's Deputy Director for Acquisition and Development who oversaw the program. "The backlog of work needed was so large that even the record amount earmarked for this program could pay for only a portion of the work needed."

Some 1,300 park projects statewide were identified for funding, from minor repairs to major renovations. State Parks now has entered the final stage of the program, meaning all projects either have been completed or are under way.

San Francisco Bay Area

“Our Bay Area visitors see the fruits of this labor on a day-to-day basis,” said **Ron Schafer**, superintendent of the Bay Area District for State Parks. “They see it in the bridge and road work at Butano State Park in San Mateo County, the renovation of the fishing pier at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco, and at nearly all of the other state parks in the Bay Area.”

For the Bay Area, Marin Silverado and Santa Cruz districts, the projects included:

Angel Island State Park – Restoration projects included the historic military garrison buildings, ferry boat landing facilities, the Chinese carvings and non-native plant species control. Also work at **China Camp SP** and **Mount Tamalpais SP** parks.



Mount Tamalpais
State Park

Wilder Ranch State Park –Restoration and rehabilitation of the historic ranch structures and landscaping at the park found two miles north of Santa Cruz.

Benicia Capitol State Historic Park – The original building of California’s third seat of government was restored with reconstructed furnishings and exhibits. Other projects in the district included work at

Bothe-Napa Valley SP, **Clear Lake SP** and **Sonoma SHP**.

Mount Diablo State Park –Road and bridge repairs, septic system work, trail repairs and work on the visitor center, as well as work at **Año Nuevo SP** and **SRA** and **Half Moon Bay SB**.

Los Angeles, Channel Coast, Inland Empire

“We have accomplished a lot in a relatively short period of time,” said **Russ Guiney**, superintendent of the Angeles District for State Parks. “These are projects that mean a lot to our visitors. They are something they see every time they come to a state park.”

La
Purisima
Mission
SHP



For the Angeles, Channel Coast and Inland Empire districts, the projects included:

Will Rogers State Historic Park –Installation of insulation and moisture barriers in the park’s historic buildings, refurbishing of historic landscaping, fencing, corrals and structures, and renovation of failing utility systems. At **Leo Carrillo SP**, the damaged parking and camping areas were restored. Other projects in the district included work at **Antelope Valley Indian Museum**, **Malibu Creek SP**, **Red Rock Canyon SP**, **Topanga SP**, **Providence Mountains SRA**, **Los Encinos SHP** and **Point Mugu SP**.

La Purisima Mission State Historic Park — Reroofing historic shops and quarters, were approved for this historic site that preserves mission and Native American life from California’s Spanish and Mexican periods. Other district projects were undertaken at **El Capitan SB**, **San Buenaventura SB**, **Carpinteria SB** and **Chumash Painted Cave SHP**.

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area – Twenty-two projects have been completed

or are in the process of being completed in the park, including the purchase of beach wheelchairs and construction of access ramps in campgrounds and day-use areas. Other district projects included work at **Lake Perris SRA, Chino Hills SP** and **California Citrus SHP**.

Capital, Gold Fields, Sierra

“These projects are welcome improvements for the millions of visitors who enjoy the state parks and state recreation areas in this region,” said **Jacqueline Ball**, superintendent of the Gold Fields District. “We already are hearing from our ‘customers’ who enjoy these improvements, whether it be the new trails at Folsom or along the South Yuba River, or the refurbished picnic grounds at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic State Park.”



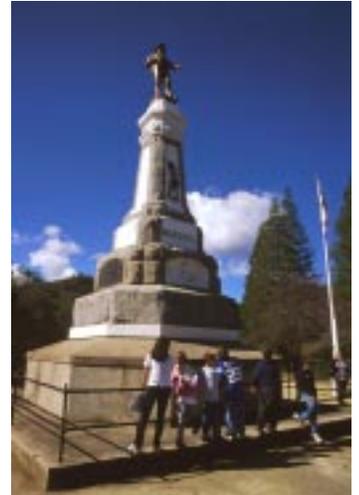
Sutter's
Fort SHP

For the Capital, Gold Fields and Sierra districts, the projects included:

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area – Extensive work in the Peninsula Campground area, including replacement of the water system, construction of a multi-use trail in the area and road repairs. There were other projects throughout the recreation area, including new restrooms.

Other work at the district included projects at **South Yuba River SP, Brannan Island SRA, Malakoff Diggins SHP, Marshall Gold Discovery SHP** and **Empire Mine Historic Park**.

Gold Rush artifacts – Complete automation and inventory of museum collections related to the Gold Rush, reconciling records to objects and a catalog and photo inventory of about 80,000 artifacts, 50,000 documents and 15,000 graphics.



Marshall Gold
Discovery SHP

Old Sacramento State Historic Park and California State Railroad Museum – Restoration and rehabilitation of railroad museum exhibits. At **Sutter's Fort SHP**, work included replacing the kiosk at the park in downtown Sacramento.

Donner Memorial State Park – Replacement of the park's restrooms and water system to be completed this summer. Other projects were undertaken at **D.L. Bliss SP, Emerald Bay SP** and **Sugar Pine Point SP**.

San Diego, Orange County, Colorado Desert

“I'm very excited about what has been accomplished here,” said **Mike Tope**, superintendent of the Orange Coast District for State Parks. “We have more than 11 million visitors a year at these parks, and the repairs of worn-out facilities couldn't come at a more important time.”

Ronilee Clark, superintendent for the San Diego Coast district said “This has been a major undertaking.” “In Old Town San Diego, for instance, our major projects included the repair of the historic Casa de Estudillo and the San Diego Union building.”

For the San Diego Coast, Orange Coast and Colorado Desert districts, the projects included:

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park – Repair of historic buildings, parking lot repairs, analyzing and processing artifacts, and conducting an historic archaeological site assessment. Other work at **Border Field SP, San Pasqual Battlefield SHP, Silver Strand SB, Carlsbad and South Carlsbad State Beaches, Torrey Pines SB** and **Torrey Pines SR**.



Torrey
Pines SB

Bolsa Chica State Beach – Complete renovation of all park facilities at Bolsa Chica State Beach, plus rehabilitation of the park’s multiuse and accessibility trails, as well as parking lot and restroom. Other work in the district included projects at **Doheny SB** and **San Clemente SB**.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park – Projects include replacing the water system pumps at Tamarisk Grove as well as repairing park roads and trails. Other work in the district included projects at **Cuyamaca Rancho SP, Palomar Mountain SP, Picacho SRA** and **Salton Sea SRA**.

Four Rivers Area

McConnell State Recreation Area – Work included replacing the old

restroom with a new ADA restroom for the campground. At **San Luis Reservoir SRA**, projects included road improvements and replacement of the area’s old water filter and monitor.

San Simeon Area

Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument – Work included installing early-warning smoke detection systems in the three Guest Houses, rehabilitation of the 24-karat gold leaf on the ornate plaster panels in the Guest Houses, and restoring and replicating intricate tile patterns on the South Terrace.



Roman Pool
Hearst Castle SHP

Mendocino Area

Russian Gulch State Park – Six of the bridges were replaced. Other work was done at **Mendocino Woodlands SP** and **Jug Handle SR**.

Sonora Area

Columbia State Historic Park – The completion of the parks’ “Tin Barn” provides a 4,250 square foot artifact storage facility with full climate control, ADA accessibility and full security system.

Northern Butte Area

McArthur Burney Falls – There has been campground and facility rehabilitation for the park. Other projects were identified at **Lake Oroville SRA** and **William B. Ide Adobe SHP**.