

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK and RECREATION COMMISSION

Fort Bragg Town Hall
363 North Main Street
Fort Bragg, California

Minutes of the Meeting - Friday, May 16, 2008

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Caryl Hart, ACTING CHAIR/CHAIR
Gail Kautz
Sophia Scherman, VICE CHAIR
Paul Junger Witt

COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING VIA TELECONFERENCE AS PERMITTED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11123

Jack Baylis
Acquanetta Warren

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS STAFF

Ruth Coleman, DIRECTOR
Marilyn Murphy, MENDOCINO DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Louis Nastro, ASSISTANT TO THE STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tony Perez, CHIEF, SOUTHERN FIELD DIVISION
Dan Ray, CHIEF, PLANNING DIVISION
Rick Rayburn, CHIEF, NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
Paul Romero, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR
Roy Stearns, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS
Kathryn Tobias, SENIOR STAFF COUNSEL

SPEAKERS REGISTERED/REPRESENTING

Christine Anderson/Congressman Mike Thompson
Cindy Arch/Defense of Place
Robert Becker/Self
Les Cizek/Self
Wallie Clark/Noyo Indian Community
Pat Dunbar/Self
Ron Eich/Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association
Dan Gjerde/Self
Harold Hauk/Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association
Allan Jacobs/Self
Kathy Kelley/State Senator Patricia Wiggins
Jim Kimbrell/Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association
John Klimaszewski/Self
Bruce Lewis/Self
Jim Martin/Recreational Fishing Alliance
Richard Masingale/Self
Samantha Murray/Ocean Conservancy

SPEAKERS REGISTERED/REPRESENTING CONTINUED

Lynne Paulson/Self
Geraldine Pember/Self
Charles Poplinger/Self
Katy Pye/Self
Bruce Rogerson/Self
Ginny Rorby/Self
Sue Smith/Glass Beach Advocates
Ruth Sparks/Mendocino Study Club
Nan Walter/Self & Kath Disney Nilson

CALL TO ORDER/ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Legal notice having been given, this meeting of the California State Park and Recreation Commission was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Commission's immediate past chair Caryl Hart. Commissioner Hart introduced the commissioners present, including two participating via teleconference, and introduced the California State Parks staff present. Commissioner Hart explained that as the Commission's immediate past chair she would be acting as chair to conduct the meeting in the absence of a chair and vice chair. Acting Chair Hart noted that given this situation the first order of business would be to elect Commission officers, and she called on the Commission's Executive Committee, comprised of Commissioners Sophia Scherman and Paul Witt, to present their nominees for chair and vice chair. Commissioner Witt announced that the committee's nominees were Caryl Hart as Chair and Sophia Scherman as Vice Chair. With two commissioners participating via teleconference a voice vote was taken, the vote being unanimous to elect Caryl Hart as Chair and Sophia Scherman as Vice Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 1:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2008, MEETING IN CHATSWORTH

Chair Hart asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 29th, 2008 meeting in Chatsworth. Motion Commissioner Witt, second Commissioner Scherman. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

CHAIR'S REPORT/RECOGNITIONS

ITEM 2A:

Proclamation recognizing Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as "sister park" to the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve in Mongolia

Chair Hart noted that the commissioners were already familiar with this proposal from the staff report they had been provided. State Parks Director Ruth Coleman added that staff were available to answer questions on this agenda item. Commissioner Jack Baylis asked about the size of Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve. Chief Deputy Director Paul Romero replied that the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve was a very large park that had much in common with Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and that this had prompted the proposal for the sister park relationship. There being no further questions, Chair Hart asked for a motion to approve the sister park proposal. Motion Commissioner Witt, second Commissioner Kautz. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the formal proclamation recognizing Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as "sister park" to the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve in Mongolia.

Commissioner Sophia Scherman suggested that a press release be issued by State Parks so the people of California would be aware that California State Parks was not only making important connections within the state but also fostering valuable partnerships in other parts of the world. Commissioner Scherman added that more than 15% of Mongolia's land is set aside in parks, nature reserves, and protected areas.

Director Coleman noted that a news release on the subject would be issued.

A brief discussion took place concerning a member of the public who wished to address the Commission regarding the Mongolian sister park item. The Chair recognized the speaker:

Cindy Arch, representing Defense of Place, concerning Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

Chair Hart thanked the speaker and noted that she agreed that the sister park relationship helped to generate additional recognition for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

ITEM 2B:

Discussion & possible action to address vacancies on Commission committees

Chair Hart explained that with the recent expiration of Clint Eastwood’s term the Commission’s Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee currently had only a single member in Commissioner Jack Baylis. The Chair asked if any of the commissioners would be interested in joining Commissioner Baylis on this committee. Commissioner Paul Witt replied that given the current budget situation the careful examination of park concessions was of the utmost importance to California State Parks. Commissioner Witt added that he wished to join Commissioner Baylis on this committee. Chair Hart noted that Commissioner Witt was ideal to serve on this committee, to which Commissioner Witt jokingly replied that he had written many “concession” speeches and was therefore well qualified for the position. With Commissioner Baylis’s approval, Chair Hart appointed Commissioner Paul Witt to serve on the Commission’s Concessions, Enterprise & Fiscal Committee.

Other Recognitions

Chair Hart then announced that the Commission would recognize retiring California State Parks employees. The Chair added that State Parks had “amazing” employees, noting that many of these had served for a considerable number of years. She also noted that she was happy to see that there were not as many retiring employees as had been listed on earlier agendas, as she found it difficult to see so many wonderful people leaving California State Parks.

Chair Hart then asked Vice Chair Sophia Scherman to read the names of retiring California State Parks employees. Vice Chair Scherman read the following names along with their years of service:

- Dave Allred, Monterey District 22 years, 5 months
- Bruce Bernard, Santa Monica Mountains 27 years, 8 months
- Stephen Long, Orange Coast District 34 years, 1 month
- Robert McKnight, San Diego Coast District 10 years, 6 months
- John O’Neil, Park Design & Construction Division 25 years
- Steve Schuler-Jones, Channel Coast District 26 years, 9 months
- Candace Ward, San Luis Obispo Coast District 20 years, 7 months

Vice Chair Scherman noted that the careers of just these seven employees added up to a total of 167 years of service to the people of California. The Vice Chair added that she agreed with Chair Hart that it could be depressing to see so much experience leaving the department, and that while each of these individuals deserved to retire their shoes would undoubtedly be difficult to fill. Vice Chair Scherman wished all of the retirees well and thanked them for their service.

Chair Hart then noted that she wished to formally recognize former Commissioners Clint Eastwood and Bobby Shriver, whose terms had recently expired and not been renewed. Chair Hart noted that both had served on the Commission for over six years, and that they had each contributed enormously to California State Parks. The Chair announced that she had drafted proclamations in recognition of their service for which she wished to obtain the Commission’s approval. Chair Hart asked for a motion to adopt the resolu-

tions. Motion Commissioner Kautz, second Commissioner Warren. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions recognizing former Commissioners Clint Eastwood and Bobby Shriver.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL REDWOOD GROVES**

Chair Hart asked Commissioner Gail Kautz to read the requests to establish special redwood groves. Commissioner Kautz read a resolution to establish the following grove as requested by Save-the-Redwoods League:

The Michel Frederic Willey Memorial Grove
in Wilder Ranch State Park
Susan Johnson Willey, donor

Chair Hart asked for a motion to approve this grove request. Motion Commissioner Witt, second Commissioner Kautz. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolution establishing this special redwood grove.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chair Hart introduced California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman to present her Director's Report.

Director Coleman noted that as each of the commissioners had received a printed copy of her report, she would be highlighting only a couple of the report items during today's meeting.

Budget Update – Director Coleman stated that she would provide a budget news update because of recent information that had become available since the written Director's Report had been prepared. The Director noted that the funding reductions that had been proposed for State Parks' budget in January 2008 had been restored by Governor Schwarzenegger in his "May Revise" version of the state budget. Director Coleman stated that California State Parks was incredibly grateful to the Governor for restoring the funds that had been cut. The Director noted that park day use fees would be increased to allow for approximately \$1.5 million in additional revenues in the coming fiscal year and that State Parks would be looking forward to further increasing the revenues received from some of its business operations (concessions). As an example Director Coleman announced that after being closed for many years, concession operations on the pier at Malibu Pier State Beach would be opening in early July 2008; she added that the pier operations would include two restaurants, a small museum and sport fishing opportunities. She explained that there were still many challenges to face in the budget and that it was important that the Governor's budget reform package move forward to help put an end to what had become a cycle of fiscal feast and famine. Director Coleman added that among the remaining challenges for State Parks was the rising price of gasoline, which continued to have an effect on visitor attendance at state parks. The Director noted that State Parks had fared better in the state budget than most agencies and that she was pleased with this.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park – Director Coleman thanked Commissioner Acquanetta Warren for representing California State Parks at the opening of the exhibit, *Allensworth: 100 Years of the California Dream* at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles on the evening of May 15th, 2008 (the evening before the Commission meeting). The Director explained that the exhibition celebrating the centennial of Allensworth is a collaboration of California State Parks, the California African American Museum, and the California Community Empowerment Foundation. Commissioner Warren noted that the exhibit opening had been a wonderful event, and that the exhibit had also enjoyed a successful run in the City of San Bernardino. Director Coleman added that the exhibit was part of the celebration of the centennial of the town of Allensworth, which would be celebrated with special events at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park on October 10th through 12th, 2008.

Reforestation Project at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – Director Coleman called the commission-

ers' attention to this item in the written Director's Report. The Director noted that this was an exciting ecosystem restoration and carbon sequestration project for California State Parks. She explained that State Parks was replanting a forest that had been destroyed by fires approximately three years prior. The Director explained that replanting was being employed because the extensive nature of the fire and the extreme temperatures experienced would not permit the forest to regenerate on its own. She stated that trees were being planted in such a way that their seeds would disburse naturally to restore the ecosystem. Director Coleman added that the project increased carbon sequestration, and that State Parks was re-searching methods by which the department could sell "carbon offsets" once the project was established. The Director added that Commissioner Caryl Hart had been directly involved in the process of developing protocols that would allow public landowners to participate in the sales of carbon offsets. Director Coleman invited Chair Caryl Hart to comment.

Chair Hart stated that California was leading the nation in addressing the problem of climate change. The Chair added that the California Air Resources Board had been investigating the role that forests play in sequestering carbon and taking a look at how California State Parks land can contribute to sequestering carbon, particularly after a severe fire where the forest was not able to regenerate on its own. Chair Hart stated that she was not aware of any other state in the U.S. that was more active than California in pursuing the available options for dealing with post-fire recovery and planting, and other options for forest land. The Chair added that she thought this was a very exciting time to be involved with State Parks and that she had been lucky to participate in the forest protocols development project.

Director Coleman concluded her report and offered to answer questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Gail Kautz stated that California State Parks funding being restored to the state budget was the best news the Commission had heard in a long time. Commissioner Kautz added that she had been very impressed with the tremendous groundswell of opposition from the general public against the proposal to close state parks (in response to the budget cuts). The Commissioner noted that the number of individuals who had written letters and email, and the number of organizations that opposed the park closures, had been incredible. Commissioner Kautz stated that it was very rewarding thing to see how much citizens sincerely care about their state parks.

Chair Hart noted that she wished to recognize Commissioner Gail Kautz for her participation in the California State Parks Foundation's annual Park Advocacy Day at the state capitol. The Chair stated that commissioners' participation and the tremendous efforts of the California State Parks Foundation to inform the governor and legislators about the importance of state parks had been effective in restoring the State Parks funding that had initially been cut from the proposed budget. Chair Hart stated that she wished to acknowledge the California State Parks Foundation for all their help and efforts in the campaign to reinstate these funds in the budget, and that she wished to acknowledge Governor Schwarzenegger for recognizing how much State Parks mean to all Californians.

Commissioner Acquanetta Warren stated that she also wished to recognize Governor Schwarzenegger for making a considerable effort to move the budget in the direction of reinstating these funds to California State Parks. Commissioner Warren stated that she wished to publicly say "thank you governor" for allowing the parks that had been proposed for closure to remain open.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Hart opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The Chair stated that the Commission welcomed public input on issues under its consideration, and she explained the process by which members of the public could address the Commission. Chair Hart then explained that in addition to the materials the commissioners received prior to today's meeting they would now hear a short presentation on State Parks' proposal for the Point Cabrillo Light Station property by Dan Ray, Chief of California State Parks' Planning Division.

ITEM 5A:

Consideration and action on the Department's recommendation to classify and name the Point Cabrillo Light Station property as Point Cabrillo State Historic Park

Dan Ray, Chief of California State Parks' Planning Division, provided an overview of the proposal to classify and name the Point Cabrillo Light Station property as Point Cabrillo State Historic Park. Mr. Ray described how the property had been acquired by California State Parks in 2001. He provided a brief history of the property, including a review of the park's valuable cultural and natural resources. He explained the state historic park classification and how this would serve to protect the park's resources and provide interpretation of them to park visitors. Mr. Ray provided information on State Parks' naming policies and explained how staff had come to propose the name of Point Cabrillo State Historic Park. Mr. Ray offered to address questions from the Commission.

Chair Hart thanked Mr. Ray and asked if there were any questions from the commissioners. There being none, the Chair once again explained the process by which members of the public could address the Commission. She then called the 17 individuals who had registered to speak on the Point Cabrillo Light Station agenda item:

Christine Anderson, representing Congressman Mike Thompson

Robert Becker

Les Cizek

Wallie Clark, representing the Noyo Indian Community

Pat Dunbar

Ron Eich, representing Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association

Harold Hauk, representing Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association

Kathy Kelley, representing State Senator Patricia Wiggins

Jim Kimbrell, representing Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association

Bruce Lewis

Geraldine Pember

Charles Poplinger

Katy Pye

Bruce Rogerson

Ginny Rorby

Ruth Sparks, representing the Mendocino Study Club

Nan Walter, representing herself and Kath Disney Nilson

Chair Hart asked if there were any additional registered or unregistered speakers. There being none, the Chair closed public comment on this agenda item and asked if the commissioners would like to make comments before the Chair entertained motions.

Commissioner Gail Kautz stated that with the many miles of beautiful California coastline that include state parks, and with the Point Cabrillo Light Station being such a unique feature of this particular park, she would like to see the words light station or lighthouse included in the name of the park.

Commissioner Acquanetta Warren stated that she agreed with Commissioner Kautz.

Commissioner Paul Witt stated that he agreed that it was important to include the words light station in the

park's name. Commissioner Witt also requested that park staff continue their dialogue with the local Native American people, so that their history could be included in the ongoing interpretation of the park.

Vice Chair Sophia Scherman stated that she had very much enjoyed her visit to the park on the previous day. The Vice Chair said that she appreciated why the park was so important to the people attending today's meeting, and that she felt that considerable passion had been expressed, both during the park visit and by today's speakers. Vice Chair Scherman thanked park staff for their dedication and good work, and added that she agreed with Commissioner Witt that an open dialog should be maintained with the local Native American community to ensure that their history remains a part of this park. The Vice Chair mentioned that she felt the pride that had been expressed by the caretakers of the light station. She concluded that she was strongly in favor of having the words light station in the park's name.

Chair Caryl Hart stated that the question of what to name this park had created a personal conflict for her. She noted that she had been overwhelmed by the amount of love and energy that had gone into the restoration of the lighthouse and the significance of the structure, but that at the same time she believed it was equally important to recognize the Native American people who had lived on this land and managed it so magnificently for 10,000 years. Chair Hart stated that while she supported her fellow commissioners in proposing that the name of the park include the words light station, she also proposed that in the very near future the Commission should return to this park to establish a cultural preserve within the park boundaries. Chair Hart showed a map – prepared during the meeting by State Parks staff – that provided the approximate location of the cultural preserve she was proposing. She added that the proposed preserve included a possible village site that had already been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Chair shared the map with the Commission and asked the commissioners to concur with her proposal to direct staff to begin working with the light station volunteers, the Native American volunteers, and any other interested parties to determine the boundaries of a cultural preserve and to consider potential names for the cultural preserve, so that when the Commission returned the site could be designated as a cultural preserve to appropriately honor the complete history of this beautiful park property.

Vice Chair Scherman stated that she thought Chair Hart's proposal was a great idea, that she concurred with the Chair's proposal, and that she looked forward to returning to the beautiful coastal town of Fort Bragg.

Chair Hart then asked if there would be a motion to take action on the classification and naming of the Point Cabrillo property. Commissioner Gail Kautz moved that the park be named and classified as Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park. Second Vice Chair Scherman. As there were commissioners participating via teleconference a voice vote was taken, the vote being unanimous to adopt an amended resolution naming and classifying the Point Cabrillo Light Station property as Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park. At this time Chair Hart noted that the phone connection to Commissioner Jack Baylis had apparently been lost. She explained that Commissioner Baylis had graciously agreed to phone in to the meeting from a business assignment in China, where the disastrous earthquake that took place on May 12th, 2008 (four days prior to the Commission meeting) was causing some problems with the phone lines. Chair Hart noted that the Commission still consisted of the required quorum of five with Commissioner Acquanetta Warren on the phone, thereby validating the Commission's vote.

Chair Hart recognized Senior Staff Counsel Kathryn Tobias. Ms. Tobias suggested that the Commission should provide its direction to staff as a motion, so that their intentions regarding the proposed cultural preserve were not misinterpreted.

In response to Ms. Tobias's suggestion, Vice Chair Sophia Scherman moved that the Commission direct State Parks' staff to begin the process to designate a cultural preserve within Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park.

Chair Hart added that the purpose of the cultural preserve would be to appropriately honor and protect the Native American archeological sites in the park, approximately 17 of which had already been identified.

Vice Chair Scherman's motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Witt. The commissioners (minus Commissioner Jack Baylis) voted unanimously to direct State Parks staff to begin the process of establishing a cultural preserve within Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park to appropriately honor and protect the Native American archeological sites in, and the Native American history of, the park.

Chair Hart addressed Wallie Clark of the Noyo Indian community. The Chair stated that she hoped this proposal to establish a cultural preserve was an appropriate response to Mr. Clark's concerns about protecting the archeological sites in the park.

Mr. Clark noted that the sensitivity of the park's archeological sites meant that it was already against the law for the sites to be disturbed in any way. Chair Hart acknowledged that this was correct but that designating the area as a cultural preserve would provide an additional layer of protection while honoring the Native American history of the park.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:
OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Hart noted that in addition to any comments on items not on the agenda, Mr. Rodney Jones' request to address the Commission regarding the property known as Glass Beach at MacKerricher State Park had also been listed. The Chair stated that she had several registered speakers for Open Public Comment but would like to first hear from Mr. Rodney Jones. The Chair called for Mr. Rodney Jones.

Mr. Jones was not present, so the Chair recognized Susan Smith, who spoke about her concerns regarding the protection of the State Parks' property known as Glass Beach at MacKerricher State Park.

Chair Hart thanked Ms. Smith for her comments and her concern about this property. The Chair added that she was aware of the materials on this subject that had been provided to State Parks' staff and the Commission. Chair Hart noted that the scoping period for this project's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process had only recently been initiated and that she thought Ms. Smith's contributions to the CEQA process would be valuable.

Chair Hart then called eight registered speakers for open public comment:

Lynne Paulson, concerning a golf course at Washoe Meadows State Park

John Klimaszewski, concerning a golf course at Washoe Meadows State Park

Richard Masingale, concerning fishing at MacKerricher State Park

After Mr. Masingale's comments, Chair Hart recognized Director Ruth Coleman to respond. Director Coleman stated that there were no plans to close fishing at MacKerricher State Park.

Samantha Murray, representing Ocean Conservancy, concerning the Marine Life Protection Act

After Ms. Murray's comments, Chair Hart noted that the Marine Life Protection Act was under the jurisdiction of the California Fish and Game Commission. Ms. Murray replied that she was aware of this but wished to express her gratitude to California State Parks for its involvement and support.

Jim Martin, representing the Recreational Fishing Alliance, concerning the Marine Life Protection Act, the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act, and California State Parks.

After Mr. Martin's comments, Chair Hart explained that his concerns would be addressed by the California Fish and Game Commission, though a related action item would eventually come before the State Park and Recreation Commission. Director Ruth Coleman addressed the Chair, suggesting that State Parks Natural Resources Division Chief Rick Rayburn provide some background information on the marine acts and the relationship between the California Department of Fish & Game and California State Parks.

Mr. Rayburn explained that State Parks' Natural Resources Division had prepared the written comments that Mr. Martin made reference to. Mr. Rayburn stated that California had created a statewide underwa-

ter parks plan in 1984, but that this plan was quite different from the marine protection area designations that were occurring throughout California at the present time. He explained that the previous designations were for relatively small underwater areas, off-shore of parks that provided some recreational diving and preserved some representative submerged habitat of California. Mr. Rayburn noted that the current process would designate large reserves, to include perhaps as much as 20 percent of the coastal area from San Diego to Oregon, and that these areas would either restrict fishing or allow only recreational fishing or a combination of limited commercial and recreational fishing. He noted that California State Parks would continue to participate in the process to establish these reserves. Mr. Rayburn explained that on the north central coast of California approximately 15-20 percent of the coast had been set aside as either marine reserves where commercial or recreational fishing would be prohibited, as marine parks where only recreational fishing would be permitted, or as conservation areas where individual species would be regulated for protection. Mr. Rayburn stated that in the areas of concern mentioned by the speakers – the coastal area between Salt Point and Fort Ross – there were areas where State Parks supported designation of a marine reserve which would not allow for recreational fishing. He further explained that the reserve would comprise only 20 percent of the off-shore area, which meant that 80 percent of this area would remain open to recreational fishing. Mr. Rayburn also explained that while the version of the plan that State Parks supported was not generally supported by the fishing community, this proposal allowed for an abalone take that was equal to the version that was supported by the fishing groups. Mr. Rayburn concluded that State Parks believed the program of designating these areas would be greatly effective in the recovery of many of the coastal fisheries in question while it provided opportunities for meaningful recreational fishing.

Chair Hart asked if there were any questions for Mr. Rayburn. There being none, the Chair called the last three registered speakers:

Cindy Arch, representing Defense of Place, concerning a golf course at Washoe Meadows State Park.

After Ms. Arch's comments, Senior Staff Counsel Kathryn Tobias addressed the Chair, noting that she wished to respond to the comments regarding Glass Beach and Washoe Meadows State Park.

At this point in the meeting Commissioner Acquanetta Warren addressed the Chair, asking if she could be excused from the balance of the meeting. Chair Hart replied that since there were no more actions before the Commission at this meeting Commissioner Warren would be excused.

Senior Staff Counsel Kathryn Tobias continued, stating that she wished to point out that the receipt of comments like those regarding Glass Beach and Washoe Meadows at this stage of these projects was of considerable value to State Parks staff. Ms. Tobias noted that both of these projects were still in the planning phase, which meant that formal project descriptions were yet to be developed. She added, as an example of the value of public input, that alternatives for each of these projects were currently being considered that would not otherwise have been known to State Parks staff. Ms. Tobias noted that both the Glass Beach and Washoe Meadows projects were just beginning their California Environmental Quality Act processes, meaning that there was considerable work yet to be done on both. She concluded that she wanted the Commission to know that projects related to these public comments were currently underway.

Chair Hart asked if the project related to the golf course at Washoe Meadows State Park would come before the Commission. Director Ruth Coleman replied that if the Washoe Meadows project continued in its present form it would require a Commission action. State Parks Planning Division Chief Dan Ray added that the alternatives that were currently under consideration would require an amendment to the Washoe Meadows State Park general plan, which would have to be approved by the Commission. Mr. Ray reiterated that there may yet be an alternative proposed that would not require a change to the park's general plan, but that the current proposals would require action by the Commission. Chair Hart stated that all of this meant that there were going to be many opportunities for comment and public input. Chair Hart then called the last two registered speakers:

Allan Jacobs, concerning the Marine Life Protection Act.

Dan Gjerde, concerning the removal of invasive plants on Glass Beach at MacKerricher State Park, and concerning the consideration of bicyclists as trail users of the Glass Beach project and throughout California State Parks.

Chair Hart noted that Mr. Gjerde was the last of the registered speakers. There being no additional registered speakers, Chair Hart asked if there were any unregistered speakers. There being none, Chair Hart closed Open Public Comment at 11:01 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:
ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hart asked if there were any additional comments or questions from commissioners or staff. There being none, Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST: These minutes were approved by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on October 31, 2008, at its duly-noticed public meeting in Pescadero, California.

By: _____ *ORIGINAL SIGNED BY* _____ Date: 10-31-08

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



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Revised Agenda of the Meeting

Immediate Past Chair Caryl Hart will call the meeting to order and preside over the election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

1. Approval of minutes of the February 29th, 2008 meeting in Chatsworth
2. Chair's Report/Recognitions
 - A. Proclamation recognizing Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as "sister park" to the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve in Mongolia
 - B. Discussion & possible action to address vacancies on Commission committees
3. Approval of Special Redwood Groves - Save-the-Redwoods League & Sempervirens Fund
4. Director's Report
5. Public Hearing
 - A. Consideration and action on the Department's recommendation to classify and name the Point Cabrillo Light Station property as Point Cabrillo State Historic Park
6. Open Public Comment (on subjects other than the above agenda items)
 - A. Request by Mr. Rodney Jones to address the Commission regarding Glass Beach at MacKerricher State Park
7. Adjourn

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