

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

MINUTES

July 15, 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: Wanish; Spradling; Trumbly
Guest: Silva (Minutes)

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 28, 2015

The 1/28/15 Minutes were approved vocally by the committee.

3. Cases Upcoming

- a. Alberhill Canyon: no comment
- b. Sky Point: Named after Sky Mote, soldier who died in Afghanistan. Pushed through Congress.
- c. Ft. Bragg: Will be on review list (named after Civil War Confederate General).

4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists

Review List 416

Region II (McCrea)

Damalung Lake, Delmooah Valley, Delunga Peak, Seshme Creek,

McCrea stated that he has heard from one Sierra County representative regarding name change for Damalung Lake, and they were against it. There has been no return contact from Plumas County or interested Native American parties.

Recommendation was deferred.

Review List 416

Region V (Guiraud)

Tierra Nunca Peak

Wanish stated that the Portola Historical Society is against Tierra Nunca Peak name change, and it is also on Forest Service Land.

It was suggested that a naming scheme be devised to set a precedent for the “Squaw” name change. The change has not been applied consistently in different geographic areas. Trumbly noted that the name changes in this instance were

probably of Maidu origin. Spradley mentioned that the proposal only applies to 4 “Squaw” names, while there are 8 features in the area with “Squaw” in the name. It was agreed that there is much confusion as to whether the word “Squaw” is derogatory or not. The matter seems to depend on where in the United States the word is used.

Considering recommending NO but suggested addressing the issue with more due diligence in the future. McCrea deferred consideration of these cases to the next CACGN meeting. (Deferred)

Review List 419

Region IV

Liebre Twins

Veisze noted that the name is Spanish for hare or jackrabbit and implies two peaks. It is incorrectly applied to a higher single summit a mile away, not the “ears”, due to the geodetic control point being placed in error in 1955. Local usage favors the single peak location, and the most current maps of the area (1973/1992) also show the single peak as Liebre Twins.

Veisze motioned to recommend disapproval of proposed moving of the name to the correct peaks. Citing USBGN Policy 2-Local Usage, the name has been applied to its present location for too long. The change could cause confusion and be a potential public safety issue. Morrison seconded. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. (Disapproved)

Review List 419

Region IV (Veisze)

Mather Ridge

Veisze provided background on proposal: Stephen Mather was the first director of the National Park Service (NPS). The ridge to be named is located in Sequoia National Park/ Sequoia Kings Canyon Wilderness/John Krebs Wilderness, near Mineral King/Sawtooth Gap. Features in several national parks are named for Stephen Mather. A photograph of Mather along with the “Mather Mountain Party” was taken on the location of the proposed name change, which the proponent feels warrants the naming of the feature.

Veisze motioned to recommend disapproval of the proposed name in concurrence with NPS, who are opposed to the proposal, and because there is no overriding need to name the feature (USBGN Policy 4-Wilderness Policy). McCrea seconded. The committee voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the proposed name. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. (Disapproved)

Review List 420

Region II (McCrea)

Entin Peak

McCrea provided background, review of his consultation efforts, and geographic overview of the site. Located in the Squaw Valley Recreational Area, the proposed naming of an unnamed peak is to commemorate a ski patrol member named Andrew “Eskie” Entin, who lost his life in the line of duty.

Trumbly noted the similarity of this proposal to that of the case of Jake Smith, a member of the Alpine Meadows ski patrol, who was killed in an avalanche. In that case, the location of the proposed feature was moved from the Alpine Meadows area to Emerald Bay; that proposal was approved (Jakes Peak). Further, Billy’s Peak, in the same area as the proposed Entin Peak, was named after a search and rescue squad member who died of cancer. Both Jake and Billy are nicknames, so it might be more consistent to name the feature Eskie Peak. It was recommended to get input from both the Alpine Meadows Corporation and Squaw Valley Ski Patrol on the proposed feature name.

*McCrea deferred consideration of this case to the next CACGN meeting.
(Deferred)*

Review List 420

Region IV (Veisze)

Smatko Peak

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

Review List 420

Region III (Meyer)

Wiinahmin Hill

Meyer deferred consideration of the above proposed name change until the following meeting. (Deferred)

5. Current Items and Activities of Interest

BGN agreed with all CACGN Recommendations.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

CACGN will meet on 1/20/16 at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.