

CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

July 22, 2009

9:30 am

California Geological Survey Headquarters
801 K Street, 12th Floor Conference Room
Sacramento, California

1. **Call to Order at 9:30 am**
2. **Attendance** Members present: Spero, Chambers, Wanish, Patterson, Trumbly
Advisors present: Veisze, Hawkins, Steber, Owang
Visitor present: Chris Higgins (future proponent)
3. **Approval of minutes for January 14, 2009 meeting**
The minutes had been previously approved electronically, However, Steber wished to change “within a National Forest” to “within Angeles National Forest” in the San Andreas Ridge proposal.
4. **Current Items and Activities**
 - a. Visitor introduction: Chris Higgins, wished to present his idea for a commemorative name proposal and seek advise from the committee and advisors.
 - b. COGNA 2009 – Chambers has received tentative authorization for out-of-state travel and if he is able to attend will represent the committee. Steber will also attend.
 - c. Chris Higgins presentation – He would like to propose a commemorative geographic feature name for his ancestor Thomas Hill, a well-known 19th century landscape painter with many famous works of the Yosemite Valley.
Committee comments:
Hill’s work is well known and was important in the saving of the wilderness through the creation of the National Parks system, and is therefore worthy of a commemorative name.
Committee suggestions:
There is already a commemorative name given to a feature, Artist’s Point, so call attention to the fact that Hill was the most important, and refer to the painting chosen for President Obama’s inauguration. Thomas Hill is worthy of being honored in a Yosemite Valley location, rather than the surrounding high peaks, because of his close association with Yosemite Valley, where there are other commemorative feature. If the chosen feature is in a Wilderness area, then use the education argument.

Investigate if there is any recorded history of his paintings being influential in the creation of the National Parks system.
Chick Fagan is the National Parks BGN member.
Naming by legislation is an option. Senator Diane Feinstein would be the one to talk to, but have a geographic feature in mind already.

- d. RL 401: See Section 5
- e. CACGN recommendations – as in agenda
- f. CACGN records update: How to access CACGN records in the California State Archives:
Address - 1020 “O” Street, Sacramento, at the corner of “O” and 10th.
Hours – Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:00pm, and on the first Saturday of the month. Make a request at the Archives Research Room to have them brought to you. Arrangements can be made ahead of time by calling the Reference Desk at (916) 653-2246, e-mailing at ArchivesWeb@sos.ca.gov, or by FAX at (916) 653-7363. Sydney Bailey (916) 653-6734 has been working with the committee. Wanish reports no more records have been delivered to State Archives, but progress continues on the preparation for archiving.
- g. Trumbly reviewed meeting procedure rules;
 - 1) The member whose district the feature is in summarizes the docket and research and makes a recommendation to approve, disapprove or defer. Or if undecided, the member may entertain discussion, then make a Recommendation.
 - 2) If the Recommendation is to approve or disapprove, the chairman asks for clarification (did you consider this, what did the county say, etc.), and entertains discussion among the members.
 - 3) After discussion, the chairman asks if there is a Second to the Recommendation.
 - 4) If there is a Second, a vote is taken.
 - 5) In cases where there are two names on the table at the same time, the chairman must closely control the situation, the first name usually being considered first.
- f. Internet access is to be available at future committee meetings.
- g. Members are to bring relevant maps to the meetings.
- h. Hawkins is to bring Wilderness area map and refers members to the BLM website for boundary reference questions. In addition, Spero reminds members of the California Protected Areas Database.

- i. Some future funding possibilities for attending COGNA, for a member with out-of-state travel authority: Mike Byrne, the State GIO and the Resources Agency, David Harris the acting replacement for John Ellison.

5. Consideration of Names on Pending Dockets

Review List 401

Region III (Spero)

Mount Reagan – The CACGN does not approve any change to the name of Mount Diablo.

Moved and seconded that CACGN recommend disapproval.

Yea 5, Nay 0.

Region V (Chambers)

Ballard Mountain – This name was proposed by the Los Angeles Co. Board of Supervisors, and endorsed by LA Times, Senator Feinstein, Senator Fran Pavley, and the cities of Calabasas, Malibu, and Agora Hills; Thirteen Indian tribes were invited to comment by a 8-25-09 deadline, however, only the Pala Band had replied, and they stated that the proposal is not within their area of interest. Examination of old USGS 7.5' quad sheets seems to show that the feature refers to Ballard but in a derogatory way. The proposed name commemorates him in a positive way.

Moved and seconded that CACGN approve the proposal as docketed.

Yea 5, Nay 0

Ironwood Canyon, East Fork Ironwood Canyon, Ironwood Wash, East Fork Ironwood Wash, Arch Canyon, Ironwood Arch, Alexander Mountain – Deferred consideration of these names to a later time.

Review List 400

Region III (Spero)

Kelham Creek – Napa County has no opinion on this proposal, but it was wondered how well they looked into it. It is an intermittent creek and would have no effect on the fishery. Other issues discussed and felt to be irrelevant were that it flows through land still owned by the descendants and the proponent has the same last name and the family has made a 60-acre donation.

Moved and seconded that CACGN approve the proposal as docketed.

Yea 5, Nay 0.

Leal Creek – Initially, this proposal was for the above ground portion of the creek, however because a single feature should have

only one name and for GIS model integrity the entire feature is now considered. The County planner has no objections, nor do the neighbors.

Moved and seconded that CACGN approve proposal as docketed.
Yea 5, Nay 0.

Region V (Chambers)

Three Arch Bay – Deferred consideration of this name to a later time. Checking on local usage with surfer groups was suggested.

Review List 399

Region V (Chambers)

Casada Canyon – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the cities of Sunland and Tujunga support this name; there were no tribal letters received; and it is in local usage among mountaineers. However, it is against Forest Service policy to name a feature for victims of an accident; and against BGN Principles Policies and Procedures, Policy 3, section 4.

Moved and seconded that CACGN not approve proposal.
Yea 5, Nay 0.

East Table Mountain – (Counter proposal to San Andreas Ridge)
The Board of Supervisors conferred with the city of Wrightwood and found mixed opinions. However, local, historical, established and verbal usage were found, affirming BGN Principles Policies and Procedures, Principle II – Names in Local Usage.
Recommended and seconded that CACGN approve as docketed.
Yea 5, Nay 0.

Review List 397

Region V (Chambers)

Devils Anvil Peak – Deferred consideration of this name to a later time.

Old Rocky Peak – Deferred consideration of this name to a later time.

Tombstone Peak – Deferred consideration of this name to a later time.

Review List 396

Region IV (Trumbly)

Roosevelt Point - Deferred vote on this name to a later time for clarification of feature location and Wilderness boundary.

Review List 395

Region V- (Chambers)

San Andreas Ridge – Local usage was not found.

Moved and seconded that CACGN not approve proposal because of BGN Principles Policies and Procedures, Principle II – Names in Local Usage.
Yea 5, Nay 0.

6. Time and Place of Next meeting

January 1~~3~~⁵, 2010, 9:30 am in CGS Headquarters conference room, 801 K Street, Sacramento, 12th floor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.