

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

MINUTES

January 28, 2015

Department of Conservation
801 K Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order—9:30am

Attendance-- *Members:* Morrison; McCrea; Meyer (Chair); Veisze; Guiraud
Advisors: Spero; Wanish; Crocker; Spradling; Trumbly
Guest: Fraser (Minutes); Silva

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 23, 2014

The 7/23/14 Minutes were approved vocally by the committee.

3. Announcements and Roster Update

Joy Silva was introduced as a guest and has agreed to become the note taker. This is John Fraser's last time as note taker.

Meyer discussed her new role as CACGN chairperson, Veisze contributed on the rotation of the position and its basis in committee seniority time.

Meyer updated the committee on COGNA annual conference, to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, April 28-May 2, 2015. Trumbly commented on the history of the conference as it roots in name origin scholarship and history.

Veisze discussed conversations with NPS regarding its vacancy as a CACGN advisor. Meyer reported that NOAA had expressed willingness to fill its vacancy on the committee.

Updated 2015 CACGN roster was updated and confirmed.

4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists

Review List 415

Region IV (Veisze)

Braly Peaks (CA/NV border)

Veisze discussed the proponent's desire to correct the name spelling to reflect the honoree correctly. He discussed the Nevada board's support and formal position in support of the name change and provided supporting comments from BLM and USFS.

Veisze motioned to approve the recommendation. Guiraud seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending approval. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0.

Review List 414

Region V (Guiraud)
Cerro de la Silla

Guiraud provided background information and geographic visuals through projection. No comments from BLM, no tribal comment. Veisze initiated a discussion on the policies related to Spanish naming and general policy predisposition towards English usage. Discussion by the committee on the geographic prominence of the feature. McCrea commented on the importance of name clarity and meaning.

Guiraud motioned to recommend approval of the proposed name. Veisze seconded. The committee voted unanimously in favor recommending approval. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. (Approval)

Review List 415

Region V (Guiraud)
Butt Rock

Guiraud described the proponent's desire to establish common usage name for the feature under review. No formal USFS opinion provided, although Spralding spoke of clear support and unquestioned common usage. Veisze initiated discussion on policies regarding vulgarity as they relate to derogatory names policies. Trumbly discussed how the policy generally took a wide and comprehensive interpretation of what constituted derogatory naming and wished that the committee's comments be read aloud at BGN meetings as to emphasize that no reason existed to recommend disapproval. Guiraud noted no duplication within the GNIS.

Guiraud motioned to recommend approval of the proposed name. Veisze seconded. The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed name. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. (Approval)

Review List 416

Region II (McCrea)
Damalsung Lake, Delmooh Valley, Delunga Peak, Sesheme Creek,

McCrea provided background a series of "Squaw" names being proposed for change to avoid derogatory usage. McCrea provided geographic context,

identifying each feature and their relation to each other, and importantly, to other “Squaw” named features in the area not being proposed for change. Committee discussion on how other states have dealt with derogatory naming; Trumbly provided further detail on policy as it relates to the topic. McCrea discussed the proponent’s tribal associations, further discussion on the process for consultation and its value. McCrea discussed further the problems inherent to addressing the derogatory naming only partially.

McCrea deferred consideration of these cases to the next CACGN meeting. (Deferral)

Review List 416

Region V (Guiraud)

Tierra Nunca Peak

Guiraud provided background, review of his consultation efforts, and geographic overview of the site. Guiraud on no associations between the proposed name and the site, no evidence that feature exists as promontory or discrete feature. Discussion on the presence of higher features closely by that are not named features.

Guiraud motioned to recommend disapproving the proposed name. Meyer seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously for recommending disapproval of the proposed name change. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. (Disapproval)

Review List 417

Region V (Guiraud)

Godhead Mountain

Guiraud provided geographic overview and detailed its location within a Wilderness Area on BLM lands. Guiraud provided details on some tribal opposition and other consultation efforts that did not elicit a reply. Trumbly and Veisze discussed the policy as it relates to Wilderness and each conversed on the importance of tribal support and its absence.

Guiraud motioned to recommend disapproval of the proposed name change. Veisze seconded. The committee voted unanimously for recommending disapproval of the proposed name change. Yeas: 5, No: 0. (Disapproval)

Review List 418

Region V (Guiraud)

McAuley Peak

Guiraud provided background on the feature, located within Malibu Creek State Park. He presented details on support from the Los Angeles County Supervisors,

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, and the Angeles District Superintendent of California State Parks. Some discussion by the committee on the unique physical nature of the feature and other nearby promontories, both named and unnamed.

(Spradling departed at 12:45 pm)

Guiraud motioned to recommend approval of the name change. Veisze seconded. The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed name change. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. (Approval)

Review List 418

Region IV (Veisze)

Diamond Lake

Veisze provided background and geographic overview of the site. The proposed change would name an unnamed feature, inciting a discussion by the committee about their authority on the matter. Further discussion about the potential commercial association with the proponent's property. Veisze on the proposal's non-conformance with BGN policy on non-duplication of names. The proposal would duplicate the name of a similar feature (a livestock pond) less than 80 miles away. Veisze also reported that the proponent's claim of the name "Diamond Lake Ranch", referring to the proponent's property containing the feature, was not substantiated in County nor in Chamber of Commerce records. General discussion and consensus by the committee that no public benefit could be conceived by recommending approval of the proposed name.

Veisze motioned to recommend disapproval of the proposed name change. Guiraud seconded. The committee voted unanimously for recommending disapproval of the proposed name change. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. (Disapproval)

Review List 419

Region IV (Veisze)

Liebre Twins

Mather Ridge

Veisze deferred consideration of the above proposed name changes until the following meeting. (Deferral)

5. Current Items and Activities of Interest

Updates on GNIS Administrative Names and the National Map.

Update on BGN decisions.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

CACGN will meet on 7/15/15 at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Department of Conservation
801 K Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California
9:30 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Attendance check:

Members: Morrison; McCrea; Meyer; Veisze; Guiraud;

Advisors: Spradling; Crocker; Ferguson; Ostergren; Wanish

Guests:

2. Approval of minutes for July 23, 2014 meeting

The Minutes <are pending> electronic approval by the Committee.

3. Introductions / Announcements

a. Tiffany Meyer to follow Paul Veisze as CACGN Chair for 2015/17.

b. The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) annual conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, April 28 - May 2.

<http://www.cogna50usa.org>

4. Roster Update

a. CACGN roster: the 2015 version is ready for posting to cacgn.ca.gov

b. BGN membership is up for 2-year renewal. Monitor geonames.usgs.gov

5. Consideration of Names proposals on Pending Review Lists

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6. Current Items and Activities of Interest

a. GNIS Administrative Names

Effective October 1, 2014: As a result of reprioritized budgets and resources, the decision has been made to suspend the maintenance of some administrative (i.e. cultural or manmade) feature names in The National Map and to discontinue the maintenance of all administrative names through the GNIS public interface at this site (<http://geonames.usgs.gov>). The features that will continue to be maintained in The National Map will be updated in GNIS on a periodic revision cycle through submissions from authoritative sources or based on input from volunteers through The National Map Corps.

If you are interested in participating in The National Map Corps, which "encourages citizens to collect structures data by adding new features, removing obsolete points, and correcting existing data for The National Map," please visit the following Web site: <http://navigator.er.usgs.gov>. To identify the administrative features to be maintained through The National Map Corps program, click "Structures List" located on the left-hand side of the page.

If you have further questions, please visit The National Map home page at: <http://nationalmap.gov>. (Maria McCormick, USGS/Denver, 2015.01.12; personal communication to pveisze)

7. CACGN recommendations and BGN Decisions since July, 2014.

Source: geonames.usgs.gov > Domestic Names > Action List;
2014.12.18; Accessed 2015.01.12)

All BGN Decisions below were in concurrence with CACGN
Recommendations.

Proposed Name	Feature Type	County	Federal Land Mgmt Agency	Review List	BGN Decision Date	Case Status
Bey Cha Creek	stream	Plumas	FS	416	13-Nov-14	approved
Bey Cha Ravine	valley	Plumas	FS	416	13-Nov-14	approved

8. Time and place of next meeting: July < >, 2015; 0930 – 1200

Location to be confirmed

[CA Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th Floor]