

# Information Document

## Annadel State Park - Name Change Request

July 2016



### Summary

On September 11, 2015, the California Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 79 (SCR 79) authored by Senator Mike McGuire. SCR 79 requested, “that the State Park and Recreation Commission, working with the Department of Parks and Recreation, rename Annadel State Park as Trione Annadel State Park, and, upon receipt of donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, install new signs reflecting the name change.” This resolution also makes legislative findings regarding the history of Annadel State Park and the significant contributions of the late Henry Trione. (Appendix A)

The Department and Commissioners have also received public comments regarding the renaming issue. (Appendix B)

The California State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission) intends to discuss and vote on the renaming of Annadel State Park (Annadel SP) at its public hearing scheduled for July 22, 2016 in Santa Rosa, CA.

The information found in this report gives an overview of the Park, summarizes its history and Henry Trione’s involvement in the park, and outlines State law and Departmental policies guiding park unit naming.

While the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) has no recommendation on the proposal to rename Annadel SP, the material contained in this report is intended to provide the Commission with relevant background information to help inform a decision.

### Park Overview

Annadel SP encompasses over 5000 acres within Sonoma County, near Santa Rosa, CA. It offers fishing, picnicking, nature observation, and 40 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 the annual attendance estimate is 174,000 people.

Annual Maintenance Operations ~ \$160,000

Annadel SP has the following projects listed in the Department’s Project Infrastructure Database (PID):

Capital Projects: ~ \$670,000

1. Construct Amphitheater \$270,000

Attached to the existing visitor center, build and enhance an amphitheater with modern media project capability. Project to include interpretive panels that cover topics of indigenous people, promote park stewardship and reveal the unique habitats of Annadel State Park. Work to include landscaping, lighting, accessible paths of travel, benches and parking.

2. Install Exhibits at Visitor Center \$200,000

Construct and install exhibits to implement the exhibit concept plan. Work to include design of exhibit themes and fabrication and installation. Construction of a visitor contact area.

3. Repair and Replace Powder Shed \$200,000

Conduct research and develop interpretive plan and reconstruction plan for historic powder shed. Rebuild building, develop, construct and install and develop interpretive panels.

Deferred Maintenance Needs: ~ \$2.26 million

Fourteen identified deferred maintenance projects are primarily in the categories of Facilities (\$2,000,000), Natural (\$150,000) and Cultural (\$65,000) program areas. Projects include road and trail repairs, dam repairs, riparian habitat restoration, fencing and boundary projects and historic site evaluations.

Planning Needs: ~ \$1.1 million

1. Prepare a General Plan \$815,000

Prepare a general plan that encompasses park management resource protections, public safety, interpretation and recreation opportunities.

2. Develop Interpretive Management Plans \$150,000

Develop consecutive interpretive planning documents following the goals and guidelines in the general plan. These plans will develop interpretive themes and period of history. The final project is an "interpretive master plan" and an "interpretive action plan".

3. Prepare a Plan for Agricultural Lease \$118,000

Following completion of the general plan, prepare a plan and list of actions on existing irrigation system. Evaluate irrigation system and recommend needed repairs and develop a plan for repair to existing irrigation system.

## **State Park History**

Annadel SP is located within the traditional territory of the Southern Pomo. The membership roll of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria consists of people of both Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo ancestry. Southern Pomo are also included in the tribal roles for Lytton and Dry Creek Rancherias. Annadel SP has over 150 recorded archaeological sites, many of which are Pre-Contact. Of those sites, the most important and best known is CA-SON-29, the so-called "Annadel Obsidian Quarry." Annadel obsidian was quarried within the park by indigenous peoples for over 11,000 years. The Southern Pomo and those who came before them have had an intimate relationship with the park since the end of the last Ice Age.

The lands were historically used by Euro-Americans for mining and ranching activities. Hence there is a flow of history from pre-historic through modern times associated with this park.

According to State Park documents, Annadel SP is named for Susana "Annie" Hutchinson, whose family owned the area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Annadel property was acquired by State Parks in 1971. In 1974, it was classified and officially named "Annadel State Park" by Commission action. The name "Annadel" was a combination of "Annie" and "dell" (a small, secluded wooded area). "Annie's Dell" was also an earlier name given to a railway station located on the property. It has been stated that Annie was the first American child born in the area. Thus, the name Annadel has been associated with this piece of property for as much as 150 years.

Interpretive research discusses the history of the name "Annadel":

*In 1854, Samuel Hutchinson arrived in California and set up a farming and ranching operation in Sutter County to supply miners with food (Gregory 1911). In 1871, Hutchinson expanded his holdings to include the purchase of the land in Sonoma County that becomes Annadel (Gregory 1911). The land was part of the old Rancho Los Guillicos land grant (L. E. Ricksecker 1900). Hutchinson builds a house on the floor of the valley for his new ranch (Mays 1979). Hutchinson's first-born child, Susanna (Annie), was born in Sutter County in 1856 (Gregory 1911). According to the Sonoma State MA thesis written by John S. Futini, "Annadel: The History Behind the Park: From Pliocene to the Present", 1976, the Hutchinson Sonoma property was called "Anna's Dale" (Futini 1976). Susanna is apparently living at the Sonoma ranch when she meets her future husband, Dr. Florence Ottmer, who is from Healdsburg (Dawson 2015).*

*In 1887-1888, the Southern Pacific Railroad builds the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad from Santa Rosa to Napa (The Lewis Publishing Company 1889) (Daily Alta California 1888) (Sacramento Daily Record-Union 1888). The purpose of this railroad is to transport rock from the numerous basalt quarries that have sprung up to supply building materials to San Francisco and other cities (Whatford 1990). The railroad also serves to*

*transport the agricultural products from the area (Healdsburg Enterprise 1888, Healdsburg Enterprise 1888). The railroad passes through the Hutchinson property, and the Annadel station is constructed (L. E. Ricksecker 1900). Hutchinson had leased out parts of his property to a number of quarry operations (Mays 1979) (Whatford 1990). Samuel Hutchinson dies in 1894 (Gregory 1911). His son Thomas takes over the farming and ranching operations. Susanna marries a Dr. Florence H. Ottmer, from a medical family in Healdsburg and moves to Eureka (Gregory 1911). Susanna and her husband would often return to area to visit their relatives (The Healdsburg Enterprise 1908). Susanna dies in 1919 (Prince 2008).*

*Newspaper accounts from 1893 on usually refer to the area as Annadel, and rarely as the Hutchinson ranch (The San Francisco Call 1911). Annadel is shown as a train station on the official Sonoma county map of 1900 (L. E. Ricksecker 1900). Over time, Annadel becomes more than just a train station. In 1926, the location is listed as “Third Supervisorial District” precinct Annadel, with the Rincon Club House as the polling location (The Healdsburg Semi-Weekly - Sotoyome Scimitar 1926). In 1934, the Hutchinson family sells the property to Joseph J. Coney (Mays 1979). The Southern Pacific Railroad abandons the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad in 1935 due to the quarries shutting down (Whatford 1990). Coney, an investor with multiple interests, had considerable success with cattle, fruit trees, and hops on the property now called “Annadel Farms” (Mays 1979) (The Healdsburg Tribune and Enterprise 1940) (The Healdsburg Tribune and Enterprise 1939). However, in the late 1960s, Coney begins having financial problems and starts laying the groundwork for selling the property for housing development (Mays 1979).*

To date, a general plan has not been prepared for the Park. A Statement of Purpose and Interpretive Prospectus were prepared in 1975-76 and can be found at the following link [http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/795/files/purpose\\_statements.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/795/files/purpose_statements.pdf).

### **Mr. Trione’s Contributions to the Park**

Over 60 documents exist in the Department’s acquisition files that mentioned Henry Trione’s involvement in the acquisition of the Annadel property. Mr. Trione was a founding member of the Annadel Park Foundation, involved with starting the California State Parks Foundation and assisted financially with keeping Annadel open to the public in 2012.

Interpretive research on Henry Trione is cited below:

*In 1969, Henry Trione, an extremely successful Sonoma mortgage banker and property developer, teamed up with Joseph Long, founder of Longs Drugs, to start the California State Parks Foundation (Kovner 2015) (California State Park Rangers Association 2008) (Mays 1979). One of the first projects they decided on was to see if they could purchase the “Annadel*

*Farms” property for preservation (California State Park Rangers Association 2008) (Mays 1979). Trione was already very active politically and involved with charity work (Mays 1979). Trione started purchasing neighboring properties and works to buy an option for the purchase of the mortgage on “Annadel Farms” (Mays 1979). By 1971-1972, Trione spent approximately \$2.5 million of his own funds to help purchase the land for a state park (Mays 1979) (Kovner 2015). The \$2.5 million was matched by California State Parks, which allowed the purchase to go forward. Later fundraising would reimburse Trione for all but about \$450,000 (Mays 1979). Trione would go on to serve as Chairman of the California State Parks Foundation (California State Park Rangers Association 2008). Going forward, Trione would be involved with the Fort Ross visitor center, Bale Grist Mill, Stagecoach Hill azalea preserve, Hermann Mansion, restoration of Jack London’s cottage, and the Colorado House at Old Town San Diego (California State Park Rangers Association 2008). Trione passed away in February 2015 at the age of 94 (Kovner 2015).*

In 1988, Henry Trione requested that a trail in Annadel SP be named after a Mr. Richardson which was granted by State Parks. The California Arts Council in 2007 requested of the Department to rename a trail after Henry Trione. The request was denied by the local District Superintendent based on Department policy that park features are not named after living people.

Mr. Trione passed away in February, 2015. On April 7, 2015 the Santa Rosa City Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to sign letters of support renaming the park to Henry F. Trione Annadel State Park. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, on May 19, 2015 unanimously supported letters to their State legislative delegation supporting the renaming to Trione’s Annadel State Park.

In September 2015, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 79, authored by Senator Mike McGuire, which expressed the California State Legislature’s request that the Commission officially rename Annadel State Park as Trione Annadel State Park to recognize Henry Trione and his contributions to Annadel State Park.

### **Naming Codes and Policies**

#### **Department Notice (DN):**

DN 2006-04 establishes Department policy regarding donor and sponsorship recognition. DN 2006-04 states,

*It is the policy of California State Parks to offer an incentive to prospective donors and sponsors by providing suitable acknowledgement of their contributions. In order to protect park resources, values, and the visitor experience, recognition shall fully respect the dignity, sense of place, and focus of the various parks. Such recognition shall not detract from visitor experiences or expectations, impair the visual qualities of the park environment, be perceived as advertising or commercializing the character of the park setting, or create a feeling of proprietary interest.*

DN 95-37 provides information on the naming and classification process only. It does not address re-naming actions.

Department of Parks and Recreation, Donor and Sponsorship Recognition Guidelines:

The Donor and Sponsorship Recognition Guidelines outline Department policy and provide guidance when the Director is asked to consider naming facilities and features of park units after individuals, groups or other entities. This policy stipulates that an individual must be deceased for five years before the Department can make an objective determination regarding naming a feature or facility after that individual. Specifically, section 5 (b) states,

*b. Commemoration of Individuals—After an individual has been deceased for five years, the Director may consider naming a nonhistoric or new park facility, structure or appropriate rooms within a structure in his/her honor if he/she had a clear and long-lasting association with, and provided extraordinary support to, the site, unit and/or the State Park System. Reasonable care and consideration should be given to determine if the individual's merit and/or contributions can stand the test of time. Any individual deemed significant enough to merit such a remembrance should be considered for interpretation in the park's program.*

Public Resources Code:

The Public Resources Code (PRC) §5002.1 – 5002.3 gives responsibility for naming and classification of state park units to the Commission. This public process is meant to provide the opportunity for members of the public to provide input on the naming process.

In addition, PRC §5019.56 states, “*State recreation units consist of areas selected, developed, and operated to provide outdoor recreational opportunities. The units shall be designated by the commission by naming, in accordance with Article 1 (commencing with Section 5001) and this article relating to classification.*”

State Park and Recreation Commission Policy:

The SPRC adopted policy II.2 in 1994 titled CLASSIFICATION AND NAMING UNITS, FEATURES, GROVES, AND TRAILS OF THE STATE PARK SYSTEM. Section 3 of this document says,

*“In most cases, a unit should bear the name to which it has been accustomed due to location, association, history, natural features, or general usage. Changing the name of a classified unit is strongly discouraged. A unit may be named by the Commission in honor of a person living or deceased, or a group, organization, or other entity which has rendered services of statewide significance to the State Park System.”*

Section 4 of this document states,

*“The Director may approve the use of a name to identify a feature within a unit of the State Park System when this action is necessary or desirable for any reason, such as ease in identifying a feature for users of the system, preparation of maps, recognition of deserving individuals or groups, organizations or other entities. Names so selected may be altered or changed by the Director as conditions warrant...”*

#### Planning Handbook:

The Planning Handbook refers to the Commission policy listed above (Page 14). In regards to the naming process, the handbook states, *“Typically, staff will recommend alternative names for consideration, indicating the preferred alternative and providing justification for the preferred name.”* The Planning Handbook does not address renaming of Park Units.

#### Recent Re-naming Processes

There have been two other unit re-naming activities since 2003 within the State Park System as follows;

AB 1747 (budget trailer bill), amended in the Senate on July 27, 2003 identified in Item 5 *“Renames Sugar Pine Point Park, “Ed Z’berg Sugar Pine Point Park”*. The official name of the park is actually, Ed Z’berg Sugar Pine Point State Park. Name change was effective January 1, 2004.

*Note: On April 5, 2003 the Commission rejected a proposal to rename Sugar Pine Point State Park as “Edwin L Z’Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park”.*

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55, Chapter 80 on September 6, 2011 requested that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename Eastshore State Park as McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. This renaming was approved by the Commission in September 2012.

#### Recommendation

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has no recommendation on the proposal to rename Annadel SP.

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## Appendix A

### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79** RESOLUTION CHAPTER 179

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to Trione Annadel State Park.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 18, 2015.]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 79, McGuire. Trione Annadel State Park.

This measure would request that the State Park and Recreation Commission, working with the Department of Parks and Recreation, rename Annadel State Park in the County of Sonoma as Trione Annadel State Park and, upon the receipt of donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, install new signs reflecting the name change.

WHEREAS, Annadel State Park, located in the historic Valley of the Moon, an area popularized by author Jack London, became a state park in 1971, and includes over 5,000 acres of rolling hills, seasonal streams, meadows, trails, and woodlands, all located near a major metropolitan area in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, The Sonoma County Regional Parks department serves the social, cultural, and outdoor recreation needs of the people of Sonoma County through the operation and maintenance of 49 regional parks and has assisted the state in serving the park needs of citizens statewide with the operation and maintenance of Annadel State Park; and

WHEREAS, Annadel State Park in Sonoma County, originally named the Annadel Ranch State Park, is one of the most widely used parks in the state parks system; and

WHEREAS, Henry Trione was a long-term resident of Sonoma County before his death at the age of 94 years and was a true “Renaissance Californian” who created a legacy across Sonoma County and the entire north coast region; and

WHEREAS, Henry Trione’s most significant and enduring contribution to Sonoma County and the State of California is widely acknowledged to be the creation of Annadel State Park in a wooded wilderness area overlooking the Santa Rosa plain that was slated for residential development; and

WHEREAS, It is widely recognized that Annadel State Park would not exist today were it not for the personal tenacity of Henry Trione and his initial personal contribution of \$1 million to preserve the 5,000-acre property; and

WHEREAS, Henry Trione’s actions to create Annadel State Park are remarkable because they occurred long before the importance of such public spaces closely linked to urban development was widely understood; and

WHEREAS, In 2012 the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognized Henry Trione for his exceptional contributions to Annadel State Park and other local parks and bestowed upon him the title of “Honorary Regional Parks Ranger”; and

WHEREAS, The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Rosa City Council have each voted unanimously to urge the State of California to similarly recognize Henry Trione and his achievements with respect to Annadel State Park, while retaining Annadel in the park’s name; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature requests that the State Park and Recreation Commission, working with the Department of Parks and Recreation, rename Annadel State Park as Trione Annadel State Park and, upon receipt of donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, install new signs reflecting the name change; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

## Appendix B

**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:49 PM

**To:** General, Plan@Parks

**Subject:** Annadel name change

Keep Annadel as the first word in the name change, and use Henry's last name as the second name. Annadel park has been known as that.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 6:45 PM

**To:** General, Plan@Parks

**Subject:** Annadel name change

I saw the note about the proposed name change to Annadel Park. I read the PressDem's story and am grateful for the role Mr. Trione played in helping create Annadel Park, but object to the park being renamed "Trione Annadel".

- Trione-Annadel is confusing, doesn't really make any sense. Neither the families or individuals were connected in any way. To say Trione Annadel is like saying "Trione's Annadel" or "Annadel Park brought to you by Henry Trione. No, it's a state park. It's public land, not private land. He helped make the deal but it's not his park.
- Henry himself didn't want his name associated with his donations and did not seek public credit. He admitted he'd been fortunate with his gains as Sonoma County grew and the good deeds he did were his way of giving back – his giving was the reward in itself. He would probably turn in his grave at hearing about the proposed change.
- The Annadel name goes back further historically. So, what happened in the 70's was a good turn but much nicer to have older, more original history in the name of the park, especially since it seems the name may have arisen informally and locally. If you want to take things back to Pomo Indian or Mexican Land Grant days . . . well that would be more appropriate. Reference it by the oldest name you can find, not the most recent.
- It seems part of the deal included Trione family buying and developing White Oak subdivision, including polo field. No offense, but that's a strike against the "preservation" legacy.
- If they want to name a grove or trail after him or put a plaque somewhere explaining his contribution, that's fine – but Annadel was Annadel long before good citizen Trione walked there.

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 11:14 AM

**To:** General, Plan@Parks

**Cc:** Pat Gilardi

**Subject:** Annadel State Park Proposed Name Change Comment

July 14, 2016

Honorable Diane Wittenberg, Chairwoman  
California Parks and Recreation Commission  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**RE: Annadel State Park Renaming – Support**

Dear Chairwoman Wittenberg and members of the State Park and Recreation Commission:

I would like to welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Sonoma County. I apologize that I won't be able to attend Friday's Commission Meeting. As we previously discussed I have long planned meetings at the National Association of Counties. But I wanted to write you as the home district Supervisor in support of adding Henry Trione's name to Annadel State Park.

Renaming this beloved park will honor Henry F. Trione, a longtime Santa Rosa resident who made it his life's mission to forever protect and preserve the gorgeous oak woodlands, ridgelines, seasonal streams and wildlife habitat that make Annadel so unique. Mr. Trione is remembered for his life-long dedication to parks both locally and throughout the State of California. He served several terms as Chairman of the Board of the California State Parks Foundation and was elected Chairman Emeritus in October 1993. In 2008, he received the award of Honorary State Park Ranger from the California State Park Rangers Association. Mr. Trione also led the effort to ensure the Park stayed open during the Great Recession.

Significant accomplishments in Mr. Trione's life include the creation and preservation of Sonoma County's largest non-profit performing arts venue, the Luther Burbank Center, and the Empire College of Law. Both of these institutions are known and loved by many in Sonoma County.

However, conserving the 5,000 acres of land that now forms Annadel State Park was one of Mr. Trione's most noteworthy accomplishments, and this is why the Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly supports the renaming efforts. Annadel State Park is the much-loved park serving as a place for recreation for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. Further it forms the backdrop for the Wild Oak and Oakmont areas of the City in the beautiful Valley of the Moon. As an Oakmont resident I hike almost weekly in the park – so I can attest to its value and importance.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request. And again, I am so disappointed I cannot be there to welcome you personally.

Sincerely,



SUSAN GORIN  
Supervisor, First District  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Sent:** Saturday, July 16, 2016 2:26 PM

**To:** General, Plan@Parks

**Subject:** Annadel State Park Name Change

Henry Trione was a great guy, but this idea to change the name of Annadel State Park is a **BIG WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY!** Who comes up with this stuff? It must have been suggested by people who have nothing better to do. This would be a monumental, unnecessary, costly, and very time-consuming task. Every single thing connected to Annadel State Park will have to be replaced and changed to the new name. You might as well just flush money down the toilet. Every sign, checkbook, paper handout, parking permit, map, park website, etc., will be affected. How about honoring Henry Trione with a big, brass plaque on a rock? Plus, the new name doesn't roll easily off the tongue. A few years back, Santa Rosa changed the name of our Luther Burbank Center (which everyone called LBC) to Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. It was a mouthful to say, so everybody just kept calling it LBC. Now after ten years or more, they finally changed the name back to LBC! Don't be fooled, people will always continue to call it Annadel

**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** General, Plan@Parks  
**Subject:** Trione Annadel State Park

Cheryl Diehm  
7140 Oak Leaf Drive  
Santa Rosa, California 95409  
July 18, 2016

The Honorable Diane Wittenberg, Chairwoman  
California Parks and Recreation Commission  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, California 944296

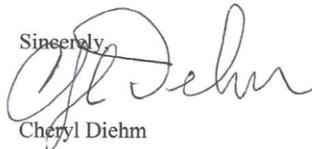
Dear Chairwoman Wittenberg:

My name is Cheryl Diehm. I live in Oakmont, a retirement community along Highway 12 in Santa Rosa that sits at the base of Annadel State Park. This jewel is our western backdrop and the backdrop that every motorist sees they travel through the Sonoma Valley.

We, in Sonoma County, are blessed by our commitment to preserving our open spaces, but this was not always the case. Development pressures always exist and 40 years ago or so, developers' eyes were on what would become Annadel State Park. Henry Trione could easily have been part of that development team. There was a fortune to be made and a fortune that was left on the table because Mr. Trione thought this acreage would serve us much better as a state park than as a repository for 5,000 or so upscale homes. Because of his vision and his financial commitment to our collective future, this beautiful parkland is preserved for us in perpetuity.

Mr. Trione's philanthropic gifts to Sonoma County are legend, but none more so than the legacy of Annadel State Park. It is therefore appropriate that his name be officially affixed to Annadel State Park as Trione Annadel State Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
Cheryl Diehm



July 15, 2016

Honorable Diane Wittenberg, Chairwoman  
California Parks and Recreation Commission  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**RE: Annadel State Park Renaming – Support**

Dear Chairwoman Wittenberg and Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing today to strongly support adding Henry Trione's name to Annadel State Park.

The citizens of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County and countless visitors to the area are always amazed with the true beauty and diverse surrounding of oaks, unique meadows and beautiful ridgeline views within Annadel State Park.

Mr. Henry F. Trione who through his own personal donation of 5,000 acres helped save this local treasure for generations to come. Mr. Trione was a tremendous supporter of outdoor venues locally and throughout the state of California. He served several terms as Chairman of the California State Parks Foundation and was elected Chairman Emeritus in October 1993. In 2008, he received the award of Honorary State Park Ranger from the California State Park Rangers Association. Mr. Trione also led the effort to ensure the Park stayed open during the Great Recession by donating over \$100,000 to cover the Park's annual operating expenses.

Significant accomplishments in Mr. Trione's life include the creation and preservation of Sonoma County's largest non-profit performing arts venue – the Luther Burbank Center – and the Empire College School of Law. Both of these institutions are known and loved by many in Sonoma County.

Conserving the 5,000 acres of land that now forms Annadel State Park was one of Mr. Trione's most noteworthy accomplishments, and I wholeheartedly support the renaming efforts.

I hope you will give this opportunity to add Mr. Trione's name to Annadel State Park your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Willie Tamayo,  
Co-Founder/ VP Board of Directors, La Tortilla Factory