

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names

**MINUTES**

July 19, 2017

Department of Conservation

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

Sacramento, California

**1. Call to Order—9:30am**

Attendance

*Members:* Morrison; McCrea; Meyer; Veisze; Guiraud;

*Advisors:* Trumbly; Spradling; Ferguson; Ostergren; Wanish;

*Patterson;* Chambers

*Guests:* Silva – recorded minutes

**2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2017**

The 1/18/17 Minutes were approved electronically by the committee.

**3. Introductions / Announcements**

- CACGN Roster update completed
- 2017 COGNA Conference in Richmond, VA May 8-12, 2017. Ms. Wanish emailed a report to Ms. Morrison with highlights of the conference, which was shared with the committee.

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

Review List 416

Region II (McCrea)

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

Advisor Spradling stated that there has been no status update from USFS. Advisor Trumbly suggested that USFS might want to request that the names be of non-Indian origin instead.

*Deferred pending USFS opinion*

Review List 420

Region II (McCrea)

Entin Peak

Despite local support, including Placer County, the committee acknowledged the late Mr. Entin's contributions to the community through

his service as ski patrol, there is no strong association with Mr. Entin and the mountain in question. He was not a significant public figure. USFS stated that they are not providing any additional support for the proposal. The Forest Service is not aware of any historical significance associated with Mr. Entin and the peak under consideration, and not aware of any work that Mr. Entin performed at the peak in question. The committee agreed with USFS that Mr. Entin did not make a significant enough contribution to warrant naming a peak after him. The committee recommended that commemorating him through other means would be more appropriate, such as a road or a ski lift.

*Recommended Disapproval (5-0)*

#### Review List 421

Region III (Meyer)

- i. P'da Hau
- ii. North Fork P'da Hau
- iii. South Fork P'da Hau

This proposed name change was disapproved by CACGN. Proponent has asked BGN for time to get more local support. BGN vote pending. Ms. Meyer did share additional follow-up documents as an update.

#### Review List 423

Region III (Meyer)

- i. Tortuga Creek

California Department of Parks and Recreation responded with support for the naming of the unnamed stream that runs through Hearst Ranch. They suggest that there are water quality benefits for naming the local streams. Hearst Ranch responded in favor of the proposal and the County seconded the recommendation. There is also evidence of local usage.

*Recommended Approval (5-0)*

#### Review List 424

Region III (Meyer)

- i. Esselen Peak

CACGN voted to disapprove in January 2017 meeting and it is now pending BGN's vote. Ms. Meyer did share a discussion she had with the Esselen Tribal Chair, Louise Miranda-Ramirez. The Esselen does not agree with the Selenan that the peak is solely in Selenan territory, but they don't feel that the issue and proposal is worth pursuing. Meyer will relay the new information to BGN.

Review List 426

Region III (Meyer)

i. Suribachi Hill

Proposal is to name an unnamed hill in Contra Costa County Suribachi Hill. Suribachi is the modern name of Iwo Jima, a WWII battle site. Proponent's brother fought in the battle. There is already a replica of the Iwo Jima memorial on the hill. The County Board of Supervisors and Contra Costa County responded with support and the landowner Conoco-Phillips was neutral. A comment was made that the naming was not passed because of the existence of the memorial.

*Recommended Approval (5-0)*

Review List 426

Region III (Meyer)

ii. To Kalon Creek

This unnamed creek is located in Napa County near Oakville. In 1868, the founding landowner named the property "To Kalon", which is ancient Greek for "highest beauty". Area surrounding the creek is part of the Oakville Vitaculture Area, and the majority of the property is owned by Robert Mondavi Winery. Mondavi has been producing To Kalon Cabernet for some time, and owns the copyright for the To Kalon name. The proposal has the support of all the landowners near the creek, as well as Mondavi Winery. Napa County, the local Congressman Mike Thompson, and Senator Bill Dodd, also support the proposed name. As the name To Kalon has been in local usage since 1868 and Mondavi already uses the name, CACGN sees no potential commercial issue with the proposed name To Kalon Creek.

*Recommended Approval (4-1)*

Review List 427

Region III (Meyer)

i. Rogina Heights

Proposed name change is to correct the neighborhood currently known as Regina Heights near Ukiah. Proponent states that the Rogina family owned the area in the past and the local water company is still managed today by the family. Records of the Rogina name locally (grave yards) but not Regina. The usage "Regina Heights" was probably a clerical error made at some point. Mendocino County supports the proposal.

*Recommended Approval 4-0 (Guiraud abstained)*

Review List 427

Region V (Guiraud)

- ii. Schad Peak

Proposal is to name an unnamed peak in Anza Borrego Desert State Park, located at the top of the "Mile High Trail". While San Diego County Parks and Recreation had no recommendation, the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Supervisor III responded strongly against the proposal. "As a rule California State Park does not allow for this precedent unless the person has contributed significantly to California State Parks." The Jamul Indian Village of California were not in support of the proposal. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians had no opinion since it is considered out of their traditional lands and the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indian also were also neutral.

*Recommended Disapproval 5-0*

Review List 428

- i. Region III (Meyer)  
Oakland Hills

Recently added to Review List and need time to review.

*Deferred for more research*

- ii. Region V (Guiraud)  
Avian Ridge
- iii. Golden Eagle Peak
- iv. Redtail Hawk Peak
- v. Three Ravens Peak
- vi. Kestrel Peak
- vii. Pygmy Owl Peak
- viii. Stellars Jay Peak
- ix. Mourning Dove Peak

This proposal is to name a ridge and the peaks along the ridge. All of the peaks are located in Federal wilderness, with the exception of Red Tail Hawk Peak and Avian Ridge, which are located in State Wilderness. Per Policy IV, Sec. 1, the USBGN will not approve names within wilderness areas. The California Wilderness Act mirrors the Wilderness Act of 1964 established by Congress. No overriding need for the naming of any of these peaks.

*Recommended Disapproval 5-0*

**Time and Place of Next Meeting**

CACGN will meet on January 24, 2018, at the Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, Sacramento, California. 9:30 am.

*Adjourned at 1:00*