

# CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

## MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
Department of Conservation  
801 K Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California  
9:30 A.M.

### 1. Call to Order at 9:30 am

#### Attendance

Members present: Wanish, Meyer, Chambers, Patterson, Veisze

Advisors present: Hawkins, Wheaton, Trumbly

Visitors present: Pete Downs, David Harris, Mark Lampinen

#### Approval of minutes for July 21, 2010 meeting

The minutes were approved electronically; however, item 4.b., Sam Clemens Cove, has been changed to read "one person" instead of "some people" and republished.

### 2. Current Items and Activities of Interest

a. Introductions: Pete Downs (Kendall-Jackson Winery, proponent of Alexander Mtn. RL 401), David Harris (Natural Resources Agency, Executive Sponsor), Mark Lampinen (Dept. of Fish and Game), and Sylvia Bender (note-taker)

b. CACGN records

Three boxes of name files and one of records have been delivered to State Archives. Wanish still has files from 2000 onward. Seven- year old completed files should go to Archives when the chairmanship changes; on track now for the record retention schedule.

c. COGNA 2010

Two Mount. Diablo name proposals, Mount Reagan and Mount John Muir, were disapproved at the October BGN meeting and it was made clear that no more proposals are wanted.

The next meeting will be in Hawaii, October 25-29, 2011 and after that in Minneapolis. COGNA is trying to find funding for students to attend and ways to support justifications to attend. New leadership is needed as Wayne Furr will be retiring in three years.

d. Items of interest:

Sam Clemens Cove, Nevada

Nevada advisory committee approved, but no minutes or explanation has been provided to Jenny Runyon at BGN. This is supposedly the spot he wrote of in *Roughing It*.

#### Mount Andrea Lawrence

The federal legislature proposed this name; passed in the House, read twice in Senate, but died in last Congress. Naming by legislation circumvents the role of BGN and the CACGN. It is one of only two ways to go around BGN. Naming by Executive Order is the other. Jenny Runyon believes the Lawrence family is not inclined to let it go; prominent family in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District and a mountain climber.

### 3. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Quarterly Lists

#### Review List 396

Region IV (Veisze)

##### Roosevelt Point

There has been no National Park Service (NPS) weigh-in. The area is complex with many “cherry-stems” obvious in mapping that allow rights-of-way for non-wilderness conveyance in between the peaks. Discussion also centered the magnitude of the feature and the person being commemorated. Veisze noted that this is not a very prominent feature as one enters the valley. He did speak to Jenny Runyon about the coordinates for this site and Taft Point; they appear to be correct. Veisze wants to defer the recommendation for the NPS to weigh in on the proposal. If the NPS supports, will have to check actual location very carefully because if it is on a rim, the named location must be able to support visitor traffic and provide visitor safety. Veisze noted he did recommend disapproval earlier, but wants NPS input before a vote.

#### Review List 401

Region III (Meyer)

##### Alexander Mountain

Meyer recapped the proposal to change Black Mountain to Alexander Mountain. Sonoma County already has four other Black Mountains. This would be a new commemorative name for a prominent local pioneer. Historical atlases and histories refer to it as Black Mountain in 1897 and 1902. Historical versus commercial interests played a prominent role in the discussion. Consistency and continuity provide the prevailing philosophy for the BGN with local usage coming close after. Meyer agreed to contact local fire dispatch and public safety agencies to understand their usage. Duplication could be confusing for them and would support a change. The BGN looks very hard at whether names have associated commercial enterprise; if it does, it will not be approved. On the other hand, if it causes health/safety confusion, it could be approved. Pete Downs comments that he is impressed with the deliberation taken, which makes the process re-assuring to him. Defer for more information

#### Review List 403

Region III (Meyer)

##### Grainger Spring

This proposal is to correct a misspelling. Meyer found evidence of a long-time family connection to the site, cemetery burials, original homestead grant patent. No evidence of the spelling "Granger" was found. A recommendation for approval was moved and seconded with all confirming that CACGN recommends approving the proposal. Yea 5, No 0.

#### **Review List 404**

Region II (Wanish)

##### Seamus Creek

This name is for the pet of the caretaker of a prominent landmark tree. USFS did not support citing no historic references, no topographical references, and not locally used. There was no response from tribes in area. The committee does not want to set a precedent for naming after a pet. It was moved and seconded with all confirming that CACGN disapproves the proposal. Yea 5, No 0.

Region IV (Veisze)

##### Wünüpü Peak

Veisze proposed deferring any recommendation. Wanish received a call from the tribe earlier in the day, so she will give them this update. Defer for more information.

Region V (Chambers)

##### Lucky Bastard Canyon

This is another relatively new listing and no responses from counties, other governmental agencies or tribes have been received. Local law enforcement and public safety officials do use the name. It apparently stems from an actual rescue in the canyon. The local BLM manager does not want approval for the name, citing its potentially offensive nature because the person rescued was illegally in the country. Chambers is trying to verify these stories. Two different points of view were raised by CACGN members: public safety usage in a rural area is a valid consideration; words ascribed to a person become a vulgarity. Defer for more research.

#### **Review List 405**

Region III (Meyer)

##### Ogilvie Island

Meyer received only one response (neutral) from local communities and tribes and had not heard back from State Lands. Meyer proposed to defer a recommendation since it is a relatively new name proposal. Determining that this is a permanent feature is critical; it may only be tidal soil movement. The location is in the middle of the estuary channel, on the county boundaries, and in a wildlife refuge. Aerial photos were added to the file. Contact will be made with the San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge. Trumbly noted that Jenny Runyon also will be providing an opinion. Defer for further information.

Region V (Chambers)

Ned Douglass Hill

Chambers has talked to the proponent about the background material needed to support the nomination. They need more time. Riverside County has not responded. Chambers recommended deferral for 6 months.

**4. Time and place of next meeting**

July 13, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 am in CGS Headquarters conference room, 801 K Street, Sacramento, 12<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.**