

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK and RECREATION COMMISSION

Casa Maria at Old Mission San Juan Bautista
600 First Street
San Juan Bautista, California

Minutes of the Meeting - Friday, May 12, 2006

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Joseph Cotchett
Clint Eastwood, VICE CHAIR
Caryl Hart
Sophia Scherman
Acquanetta Warren

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Bobby Shriver, CHAIR
Paul Junger Witt

STATE PARKS STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Coleman, DIRECTOR
Jim Luscutoff, CHIEF, CONCESSIONS, RESERVATIONS AND FEES DIVISION
Louis Nastro, ASSISTANT TO THE STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Paul Romero, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR
Roy Stearns, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS
Kathryn Tobias, SENIOR STAFF COUNSEL
Scott Wassmund, SUPERINTENDENT, CENTRAL VALLEY DISTRICT
Wayne Woodroof, GENERAL PLANNING MANAGER

SPEAKERS REGISTERED/REPRESENTING

Elizabeth Goldstein/Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
Daphne Kwok/Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
Richard Mendelsohn/International Turbine Research
Joe Morris/Self
John Shoals/City of Grover Beach City Council, Lodge Ad Hoc Committee
Al Whitehurst/Fatjo Corporation

CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been given, this meeting of the California State Park and Recreation Commission was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Commission Vice Chair Clint Eastwood. Vice Chair Eastwood introduced the commissioners and State Parks staff who were present and announced the first agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 1:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2006, MEETING IN CHICO

Vice Chair Eastwood asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the March 3rd, 2006 meeting in Chico. Motion Commissioner Cotchett, second Commissioner Scherman. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

CHAIR’S REPORT - RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Vice Chair Eastwood recognized Commissioner Acquanetta Warren, who read the names of staff members who had recently retired from California State Parks. Commissioner Warren recognized the following individuals for their many years of dedicated service to California State Parks:

Robert Boriskin, Administration	31 years, 1 month
Stephen Burnett, Central Valley District	18 years, 5 months
Joanne Ciccone, Santa Cruz District	26 years, 2 months
Judith Clever, Gold Fields District	24 years, 8 months
James Hatfield, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division	6 years, 10 months
Raylene Jensen, Colorado Desert District	26 years, 5 months
Rodney Kinsman, Channel Coast District	29 years, 10 months
Paul J. Lafata, Gold Fields District	25 years, 2 months
Frank Padilla Jr. , Angeles District	29 years, 3 months
Philip Riblet, Gold Fields District	20 years, 1 month
Patrick Robards, North Bay District	29 years
David Seidlitz, Monterey District	26 years, 4 months
Patricia Spanne, Channel Coast District	14 years, 8 months
Jonathan Williams, Interpretation & Education Division	23 years, 11 months

Commissioner Joseph Cotchett noted that the careers of these individuals represented over 310 years of service to the State of California and California State Parks. The Commissioner stated that dedication of this nature was a rarity in state government, adding that he encouraged commissioners and others to express their appreciation by campaigning for higher wages for rangers and other parks staff. Vice Chair Eastwood thanked Commissioner Cotchett for this suggestion.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL REDWOOD GROVES

Vice Chair Eastwood asked Commissioner Caryl Hart to read the special redwood grove proposals requested by Save-the-Redwoods League. Commissioner Hart read the following:

- Robert C. & Mae R. Carter Anniversary Grove in Sinkyone Wilderness State Park
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carter, donors
- Adriance-Monaco Grove in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
Mrs. LaDuska M. Adriance, donor

The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions establishing these special redwood groves.

AGENDA ITEM 4:

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Vice Chair Eastwood introduced State Parks Director Ruth Coleman to present her Director’s Report.

Director Coleman noted that the commissioners had already received a printed copy of the Director’s Report, and that copies of the report were also available to members of the public at the meeting. Director Coleman thanked Commissioner Cotchett for suggesting additional copies of the report be made available,

as this was an excellent method for communicating with the public. The Director then noted that if there were no questions from the commissioners on the printed Director's Report she wished to use this time to inform the Commission of a potential threat to California State Parks related to a project in northern Humboldt County known as Big Lagoon.

Big Lagoon Casino Compact – The Director called the Commission's attention to photos of the Big Lagoon area they had before them. She described the property's location in northern Humboldt County, the area's vast natural resources and pristine condition, and the extensive investment that had already been made to establish public ownership of land in this area. The Director then explained that a casino development had been proposed by a federally-recognized Indian tribe that owns a 20-acre parcel within the area. Director Coleman noted that the local Indian tribe had for some time wished to construct a casino on the Big Lagoon site, but that they had faced strong opposition from the State of California. The Director explained that this opposition eventually led to a court of law and the conclusion that the state had no legal right to oppose the project. She further explained that during the Davis administration a compact had been developed that would allow the Big Lagoon tribe to instead construct a casino in Barstow, California, where there is no federally-recognized tribe, in conjunction with another compact that had been developed for a second tribe that also wished to build a casino but had no practical location for doing so. Director Coleman noted that the Schwarzenegger administration had continued to develop and support these compacts, which must be ratified by the legislature prior to adoption and implementation. Director Coleman noted that state Senator Wesley Chesbro had introduced legislation to ratify the compacts. She added that the compacts represented a creative solution on the part of both the Schwarzenegger and Davis administrations, and that the effort to adopt the compacts deserved the commissioners' support.

Commissioner Cotchett asked about the current status of the proposed legislation. Director Coleman replied that sufficient votes to support the bill did not necessarily exist in the Senate, and that the bill had therefore been amended in the Assembly in the hope of gaining support there. Commissioner Cotchett asked if the Big Lagoon tribe would retain rights to the property at Big Lagoon if a casino was built elsewhere. The Director explained that the compact contained an agreement by the tribe to relinquish future development rights at Big Lagoon, though they would retain the existing residences on the site. She added that the tribe has a legal right to construct a hotel and a Class 2 casino on the Big Lagoon site, but that the tribe's expressed preference is to develop a hotel and a Class 3 casino elsewhere.

Director Coleman asked if there were any further questions. There being none, the Director concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chair Eastwood opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The Chair introduced General Planning Manager Wayne Woodroof and asked him to make a brief presentation on the Preliminary General Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pacheco State Park. The Vice Chair asked that those who wished to address the Commission during this portion of the meeting complete a speaker registration form.

ITEM 5A: Consideration and action on the Department of Parks and Recreation's recommendation for approval of the Preliminary General Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pacheco State Park

Mr. Woodroof provided a short presentation on the Pacheco State Park General Plan. He explained that the process to develop this general plan began in November 2002, that the plan's mailing list included over 800 names, and that three public meetings had been conducted to aid in the development of a preferred alternative for use in the plan. Mr. Woodroof added that 11 letters had been received during the general

plan's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public comment period, and that these letters had been responded to by State Parks. He also noted that three additional letters had been received after the close of the formal public comment period.

Mr. Woodroof noted that the commissioners had before them staff-recommended changes to the draft general plan as well as an errata document that noted corrections to the draft general plan. Mr. Woodroof summarized the proposals of the general plan, which included reducing the portion of the park property used by the existing wind turbine operation and the increased public access that would result, how the general plan allowed for consideration of extending the existing wind turbine lease, proposals for the development of trails and campsites in the park, and the proposal to create a trails management plan. He also described the limited livestock grazing currently permitted in the park and how this would be allowed to continue as a component of the park's vegetation management plan.

At the close of Mr. Woodroof's presentation Vice Chair Eastwood asked if there were any comments or questions from the Commission. There being none, the Vice Chair called three public speakers in the order they had registered.

Speaker Joe Morris, operator of the current grazing operation at Pacheco State Park, noted that he objected to the general plan's description of the grazing operation as a "vestige," and that he would prefer that it be referred to as a "model." Vice Chair Eastwood asked Wayne Woodroof to respond.

Mr. Woodroof acknowledged that State Parks' approach to grazing was more like a model than a vestige. He explained that California State Parks and the State Park and Recreation Commission had both adopted policies related to grazing in State Park System units, that these policies recognized that grazing was not a primary function of the State Park System, and that grazing was allowed only on a permissive basis. Mr. Woodroof noted that State Parks Natural Resources Division Chief Rick Rayburn was present and could elaborate if desired. Vice Chair Eastwood replied that this would not be necessary.

The Vice Chair then asked if there were any other questions or comments from the commissioners.

Commissioner Caryl Hart thanked State Parks staff and Joe Morris for their roles in the Commission's informative and enjoyable day in Pacheco State Park. Commissioner Hart added that she had three issues with the proposed general plan: 1) the wind turbine operation, 2) the grazing operation, and 3), the proposed location for tent camping. The Commissioner explained that she believed high winds at the proposed site would make tent camping there difficult. Commissioner Hart noted that she was not proposing changes to the general plan, but rather that she was suggesting that as campsite development moved forward consideration should be given to relocating the tent camping to a more practical location, and that special attention be given to those who may be camping with horses. She added that campsites for those both with and without horses would be appropriate in the area known as the park's Administrative Zone. Regarding wind turbines at the park, Commissioner Hart noted that she recognized Paula Fatjo's vision in establishing the wind turbines and that she supported the general plan's proposal to reduce the space utilized for wind turbines. She added that the financial benefit to State Parks should be maximized, and that the wind turbine operation should include an educational component. Commissioner Hart also noted that consideration should be given to the visual impact on the visitor experience created by the wind turbines. Regarding grazing, Commissioner Hart emphasized that grazing is generally considered inconsistent with the mission of California State Parks. She added that the situation at Pacheco State Park was unique in that grazing had been taking place there for many years. Commissioner Hart noted that she was very concerned about grazing and the impact of grazing in the park, suggesting that grazing should be limited to the area occupied by the wind turbines as this would result in a lower impact on the park visitor experience. She added that grazing in the park should also incorporate an educational component.

Vice Chair Eastwood asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Wayne Woodroof noted that he wished to clarify that the proposals for camping in the general plan were not meant to restrict future development to tent camping alone, and that it would be possible to develop

campsites that would accommodate horse trailers. He added that the language of the general plan would allow State Parks to evaluate a variety of camping alternatives as Commissioner Hart had suggested.

Director Ruth Coleman addressed the Commission, noting that the language in the proposed general plan, specifically language on page 3-7 pertaining to the development of campsites, was ambiguous in that it referred specifically to tent camping, possibly implying that development would be restricted to tent camping alone. Director Coleman suggested that this language be changed from from “tent camping” to read “camping sites,” which would better describe the desired flexibility for campsite development.

Vice Chair Eastwood asked Wayne Woodroof to make this change to the proposed draft general plan.

Mr. Woodroof noted that page 3-7 of the general plan also addressed the possible development of a horse trailer park and group campsites. He agreed to omit the word “tent,” from the statement “camping sites.”

Commissioner Sophia Scherman noted that once development was about to commence in the park she would like for the commissioners to be informed, as they each, as Commissioner Caryl Hart’s comments illustrated, had valuable areas of expertise and could make useful contributions to development plans. Commissioner Scherman continued that she would like to see camping alternatives offered for those who wished to camp but did not have trailers or tents. The Commissioner added that State Parks should be ever watchful of addressing the needs of a diverse population.

Commissioner Acquanetta Warren noted that trails developed in the park should include mile markers as an aid to those with specific exercise goals. Commissioner Warren also asked the period of time for which the wind turbine contract would be extended if a decision was made to extend it.

Wayne Woodroof responded that the general plan was permissive but did not provide a specific number of years for an extended lease. He added that a request for proposals would likely recommend scenarios for a 20, 25, and 30-year lease, but that there were no suggestions or restrictions in the general plan.

Vice Chair Eastwood noted that Mr. Woodroof had mentioned endangered tiger salamanders, and that they may be present in the park. The Vice Chair asked if it could be assumed that endangered species were present. Mr. Woodroof replied that thresholds for potential habitat had been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game, and that it was possible that tiger salamanders were present in the park. Mr. Woodroof clarified that he did not know for certain whether or not tiger salamanders had been identified in the park, but that given the existence of potential habitat any proposed development would require due diligence in identifying species.

Vice Chair Eastwood recognized Commissioner Sophia Scherman who asked if any plans existed to preserve the ruins of the adobe structure the Commission had seen during the previous day’s visit to the park. Commissioner Scherman noted that if it was known what it would cost to preserve this structure, the commissioners could assist with raising funds for the structure’s preservation.

Wayne Woodroof stated that a project to preserve the adobe could be conducted, and he referred the question to Central Valley District Superintendent Scott Wassmund. Superintendent Wassmund acknowledged that the adobe home was an important part of the park’s history. He added that consideration had been given to preserving the structure, but that more aggressive funding efforts would be necessary before a project could be initiated. Commissioner Scherman suggested that the representatives from the Fatjo Corporation who were present today should be involved in a discussion to preserve the adobe.

Al Whitehurst of the Fatjo Corporation was recognized by Vice Chair Eastwood. Mr. Whitehurst stated that the Fatjo Corporation was of two points of view, one of which was that the adobe building was “a pile of mud” and that the structure had been severely damaged when it was moved from its original location below the San Luis Reservoir Dam; that it was not worth investing in. The second group believed the adobe was worth preserving. Mr. Whitehurst added that it was possible for the structure to be rebuilt, and that estimates had already been obtained that placed the cost of restoration at hundreds of thousands of dollars. He reiterated that half of the Fatjo Corporation Board supported the idea of investing in the adobe,

but the that the other half did not. Mr. Whitehurst indicated that this had been a very contentious issue for the Fatjo Corporation Board, and that the difference of opinion had prevented any action from being taken.

Commissioner Scherman explained that she was not suggesting the building should be rebuilt, only that what remained of it should be preserved.

Mr. Whitehurst reiterated that considerable debate had already taken place at Fatjo Corporation Board meetings on this subject, and that the differing opinions made it difficult to proceed.

Commissioner Scherman asked how long the debate had been going on; Mr. Whitehurst replied that it had been “since before the park started” (the park opened to the public in 1997).

Vice Chair Eastwood noted that the ruins of the adobe were quite artistic and that he would favor the structure being left in its current state.

Mr. Whitehurst stated that he would bring this issue to the Fatjo Corporation Board again with the intention of obtaining an engineer’s approval that the building was safe for visitors. Mr. Whitehurst added that he would rather not spend any money on the adobe except to make it safe.

Commissioner Scherman noted that she would address the Fatjo Board on this subject if needed.

Mr. Whitehurst thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to address them.

Vice Chair Eastwood asked if there were any other comments from the commissioners. There being none, the Vice Chair asked for a motion to approve the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pacheco State Park. Commissioner Hart noted that the motion must incorporate the proposed change to page 3-7 regarding tent camping. Wayne Woodroof clarified that a motion to approve the general plan would include the draft general plan, the final environmental impact report, the aforementioned errata document, and the requested change related to tent camping on page 3-7.

Motion Commissioner Scherman, second Commissioner Warren. The Commissioners then voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to approve the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pacheco State Park.

ITEM 5B:

Consideration and action on the Department of Parks and Recreation’s recommendation for approval of a General Plan Amendment and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Angel Island State Park

Vice Chair Eastwood asked Wayne Woodroof to make a presentation on this item.

Mr. Woodroof noted that this proposal was for a minor amendment to the park’s general plan which had been approved in 1979. He explained that in 1979 there were no plans to allow for public use of the Angel Island Immigration Station buildings, but that since the site had attained National Historic Landmark status in 1997, proposals had been made to provide for the rehabilitation and public use of two specific buildings. There now existed the desire to rehabilitate the powerhouse and hospital buildings as museum, interpretive center, library, and public assembly areas. The proposed general plan amendment would permit the rehabilitation and public use of these buildings. Mr. Woodroof also noted that the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation had come into being since the adoption of the 1979 general plan, and that Daphne Kwok, Executive Director of that foundation, had requested that State Parks incorporate the foundation’s long-term master plan into the general plan for Angel Island State Park, but that this would require an extensive public review process and had therefore not yet been addressed. He noted that Ms. Kwok was present today to speak to the Commission.

Vice Chair Eastwood called two public speakers on this item in the order they had registered. The Vice Chair then closed public comment on this agenda item and asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Caryl Hart stated that Roy McNamee of State Parks had facilitated a trip to Angel Island for a class Commissioner Hart taught at U.C. Berkeley. Commissioner Hart noted that her students, many of whom were Asian Americans, were overwhelmed by what they saw at the Angel Island Immigration Station. The Commissioner added that the rehabilitation of the station would result in a tremendous educational resource, and she publicly thanked Roy McNamee for his work in coordinating her visit.

Commissioner Joseph Cotchett noted that Angel Island had truly served as the “Ellis Island of the West,” adding that former Speaker of the Assembly and Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy had passed through the Immigration Station as he immigrated from Ireland. Commissioner Cotchett praised State Parks and the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation for the tremendous work that had been accomplished.

Commissioner Sophia Scherman shared a personal story of the Japanese family that operated the grocery store in her childhood neighborhood. Commissioner Scherman described the unforgettable kindness of the grocer and his generosity in extending credit, and the equally unforgettable horror of the grocer’s family being taken away to an internment camp. Commissioner Scherman added that in thanks for the grocer’s kindness her own family and neighbors had unshuttered the grocery store and prepared it for the family’s return on their release from the camp. The Commissioner added that she echoed Commissioner Cotchett’s comments and his appreciation for the difficulties endured by immigrants to the United States.

Vice Chair Eastwood thanked the speakers and noted that the efforts to preserve the Angel Island Immigration Station were very much appreciated. The Vice Chair then asked if there was a motion to approve the General Plan Amendment and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Angel Island State Park. Motion Commissioner Scherman, second Commissioner Cotchett. The Commissioners then voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to approve the General Plan Amendment and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Angel Island State Park.

ITEM 5C:

Determination that the proposed lodge concession at Pismo State Beach is compatible with the Pismo State Beach general plan as amended in 1982 to allow for a 150 room lodge and conference facility

Vice Chair Eastwood noted that John Shoals and Steven Lieberman from the City of Grover Beach were present to demonstrate the city’s support for this proposal. The Vice Chair then asked Wayne Woodroof to introduce the agenda item.

Mr. Woodroof noted that the staff report that had been previously provided to the Commission adequately addressed the proposal, but that Jim Luscutoff of State Parks Concessions, Reservations, and Fees Division was present to answer questions.

The Vice Chair asked if there were any comments from the commissioners at this time. There being none, Vice Chair Eastwood asked John Shoals of the City of Grover Beach City Council Lodge Ad Hoc Committee to address the Commission.

Mr. Shoals stated that he and Grover Beach Mayor Pro Tem Steve Lieberman, City Attorney Martin Pasonowitz, and Community Development Director George Hansen (he noted committee member Peter Keith was ill and could not make the trip) had traveled from Grover Beach to demonstrate the city’s support for this proposal. Mr. Shoals thanked Jim Luscutoff, Nick Franco, Andy Zilke and John Hillerman of State Parks for their assistance in developing the proposals for this project. Mr. Shoals explained that the proposed lodge would be constructed in the city of Grover Beach, which borders Pismo State Beach. He explained that the proposed lodge had been part of the Pismo State Beach general plan since 1982, and that the presence of so many individuals from the City of Grover Beach emphasized the importance of this project to the city. Mr. Shoals stated that the project would enhance the visitor experience at Pismo State Beach. Mr. Shoals added that he would be available to answer questions and he expressed the city’s hope that the Commission would support the proposal before them.

Vice Chair Eastwood asked if there were any questions from the Commission. The Vice Chair then introduced Commissioner Joseph Cotchett, who in his role on the Commission's Concessions, Enterprise, & Fiscal Committee had evaluated the proposal on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Cotchett commended State Parks staff for their work on the documents pertaining to the Pismo State Beach lodge proposal, and for their work on generally improving materials provided to the Commission, like the Director's Report. Commissioner Cotchett stated that the Pismo State Beach lodge proposal represented a tremendous opportunity for the central coast. He noted that there were no existing facilities of this type between Monterey and Los Angeles in which to conduct conferences. The Commissioner praised the project's feasibility study and sound economics, noting that the lodge would generate its own maintenance costs in addition to providing revenue for State Parks. Commissioner Cotchett stated that the \$16 million development cost would be provided from private funds, that the revenues would be shared with the City of Grover Beach, and that he estimated State Parks would realize approximately \$250,000 a year from the completed project. Commissioner Cotchett noted that if there were no other comments he wished to make a motion to approve the resolution before the Commission determining that the proposed lodge concession at Pismo State Beach is compatible with the Pismo State Beach general plan as amended in 1982 to allow for a 150 room lodge and conference facility.

Vice Chair Eastwood thanked Commissioner Cotchett for his review and enthusiastic support of the project. The Vice Chair asked if there were any other comments or questions. There being none, Vice Chair Eastwood asked for a second to Commissioner Cotchett's motion. Motion Commissioner Cotchett, second Commissioner Scherman. The Commissioners then voted unanimously to adopt the resolution before the Commission determining that the proposed lodge concession at Pismo State Beach is compatible with the Pismo State Beach general plan as amended in 1982 to allow for a 150 room lodge and conference facility.

ITEM 5D:

Determination that the proposal for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at Pismo State Beach is consistent with Commission policy

Vice Chair Eastwood noted that the next agenda item was a separate action related to Pismo State Beach. The Vice Chair asked if Commissioner Cotchett had anything to add to the staff report the Commission received on this item.

Commissioner Cotchett replied that he wished to receive a determination from State Parks legal counsel. Senior Staff Counsel Kathryn Tobias responded that the proposal was consistent with Commission Policy. Commissioner Cotchett then made a motion that the Commission adopt the resolution before it determining that the proposal for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at Pismo State Beach was consistent with Commission Policy. Second Commissioner Scherman. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolution before them determining that the proposal for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at Pismo State Beach was consistent with Commission Policy.

Commissioner Cotchett asked the Vice Chair if he would allow a short break prior to the introduction of the next agenda item. Vice Chair Eastwood agreed and adjourned for a break at 10:31 a.m.

ITEM 5E:

Discussion & possible action to establish a Commission committee on partnerships and tourism

Vice Chair Eastwood reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m. He then asked State Parks Director Ruth Coleman to introduce this agenda item.

Director Coleman noted that State Parks had been working closely with the California Division of Tourism in an attempt to develop opportunities to promote State Parks through the state's Tourism Com-

mission. The Director explained that she believed it would be beneficial to also engage the State Park and Recreation Commission to create a nexus with influential leaders in the tourism industry, and to establish greater and more effective partnerships and opportunities. Director Coleman stated that former Commission member Gail Kautz already had extensive connections with both the tourism industry and the California Tourism Commission, and that discussions with then-Commissioner Kautz and Commissioner Scherman, who had also worked extensively in the tourism industry, had resulted in a proposal to create a committee to take advantage of these connections. State Parks was therefore recommending to the Commission that they establish a Partnerships & Tourism Committee that included one commissioner and at least one public member. The Director explained that Gail Kautz had already agreed to participate in the committee if this proposal was approved by the Commission, and she suggested that Sophia Scherman serve as the committee member from the Commission .

Commissioner Joseph Cotchett noted that he would like to comment. The Commissioner stated that he believed the establishment of such a committee would be an extraordinary idea, especially given the importance of tourism to California's economy. Commissioner Cotchett noted that with 278 units in the State Park System it was very important to connect with the state's Tourism Commission, and he recommended adoption of the committee proposal.

Director Coleman thanked Commissioner Cotchett for his support.

Vice Chair Eastwood stated that in his film experience he had noted that films were often made out-of-state that could have been filmed in California., The Vice Chair noted that and that it would be logical to do whatever could be done to promote such uses in units of the State Park System.

Vice Chair Eastwood appointed Commissioner Sophia Scherman and Gail Kautz to serve on the State Park and Recreation Commission's Partnerships & Tourism Committee.

ITEM 5F:

Discussion & possible action to address vacancies on existing Commission committees

Vice Chair Eastwood asked Director Ruth Coleman to introduce this agenda item.

Director Coleman explained that there were currently two vacant seats on the Commission, which in turn left two vacancies on the existing Commission committees. The Director described the rosters of the current committees: Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee - Commissioner Cotchett & vacancy, Executive Committee - Sophia Scherman & Paul Witt, Program & Policy Committee - Commissioner Hart & vacancy. The Director noted that the Commission may wish to fill these vacant committee seats.

The commissioners and Director Coleman briefly discussed the significance of the various committees, and suggestions were made regarding possible committee members. Commissioner Cotchett recommended Commissioner Acquanetta Warren to serve on the Program & Policy Committee, and Commissioner Scherman recommended Vice Chair Eastwood to serve on the Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee. At the conclusion of the discussion Vice Chair Eastwood appointed Commissioner Acquanetta Warren to serve with Caryl Hart on the Program & Policy Committee, and he confirmed that he would serve along with Commissioner Cotchett on the Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee.

The Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee would now consist of Commissioner Joseph Cotchett & Vice Chair Clint Eastwood, and the Program & Policy Committee would consist of Commissioner Caryl Hart & Commissioner Acquanetta Warren.

AGENDA ITEM 6:

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Eastwood asked if there were any speakers who wished to address the Commission on items other than those on the agenda. There being none, the Vice Chair closed open public comment.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

As permitted by Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(A). People of the State of California, ex rel. Attorney General Bill Lockyer and State Park and Recreation Commission v. Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, a joint powers authority; Board of Directors of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (San Diego Superior Court Case No. GIN 051371)

Vice Chair Eastwood announced this agenda item and noted that the room would be cleared for the closed session. The Vice Chair added that at the conclusion of the closed session the Commission would reconvene in open session to provide an account of any reportable events as required, and that those interested could re-enter the room at that time. Vice Chair Eastwood adjourned to closed session at 10:50 a.m.

Vice Chair Eastwood reconvened the Commission in open session at 11:14 a.m.

The Vice Chair announced that the closed session consisted of a meeting to discuss litigation as described on the agenda, and that there were no reportable events from the closed session.

AGENDA ITEM 8:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Eastwood asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Commission Cotchett, second Commissioner Warren. Vice Chair Eastwood adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

ATTEST: These minutes were approved by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on November 3, 2006, at its duly-noticed public meeting in Garberville, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: 11-3-06

Louis Nastro
Assistant to the Commission
For Ruth Coleman, Director
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Secretary to the Commission