

# California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN)

## Minutes

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\* Indicates cases that were considered simultaneously with one or more proposals (details provided below).

## 1. Call to Order – Chair Geneva E.B. Thompson, California Department of Natural Resources

Roll was called.

### Committee Members: 6 of 8 voting members were present

#### *Present*

- ✓ California Department of Natural Resources (**Geneva E.B. Thompson, Chair**)
- ✓ Native American Heritage Commission (**Michelle Carr**)
- ✓ Department of Fish and Wildlife (**Amelia Wright**)
- ✓ Department of Conservation (**Elizabeth Betancourt**)
- ✓ Department of Water Resources (**Ebenezer Ampah**)
- ✓ Department of Parks and Recreation (**Jim Newland**)
- ✓ California African American Museum (**Susan Anderson**)

#### *Absent*

- ✗ Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (**Helen Lopez**)
- ✗ California State Library (**Greg Lucas**)

### Ex-Officio Members:

#### *Absent*

- ✗ Select Committee on Native American Affairs (Asm. James C. Ramos); Senior Legislative Black Caucus (Designee TBD); Latino Legislative Caucus (Designee TBD); Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (Asm. Ash Kalra); Legislative LGBTQ2+ Caucus (Sen. Susan Eggman); Tribal Advisor to the Office of the Governor (Christina Snider-Ashtari); Legislative Women's Caucus (Designee TBD); Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Legislative Black Caucus (Sarah Meza for Assemblymember); Department of Transportation, CalTrans, (Nailah Pope-Harden)

### Federal Advisors:

#### *Present*

- ✓ United States Forest Service (Rich Spradling)
- ✓ United States Geological Survey (Drew Decker)
- ✓ United States Board on Geographic Names (Shelly Zahniser)

#### *Absent*

- ✗ National Park Service (Amanda B. Kaplan)
- ✗ United States Bureau of Land Management (Somer Shaw)
- ✗ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Jeffrey Ferguson)
- ✗ United States Board on Geographic Names (Matt O'Donnell)
- ✗ United States Board on Geographic Names (Shelby Bourquein)

**Emeritus Advisors:***Present*

- ✓ Jim Trumbly, former Chair, retired, State Parks

*Absent*

- ✗ Brian Moran, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service
- ✗ Clayton Guiraud, past member, Department of Water Resources
- ✗ Carol Ostergren, United States Geological Survey
- ✗ Will Patterson, past member, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**CNRA and Committee Staff:**

Meagan Flier (CNRA); Araceli Moreno (CNRA); Justin Ander (CRNA IT), Heather Baugh (Legal Advisor)

## 2. Agenda Changes

N/A

## 3. Announcements

- a) Thank you to Steven Quinn for service
- b) Welcome to Michelle Carr – representative for Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)

## 4. Meeting Minutes

- a) Committee member Elizabeth Betancourt asked to amend the description in 6a. Motion to amend meeting minutes for item 6a to change the summary of discussion passed with a 6-0 vote. Summary for description 6a to read:  
“Committee balanced considerations between local use or naming of a geographical feature after a historical record of the Boomer family, long term use of the geographic name, and potential Native American rename of the feature.”

## 5. Actions made by U.S. BGN since May 30, 2025

If Case Status identifies the recommendation as CACGN, then the case is still pending U.S. BGN decision. (Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/us-board-on-geographic-names/dnc-minutes>)

a) **Proposed Name:** **Cush-Pii**  
• **Current Name:** Stonewall Peak  
• **Feature:** Summit  
• **County:** San Diego  
• **Review List:** 446  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** N/A  
• **BGN Action:** *Proponent withdrew proposal on 7/11/2025*

b) **Proposed Name:** **Cush-Pii Creek**  
• **Current Name:** Stonewall Creek  
• **Feature:** Stream  
• **County:** San Diego  
• **Review List:** 446  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** N/A  
• **BGN Action:** *Proponent withdrew proposal on 7/11/2025*

c) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk**  
• **Current Name:** Little Stonewall Peak  
• **Feature:** Summit  
• **County:** San Diego  
• **Review List:** 446  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** N/A  
• **BGN Action:** *Proponent withdrew proposal on 7/11/2025*

d) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk Creek**  
• **Current Name:** Little Stonewall Creek  
• **Feature:** Summit  
• **County:** San Diego  
• **Review List:** 446  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** N/A  
• **BGN Action:** *Proponent withdrew proposal on 7/11/2025*

e) **Proposed Name:** **James Wong Howe Creek**  
• **Current Name:** **Chinaman Creek**  
• **Feature:** Stream  
• **County:** Tuolumne  
• **Review List:** 440  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended disapproval of proposal to change the name of James Wong Howe Creek stream to Chinaman Creek Stream to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.  
• **BGN Action:** Pending

f) **Proposed Name:** **Chinese Miners Creek**  
• **Current Name:** Chinaman Creek  
• **Feature:** Stream  
• **County:** Tuolumne  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 451  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended approval of proposal to change the name of Chinaman Creek to Chinese Miners Creek to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.  
• **BGN Action:** Pending

g) **Proposed Name:** **Kilkenny Valley**  
• **Current Name:** Habematolel Valley  
• **Feature:** Valley  
• **County:** Lake  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 452  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended disapproval to change the name of Habematolel Valley to Kilkenny Valley Basin to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.  
• **BGN Action:** Pending

h) **Proposed Name:** **Boomer Creek**  
• **Current Name:** N/A  
• **Feature:** Stream  
• **County:** Santa Cruz  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 452  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended the U.S. Board on Geographic Names disapprove of naming BGN ID 456-6046 to name the unnamed stream Boomer Creek.  
• **BGN Action:** Pending

i) **Proposed Name:** **Klamath Straits Drain**  
• **Current Name:** **Klamath Straits and Klamath Strait Drain Outlet**  
• **Feature:** Canal  
• **County:** Klamath and Siskiyou  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 452  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approve naming BGN ID 452-6037 to name the Klamath Strait and Klamath Strait Drain Outlet to Klamath Straits Drain.  
• **BGN Action:** Approved on July 10, 2025

j) **Proposed Name:** **Fifth of July Hill**  
• **Current Name:** N/A  
• **Feature:** Summit  
• **County:** San Bernardino  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 453  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended the U.S. Board on Geographic Names disapprove naming BGN ID 453-6119 to name the unnamed summit Fifth of July Hill.  
• **BGN Action:** Disapproved on July 10, 2025

k) **Proposed Name:** **Hoot Owl Lake**  
• **Current Name:** N/A  
• **Feature:** Lake  
• **County:** Nevada  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 453  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approve naming BGN ID 453-6141 to name the unnamed lake Hoot Owl Lake.  
• **BGN Action:** Approved on July 10, 2025

l) **Proposed Name:** **Uypi Creek**  
• **Current Name:** N/A  
• **Feature:** Stream  
• **County:** Santa Cruz  
• **BGN Quarterly Review List:** 454  
• **CACGN Recommendation:** recommended the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approve naming BGN ID 454-6158 to name the unnamed stream Uypi Creek.  
• **BGN Action:** Pending

<b>m) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Skate Island</b>
• <b>Current Name:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
• <b>Feature:</b>	<b>Island</b>
• <b>County:</b>	<b>Humboldt</b>
• <b>BGN Quarterly Review List:</b>	<b>455</b>
• <b>CACGN Recommendation:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
• <b>BGN Action:</b>	Proponent withdrew proposal on 6/2/2025
<b>n) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Placer One</b>
• <b>Current Name:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
• <b>Feature:</b>	<b>Populated Place</b>
• <b>County:</b>	<b>Placer</b>
• <b>BGN Quarterly Review List:</b>	<b>456</b>
• <b>CACGN Recommendation:</b>	recommended approval of the naming BGN ID (456-6273) to name the unnamed populated place to Placer One to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approve.
• <b>BGN Action:</b>	Approved on July 10, 2025

Copies of U.S. BGN meeting minutes and decisions may be found at  
<https://www.usgs.gov/us-board-on-geographic-names/dnc-minutes>.

## 6. BGN Name Proposals for CACGN Review and Recommendation

<b>a) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Cush-pii</b>
• Current Name:	Stonewall Peak
• Feature Type:	Summit
• County:	San Diego
• Review List:	459
• CACGN Case Status:	CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Stonewall Peak to Cush-pii.
• Voting Results:	6-yes, 0-no
• The Committee considered the historical record of the name “Stonewall,” the cultural and linguistic significance of the proposed name.	

**b) Proposed Name:** **Cush-pii 'Estik**

- Current Name: Little Stonewall Peak
- Feature Type: Summit
- County: San Diego
- Review List: 459
- CACGN Case Status: CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Little Stonewall Peak to Cush-pii 'Estik.
- Voting Results: 6-yes, 0-no
- The Committee considered the historical record of the name "Stonewall," the cultural and linguistic significance of the proposed name.

**c) Proposed Name:** **Kwettap Cush-pii**

- Current Name: Stonewall Creek
- Feature Type: Stream
- County: San Diego
- Review List: 459
- CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Stonewall Creek to Kwettap Cush-pii.
- Voting Results: 6-yes, 0-no
- The Committee considered the historical record of the name "Stonewall," the cultural and linguistic significance of the proposed name.

**d) Proposed Name:** **Kwettap 'Ekwii Emak**

- Current Name: Little Stonewall Creek
- Feature Type: Stream
- County: San Diego
- Review List: 459
- CACGN Case Status: CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Little Stonewall Creek to Kwettap 'Ekwii Emak.
- Voting Results: 6-yes, 0-no
- The Committee considered the historical record of the name "Stonewall," the cultural and linguistic significance of the proposed name.

**e) Proposed Name:** **Curran Canyon**

- Current Name: Kern Canyon
- Feature Type: Valley
- County: Stanislaus
- Review List: 454
- CACGN Case Status: CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Curran Canyon to Kern Canyon.

- Voting Results: 6-yes, 0-no
- The Committee considered the documentation provided regarding the correct spelling of the name.

**f) Proposed Name: Curran Creek**

- Current Name: Kern Creek
- Feature Type: Stream
- County: Stanislaus
- Review List: 454
- CACGN Case Status: CACGN voted to recommend approval to change the name of Curran Creek to Kern Creek.
- Voting Results: 6-yes, 0-no
- The Committee considered the documentation provided regarding the correct spelling of the name.

## 7. Name Proposals Deferred for Future CACGN Review and Discussion

<b>a) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Black Miners Bar</b>
• Current Name:	Negro Bar
• Feature Type:	Bar
• County:	San Diego
• Review List:	446
<b>b) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>mxqawlay'ba knowin xyoykith</b>
• Current Name:	N/A
• Feature Type:	Ridge
• County:	Lake
• Review List:	453
<b>c) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Konocti</b>
• Current Name:	Kelseyville
• Feature Type:	Populated place (unincorporated)
• County:	Lake County
• Review List:	454
<b>d) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Mitchell Ridge</b>
• Current Name:	N/A
• Feature Type:	Ridge
• County:	Contra Costa
• Review List:	455
<b>e) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Sacred Buttes</b>
• Current Name:	Sutter Buttes
• Feature Type:	Butte
• County:	Sutter
• Review List:	455
<b>f) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Paramount Hill</b>
• Current Name:	N/A
• Feature Type:	Summit
• County:	Placer
• Review List:	456
<b>g) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Blue Heron Lake</b>

• Current Name:	Stow Lake
• Feature Type:	Reservoir
• County:	San Francisco
• Review List:	457
<b>h) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Mount George</b>
• Current Name:	N/A
• Feature Type:	Summit
• County:	Trinity
• Review List:	457
<b>i) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>dukMé?em wá'ta</b>
• Current Name:	General Creek
• Feature Type:	Stream
• County:	El Dorado
• Review List:	458
<b>j) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Engagement Point</b>
• Current Name:	N/A
• Feature Type:	Summit
• County:	Shasta
• Review List:	459
<b>k) Proposed Name:</b>	<b>Middle Mountain</b>
• Current Name:	Sutter Buttes
• Feature Type:	Mountain Range
• County:	Sutter
• Review List:	459

## 8. New Proposals on Pending Review Lists to be Introduced

a. **Proposed Name:** Challenger Peak  
**Current Name:** N/A  
**Feature:** Summit  
**County:** Alameda  
**BGN Quarterly Review List No.** 460

BGN quarterly review lists can be accessed on the BGN's website at: [DNC Review Lists | U.S. Geological Survey](#).

## **9. General Public Comment**

- N/A

## **10. Time and Place of Next Meetings:**

### **Regularly Scheduled CACGN Meeting, Quarter 4:**

December 12, 2025, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

### **Regularly Scheduled CACGN Meeting, Quarter 1:**

March 6, 2026, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:34 A.M.