

CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

July 21, 2010

9:30 am

California Geological Survey Headquarters

801 K Street, 12th Floor Conference Room

Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order at 9:35 am

2. Attendance

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

Advisors present: Hawkins, Steber, and Trumbly

Visitors present: Scott, Tony, and Gary Wilson, Gloria Barrios, David Gilbreath, Clark Mason, Pete Downs, and David Harris

3. Approval of minutes for January 13, 2010 meeting

The minutes had been approved electronically.

4. Current Items and Activities

a. Visitor introductions: Scott, Tony, and Gary Wilson (Black Mountain landowners and opponents to 401), Gloria Barrios (local opponent to 401), David Gilbreath (Artesa Winery, opponent to 401), Clark Mason (Santa Rosa Press Democrat reporter), Pete Downs (Jackson-Kendall Winery, proponent of 401), David Harris, Natural Resources Agency Geospatial Information Officer, and Elise Mattison (keeping notes)

b. Sam Clemens Cove, NV – one individual says his camp was in CA. Nevada State Names Board to discuss next week. May10 BGN-DNC minutes.

c. Region V (Chambers) Lucky Bastard Canyon, San Diego Co. -- BGN-DNC members decided it was not a commemorative name and accepted the proposal, discussion of the acceptability of "Bastard" will be discussed with the proposal.

d. COGNA is October 5-8, 2010, Springfield, MO. Questions, comments, issues to be discussed at the Round Table can be sent to Jenny Runyon or Wanish.

5. Consideration of Names on Pending Dockets

Review List 396

Region IV (Veisze)

Roosevelt Point - CACGN deferred recommendation pending a National Park Service (NPS) position statement. The CACGN recognizes that President Theodore Roosevelt had an important role in the formation of National Parks and is eminently worthy of commemoration with a named geographic feature.

Review List 401

Region III (Meyer)

Alexander Mountain – This name was proposed by Pete Downs, Jackson Family Enterprises, to change the name from Black Mountain (Sonoma Co. Atlas, 1897, USGS topo, 1902) to a name commemorating Cyrus Alexander; and to eliminate confusion with other features named Black Mountain in the area. Cloverdale City Council and Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians support the name change. Healdsburg and Windsor City councils oppose it. Sonoma Co. Board of Supervisors is neutral. Mr. Downs presented a chronology of the name change proposal and emphasized that the petition is meant to recognize Cyrus Alexander. There was a discussion about the Jackson Family Enterprise application for an Alexander Mountain Appellation; the definition of an Appellation; and the timeline of the application. Landowner Gary Wilson presented a petition with 350 local residents in opposition and a book with historical references to the mountain calling it Black Mountain. CACGN has received more than 35 letters from residents opposing the name change. Gloria Barrios attended today's meeting to show opposition to the name change. David Gilbreath, lawyer for Artesa Wines, argued against the name change.

Deferred vote on name change to consider and verify information.

Review List 402

Region IV (Veisze)

Clem Nelson Peak -- Proposal withdrawn.

Counter-proposal, Wünüpü Peak, by Big Pine Piute tribe of Owens Valley will be on Review List 404.

Review List 403

Region III (Meyer)

Grainger Spring

Dave Grainger proposal to correct spelling from *Granger* to *Grainger*. Topo shows *Granger*. Hawkins presented a copy of 1898 patent spelled *Grainger*. Chambers questioned who owned the spring.

Deferred consideration of this name to a later time so that Hawkins could do a search for other settlers in the area with *Granger* spelling.

Mount John Muir

Ericson proposal to change name from Mt. Diablo, based on opinion that *Diablo* is derogatory. The name is not derogatory, by definition, but could be offensive to some people. Permanency in names is important; Mt. Diablo Meridian (est.

1851) runs through the summit. Four previous proposals to change the name have been disapproved. Letters from surveyors and historical societies are in opposition. Moved and seconded that CACGN not recommend approval because of BGN Principles Policies and Procedures, Principle II – Names in Local Usage, and Derogatory Names. Yea 5, Nay 0.

6. Time and Place of Next meeting

January 19, 2011, 9:30 am in CGS Headquarters conference room, 801 K Street, Sacramento, 12th floor.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.