

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Department of Conservation
801 K Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order—9:35am

Attendance-- *Members:* Morrison; Wanish; Meyer; Veisze; Chambers
Advisors: Hawkins; Steber; Wheaton; Ostergen
Guest: Fraser (Minutes); Runyon (BGN, by phone); Harris
(Resources Agency)

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2012

The 1/16/13 Minutes were approved electronically and vocally by the committee.

3. Announcements

Solomon McCrae will replace Barbara Wanish as the Department of Conservation's representative on CACGN. David Harris has changed Departments, no longer Resources Agency contact. References to California Department of Fish and Game must be changed to California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Chambers recommended making CACGN contact information on the website more explicit and accessible.

4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists

Review List 414

Region I (Morrison)

Four Interrelated Proposals for Changes

Change Trail Gulch to Long Gulch

Change Trail Gulch to Long Gulch Lake

Change Long Gulch Lake Trail Gulch Lake

Morrison discussed cursory research through USGS maps. Several questions for Steber on common and historical usage of the current names, affirming that the proposed names represent both historical and most common uses. Steber discusses strong support of name change by USFS and its representative ranger. Comments were made by Steber and Chambers on the potential public safety

concerns caused by discrepancy between trail signs, common usage, and formal names. Veisze summarized the issues, several of the concerns, and described the deferment rights Morrison held as a member. Steber emphasized the urgency of this matter, several involved from the responsible agency were eager to have the issue resolved.

Morrison resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Review List 413
Region V (Chambers)
Cuchillo Peak

Chambers explained Cuchillo Peak is a newly received case and needs further time to research proposal. Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation. Brief discussion on the correlation between land features and naming.

Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Review List 413
Region V (Chambers)
Wanat Peak

Chambers explained Wanat Peak is a newly received case and needs further time to research proposal. Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation. Brief discussion on the correlation between land features and naming.

Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Review List 414
Region V (Chambers)

Chambers explained Cerro de la Silla is a newly received case and needs further time to research proposal. Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Chambers resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Review List 412

Region II (Wanish)

Hidden Falls Creek

Wanish explained Hidden Falls is a deferred case from the previous CACGN meeting. Wanish provided background information on the current name's historic usage, Coon Creek, and locational information about the area and feature under consideration. Chambers questioned Wanish on earliest usage and information relating to its origins. Wanish provided information to demonstrate pervasive current name usage, evidence of commercial and non-profit usage, and a response from Placer County Supervisor, testifying to current and historical usage. Chambers asked about the presence of African-American miners in the area, or any history of the name usage as derogatory. Wanish found no evidence of African-American association with the area, and no evidence of derogatory usage. Wanish discussed the origins of Hidden Falls Creek as a proposed name, referencing a local land feature, Hidden Falls, and Hidden Falls Park, noting that Coon Creek is not associated with those features geographically or historically. Veisze inquired about the presence of Hidden Falls in GNIS, an action that had recently occurred. This inspired a discussion about GNIS inclusion processes and the role of BGN in those decisions. Wanish described the choices as: should the name change, and if it should change, is Hidden Falls Creek appropriate. Wanish referred to the preponderance of historical and common usage, and the lack of any evidence of derogatory usage.

Wanish motioned to recommend disapproval of recommendation. Meyer seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the name proposal. Yea: 5, No: 0.

5. Current Items and Activities of Interest

Ostergen presented information on USGS efforts to crowd-source place name information and processes for controlling information flow.

Veisze discussed recent Supreme Court ruling on County Parcel data and its required formats.

Wanish reported on COGNA.

Group discussion on archives as Wanish carried out that function as a member of the Committee.

Final congratulations and commemoration of Wanish's service to the committee.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

CACGN will meet on 1/15/13 at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm
