

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

**MINUTES**

October 23, 2019

Department of Conservation

801 K Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

Sacramento, California

**1. Call to Order—9:30am**

Attendance--

*Members:* Guiraud; McCrea (Chair); Meyer; Morrison; Walsh

*Advisors:* Spradling; Trumbly

*Guests:* Silva, Secretary of notes

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Lonette Merriman and Michael Walker, Constellation Brands

Graeme McDonald, proponent for To Kalon name.

**2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 17, 2019**

The 4/17/19 minutes were approved electronically by the committee.

**3. Introductions / Announcements**

- a. CACGN website is ADA compliant
- b. California State Parks representative Paul Veisze has been replaced by Daniel Walsh. Walsh is a permanent intermittent. Committee needs to confirm that this status is sufficient for the position.
- c. There is renewed interest in the roll of CACGN, due to legal aspects of To Kalon. More to follow.
- d. Presentation/discussion of To Kalon due to appeal and new alternate proposal submitted. See background material for details. Meyer moved to reconsider decision for investigation and to keep a place at the table.

**4. Consideration of Names Proposals on Pending Review Lists**

Review List 416

Region II (McCrea)

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

*Deferred due to lack of a response from Forest Service and the Maidu tribes. Maidu tribe has had unrelated diversion, but both Maidu and Washoe would like to participate.*

Review List 428

- i. Region I (Meyers)  
Oakland Hills Range

*Deferred. Proponent has re-engaged so committee and BGN will move forward to contact local entities.*

Review List 430

- i. Region II (McCrea)  
Da-ek Dow Go-et

Currently named Jeff Davis Peak, proposal to change name to Da-ek Dow Go-et was put forth by Woodsford Washoe Community (in response to a previous proposed change to Fred Bee Peak, which was withdrawn). Alpine County approves and USFS supports change but would like to add generic “peak” at the end.

Discussion: This proposal was disapproved at the last meeting, but after further research Spradling found a map with the feature named “Sentinel Rock”.

*Deferred due to insufficient time to discuss and because we are still waiting for the county to weigh in on “Sentinel”.*

Review List 434

- i. Region II (McCrea)  
Johnson Canyon

This feature, currently named Negro Canyon, is in the Tahoe National Forest, in the Donner area. Extent of the canyon is unknown, waiting for proponent to define. Johnson was a local character.

*Deferred due to lack of a response from Forest Service.*

Review List 434

- ii. Region II (McCrea)  
Leonard Creek

*Deferred due to lack of a response from Forest Service.*

Review List 435

- i. Region I (Morrison)  
Dog Slobber Creek

No support from Humboldt County (due to their support of alternate proposal of Lundbar Creek in Review list 437), no support from Eureka city, citizen does not support because it’s not consistent with local use and no response from tribe.

*Disapproved (5-0)*

- ii. Region I (Meyer)  
Benny Hill

The proposed name was thought to have no local connection or association with feature. There was a concern voiced by the county of having too many names for minor geographic features.

*Disapproved (5-0)*

- iii. Region I (McCrea)  
Freedom Bar

This is a proposal to change currently named Negro Bar, a feature located in the Negro Bar State Recreation area in Folsom. Local African American historical club called Save Negro Bar support current name because of history reference and importance. California State Parks, the managing agency, does not support a name change. Current name has historical significance with the black community in the area. City of Folsom – no opinion, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors – no opinion, Bureau of Rec – no response.

*Disapproved (5-0)*

- iv. Region I (McCrea)  
Sentinel Rock

Proposal to change Jeff Davis Peak to Sentinel Rock. See Review List 430, Region I.

*Deferred Waiting for response from County.*

Review List 436

- i. Region V (Guiraud)  
Oak Springs

*Deferred*

Review List 437

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| i.   | Region I (Morrison) | Lundbar Creek  |
| ii.  | Region III (Meyer)  | Doak Creek     |
| iii. | Region III (Meyer)  | Doak Creek     |
| iv.  | Region V (Guiraud)  | Alfalfa Buttes |
| v.   | Region V (Guiraud)  | Paac Kūvūhū’k  |

*Deferred*

### **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

CACGN will meet on in January 2020, date TBD at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 am.  
*Adjourned at 4:00.*

### **Notes from To Kalon presentation/discussion**

In the initial discussion and approval to name an unnamed stream running through the property of Robert Mondavi property and other landowner's property, the committee was led to believe that Mondavi was good with naming of stream.

#### Lonette Merriman, Constellation Brands

- To Kalon and To Kalon Vineyards names are trademarked brands and cannot be used without express permission, which Mondavi did not give. This name change exposes the trademark to invalidation. There are already lawsuits pending on this matter.
- To Kalon trademark refers to the business/wine, not a geographic location.
- Constellation Brands is proposing renaming To Kalon Creek to Doak Creek, after the nearby Doak Mansion and Doak Creek Bridge.

#### Graeme McDonald, proponent

- To Kalon is a name in local usage for many years, for various properties in the area.
- Geologist Howell named the alluvial by the stream "To Kalon Alluvial Fan".
- Proposed name change to To Kalon strictly historical in nature.
- Proponent is trying to get the area designated as a "historical area" which would include all the wineries and vineyards in the area, including Mondavi.
- Proponent lives on the stream and has a vineyard there.

The committee will further discuss the case at the next meeting and move to make a recommendation after all new information has been submitted and when guests who are not related to the case are not present.