

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

MINUTES

January 18, 2017

Department of Conservation

801 K Street, 12th Floor

Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order—9:30am

Attendance-- *Members:* Guiraud; McCrea; Meyer; Morrison (Chair); Veisze
Advisors: Ostergren; Trumbly; Wanish; Spradling
Guest: Silva – recorded minutes

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 16, 2016

The 7/16/16 Minutes were approved electronically by the committee.

3. Introductions / Announcements

- Chair transition: Morrison assumed chair position.
- Update on CACGN records archiving: Past chairs Wanish, Meyer and Veisze will meet to discuss archiving their records and passing them on to Morrison. Anything older than seven years needs to be archived.
- Update CACGN Roster: Need CA archive advisor. Spero & Crocker retired and no longer advisors.
- Coon Creek: Proponent asked us to revisit, but we have not received any new information. Proponent can resubmit.
- P'da Hau, North & South forks: Proponent has been active since disapproval, may resubmit.
- Nisenan Valley: On hold per BGN, therefore not on review list.
- COGNA Conference will be held in Richmond VA, May 8-11, 2017

4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists

Review List 416

Region II (McCrea)

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

CACGN **deferred** items i through iv. Spradling stated that USFS is not ready to make a recommendation. Plumas County has eight Squaw names. Washoe has submitted changes to four and Maidu six. The USFS is considering making a blanket change, but different tribes have different opinions so that could be a very slow, case by case process. The USFS just hired a new regional tribal relations position, so they are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the tribes. The Maidu Summit Consortium is this month, so USFS would like to hear the meeting outcome. We are expecting a response by the July 2017 meeting.

This proposal is from March 2014 so there is some concern about letting the proposal stand for years. Trumbly suggested that we reject the proposal due to lack of opinion, so we can't make a recommendation. Veisze countered that a disapproval may cast judgement, so doesn't recommend this route.

Deferred pending USFS opinion

Review List 420

Region II (McCrea)

Entin Peak

USFS has not responded and this is needed as the feature is on Forest Service land, and the national lands require national name recognition or military service. Lots of local support but weak on reasons. It may be more appropriate to memorialize Mr. Entin with a plaque or trail, but not a geographic feature.

Deferred pending USFS opinion

Review List 420

Region IV (Veisze)

Smatko Peak

USFS did respond with no objection. Mr. Smatko had influence on the climbing community by being one of the editors of a mountaineer guide book, and climbed a significant number of peaks in the Sierra. However, it should be noted that the proposal docket incorrectly stated that he climbed virtually every named peak in the Sierra. Research shows that this is overstated. Veisze will write an addendum to be included in the proposal docket. It was agreed that there was a personal association with the place cited by proponent.

Approved (4-1)

Review List 421

Region V (Guirard)

Dorn Ridge

There was no response from USFS. Mr. Dorn was a former employee and worked on a USFS dam, so they will be concerned about naming after one of their own. There were no responses from the county or local Native American tribes. A Green Valley councilman supports the naming. There has been a lack of information of Mr. Dorn's local contribution to the region. The feature is not distinct. Guirard will recommend that it would be more appropriate to name a local man-made feature such as the fire station or another location identified with Dorn.

Disapproved (5-0)

Review List 423
Region IV (Veisze)
Bartholomew Peak

USFS received a response from Sierra National Forest with no objection. USFS stated that his actions in the Sierra is not unique, but is locally known. There was full support from the County of Fresno. Bartholomew worked and taught natural history courses in the area, and was employed by USFS for a while, and his death was smoke inhalation related from firefighting. The feature is not very significant.

Approved (5-0)

Review List 423
Region III (Meyer)
Nawani Peak

Channel Island National Park Service superintendent disapproves the proposed name, because the area is in the process of being changed to a Wilderness Area. Per Policy IV, Sec. 1, the USBGN will not approve names within wilderness areas.

Disapproved (5-0)

Review List 423
Region III (Meyer)
Tortuga Creek

Waiting for a response from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, which will be available for the July 2017 meeting. Hearst Ranch has no concerns about the proposal. State park Environmental Scientist says stream is permanent intermittent. Proponent is planning to submit a proposal to name other streams in the park and will add Tortuga Creek to that proposal.

Deferred for comment from State Parks

Review List 424
Region III (Meyer)
Esselen Peak

Proposed peak is named for the Esselen tribe of Native Americans, but Salinan tribe strongly opposes the proposal because the peak is located on Salinan tribal land. The peak is also in wilderness, and there was no justification provided for an exception to the Wilderness Policy.

Disapproved

Review List 426

Region III (Meyer)

Suribachi Hill

Recently added to Review List and need time to review.

Deferred for more research

Region III (Meyer)

To Kalon Creek

Recently added to Review List and need time to review. There is a vineyard in the vicinity and Mondovi has a wine named after it. All land owners on the historic site have written letters of support.

Deferred for more research

Time and Place of Next Meeting

CACGN will meet on 7/19/2017 at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 am.

Adjourned at 12:30