

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

MINUTES

January 15, 2014

Department of Conservation

801 K Street, 12th Floor

Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order—9:30am

Attendance-- *Members:* Morrison; McCrea; Meyer; Veisze; Chambers
Advisors: Hawkins; Wheaton; Ostergen; Trumbly; Spradling;
Gerard; Wanish
Guest: Fraser (Minutes);

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 24, 2013

The 7/24/13 Minutes were approved electronically and vocally by the committee.

3. Announcements

Introduction of Richard Spradling, United States Forest Service. Paul Veisze provided an update on collaboration between California State Parks and California Highway Patrol in development of common operating picture technology. Review of regions was provided for new participants.

4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists

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)
Cerro de la Silla

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 413

Region V (Chambers)
Cuchillo Peak

Chambers on Spanish language meaning, relation to geology and topography, into name usage internationally and culturally. Presentation of graphics, photos, maps, etc. Chambers on absence of opposition from local Native American tribes, social media responses from local officials, and recommendations from the public.

Spradling asked Chambers about the proponent and Chambers responded with a brief background biography

Chambers motioned to recommend approval of recommendation and Morrison seconded.

Committee voted in favor of the recommendation, 4 Yea votes against 1 No vote. McCrea described his dissenting vote as motivated by concerns over excessive naming. Larger debate by the committee on public safety benefits, potential alternative names, and the general values associated with naming features. Further discussion about procedures, policy, and process.

Chambers motioned to recommend approval, Morrison seconded, committee voted unanimously to approve recommendation. Yea: 5, No-0.

Chambers

Review List 414

Region I (Morrison)

Change Trail Gulch to Long Gulch
Change Trail Gulch Lake to Long Gulch Lake
Change Long Gulch to Trail Gulch
Change Long Gulch Lake to Trail Gulch Lake

Morrison on the history of the changing name(s) usage over time and the administrative implications of those changes. USFS provided information

supporting the proposed changes. Morrison presented graphics on the site and discussed the present usage on signage and among common usage of the proposed changes; different application on GNIS and USGS creates confusion and public safety concerns. Brief discussion by the committee about jurisdictional issues and authority of the committee. McCrea on the notion of accepted errors and at which point mistakes ought to remain for the sake of values perpetuated by consistency. Further committee discussion about the public safety benefits of making the proposed changes. Veisze stressed the importance of the proponent's intent and the importance of those concerns.

Morrison motioned to recommend approval, Veisze seconded, committee voted unanimously to approve recommendation. Yea: 5, No: 0.

Review List 415

Region II (McCrea)

Mount Ryan

McCrea on the feature's presence in a Wilderness Area, provided graphics and figures on its geography and that of the surrounding peaks. Further details on the proponent, a family with recreational ties to the feature and area lost a son and sought a commemorating name designation. County officials provided no formal opinion.

Committee discussion on procedures and policy, the inherent problems with name designations of this kind and the absence of overriding need. USFS no formal opinion. Spralding on name constraints in Wilderness Area, problem of precedence for emotional, politically tinged naming designations. Further committee discussion about balancing the needs of significant Wilderness areas and the values of naming features generally.

McCrea motioned to recommend disapproval, Veisze seconded. Committee voted unanimously to recommend disapproval. Yea: 5, No: 0.

Review List 415

Region IV (Veisze)

Braly Peaks

Veisze resolved to defer voting on a recommendation.

Review List 415

Region IV (Veisze)

Tejon Ranch

Veisze on background, quickly into full support of county supervisors. Committee discussion the administrative benefits to naming for municipalities, in particular where name usage has been consistent over time. Veisze briefed the

committee on his discussions with BGN; Wheaton commented on the name relation to Tejon Hills; Crocker on local government building naming.

Veisze motioned to recommend approval. Chambers questioned Veisze about post office naming, Spralding gave background on Populated Places and the Committee's authority. Trumbly on the legacy of administrative naming and CACGN's historical position on those issues. Digression on the verification of the site's geographic location. Further discussion about authority on administrative naming.

Morrison seconded the motion. Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval with the recommendation that notes be attached to the GNIS listing, Yea: 5, No: 0.

Review List 415
Region V (Chambers)
Butt Rock

Chambers resolved to defer recommendation.

5. Current Items and Activities of Interest

Updates and brief on COGNA.

Update on new retention schedule for State Archives. Discussion on process for election of new CACGN chairperson, Veisze nearing traditional end of term.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

CACGN will meet on 7/23/14 at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12th floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm

CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Department of Conservation
801 K Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California
9:30 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Attendance check:

Members: Morrison; McCrea; Meyer; Veisze; Chambers;

Advisors: Spradling; Hawkins; Wheaton; Ostergren; Wanish

Guests: <write-in>

2. Approval of minutes for July 24, 2013 meeting

The Minutes were approved electronically by the Committee.

3. Introductions / Announcements

- a. Joan Steber, Forest Service Advisor, retired. Rich Spradling follows.
- b. Priscilla Hawkins, BLM Advisor, is leaving the Committee; Jeff Crocker will follow.
- c. Jeff Chambers, DWR Member is retiring in June; Clayton Guiraud will follow.

The Committee thanks all for their service.

4. Roster Update

- a. Staff reductions at USGS/Geonames, Denver, Reston; see Roster Draft

5. Consideration of Names proposals on Pending Review Lists

- a. Review List 412
 - i. Region II (Wanish) Hidden Falls Creek
- b. Review List 413
 - i. Region V (Chambers) Cuchillo Peak
 - ii. Region V (Chambers) Wanat Peak
- c. Review List 414
 - i. Region V (Chambers) Cerro de la Silla

- ii. Region I (Morrison): 4 interrelated proposals for changes:
 - Change Trail Gulch to Long Gulch
 - Change Trail Gulch Lake to Long Gulch Lake
 - Change Long Gulch to Trail Gulch
 - Change Long Gulch Lake to Trail Gulch Lake

d. Review List 415

- i. Region II (McCrea) Mount Ryan
- ii. Region IV (Veisze) Braly Peaks (R.L. 415 / Nevada, border)
- iii. Region IV (Veisze) Tejon Ranch
- iv. Region V (Chambers) Butt Rock

6. Current Items and Activities of Interest

- a. COGNA 2014; 4/29 – 5/3; Austin, Texas
- b. CACGN Records Retention Schedule

7. CACGN recommendations and BGN Decisions since January, 2013.

Source: geonames.usgs.gov > Domestic Names > Action List; Last accessed 2014.01.13; No change between July, 2013 and January, 2014.

- 1. Review List 407
Region III (Meyer) Fossil Point
(CACGN recommended disapproval; BGN disapproved)

Proposed Name	Feature Type	State	Federal Agency	Review List	Decision Date	Case Status
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Fossil Point	Cape	CA	NOAA, USCG	407	14-Feb-13	not approved
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- 2. Review List 410
Region V (Chambers) Jacumba Hot Springs
CACGN recommended approval; BGN approved
- 3. Review List 411
Region V (Chambers) Buwalda Ridge
CACGN recommended approval; BGN approved
- 4. Review List 411
Region II (Wanish) Gold Star Peak
CACGN recommended approval; BGN approved
- 5. Review List 411
Region V (Chambers) Sherwood Forest

CACGN recommended approval; BGN approved

Jacumba Hot Springs	Ppl	CA	DHS, Census, USPS	410	14-Feb-13	approved
Buwalda Ridge	Ridge	CA	BLM	411	14-Feb-13	approved
Gold Star Peak	Summit	CA	FS	411	14-Feb-13	approved
Sherwood Forest	Ppl	CA		411	14-Feb-13	approved

- 8. Time and place of next meeting:** 23 July, 2014; 0930 – 1200
Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, Sacramento