

# California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN)

## Minutes

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Hybrid Public Meeting

Sacramento, California

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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: 7 of 8 voting members were present**

*Present*

- ✓ Department of Fish and Wildlife (**Amelia Wright**)
- ✓ Department of Conservation (**Elizabeth Betancourt**)
- ✓ Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (**Helen Lopez**)
- ✓ Native American Heritage Commission (**Steven Quinn**)
- ✓ Department of Water Resources (**Cindy Messer** for Ebenezer Ampah)
- ✓ Department of Parks and Recreation (**Jim Newland**)
- ✓ California State Library (**Rebecca Wendt** for Greg Lucas)
- ✓ California Department of Natural Resources (**Geneva E.B. Thompson**)

*Absent*

- ✓ California African American Museum (**Susan Anderson**)

**Ex-Officio Members:**

*Present*

- ✓ Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Legislative Black Caucus (Sarah Meza for Assemblymember)
- ✓ Department of Transportation, CalTrans, (Alexis Lantz for Nailah Pope-Harden)

*Absent*

- \* Select Committee on Native American Affairs (Asm. James C. Ramos); Senior Legislative Black Caucus (Designee TBD), Latino Legislative Caucus (Asm. Luz Rivas); 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)

#### **Federal Advisors:**

##### *Present*

- ✓ United States Forest Service (Rich Spradling)
- ✓ United States Geological Survey (Drew Decker)

##### *Absent*

- ✗ United States Bureau of Land Management (Elizabeth Meyer-Shields and Somer Shaw); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Jeffrey Ferguson); National Park Service (Amanda B. Kaplan)

#### **Emeritus Advisors:**

##### *Present*

- ✓ Jim Trumbly, former Chair, retired, State Parks
- ✓ Brian Moran, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

##### *Absent*

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

#### **Non-committee guests:**

Matt O'Donnell (US Board on Geographic Names [US BGN]); Shelby Bourquein (US BGN); Jenny Runyon (US BGN); Shelly Zahniser (US BGN).

## **2. Agenda Changes**

No changes to report.

## **3. Minutes Approved for March 8, 2024, Meeting**

One committee member did not receive the meeting minutes. Chair Thompson committed to resending the meeting minutes to the full committee. Note, the minutes were approved and sent to the U.S. Bureau on Geographic Names (BGN) at a later date via email.

## **4. Announcements**

None

## **5. Actions made by U.S. BGN since July 12, 2024**

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:** **Salamander Creek**
- Feature Type: Stream
  - County: Humboldt
  - Review List: 450
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: ***CACGN Recommended Disapproval***
- b) **Proposed Name:** **Kilkenny Valley**
- Feature Type: Basin
  - County: Lake
  - Review List: 452
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: ***CACGN Recommended Disapproval***
- c) **Proposed Name:** **China Wall Overlook**
- Feature Type: Summit
  - County: Nevada
  - Review List: 453
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: ***CACGN Recommended Approval. Proponent withdrew proposal from BGN review.***
- d) **Proposed Name:** **Hidden Heart Falls**
- Feature Type: Falls
  - County: Riverside
  - Review List: 450
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: ***CACGN Recommended Approval***
- e) **Proposed Name:** **James Wong Howe Creek**
- Feature Type: Stream
  - County: Tuolumne
  - Review List: 440
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: ***CACGN Recommended Disapproval***

- f) **Proposed Name:** **Chinese Miners Creek**
- Feature Type: Stream
  - County: Tuolumne
  - Review List: 451
  - BGN Decision Date: No Decision to Date
  - Case Status: **CACGN Recommended Approval**
- g) **Proposed Name:** **Tumanguya**
- Feature Type: Summit
  - County: Tulare
  - Review List: 453
  - BGN Decision Date: September 18, 2024
  - Case Status: **CACGN Recommended Disapproval and BGN Disapproved**
- h) **Proposed Name:** **Yohala-mi**
- Feature Type: Summit
  - County: Shasta
  - Review List: 452
  - BGN Decision Date: September 24, 2024
  - Case Status: **CACGN Recommended Approval and BGN Approved**

## 6. Proposals Deferred for Future CACGN Review and Recommendation to the BGN

The following proposals were deferred for future CACGN discussion and recommendation:

- a) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk**
- Current Name: Little Stonewall Peak
  - Feature Type: Peak
  - County: San Diego
  - Review List: 446
- b) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk Creek**
- Current Name: Little Stonewall Creek
  - Feature Type: Creek
  - County: San Diego
  - Review List: 446

- c) Proposed Name: Cush-Pii**
- Current Name: Stonewall Peak
  - Feature Type: Peak
  - County: San Diego
  - Review List: 446
- d) Proposed Name: Cush-Pii Creek**
- Current Name: Stonewall Creek
  - Feature Type: Creek
  - County: San Diego
  - Review List: 446
- e) Proposed Name: Black Miners Bar**
- Current Name: Negro Bar
  - Feature Type: Bar
  - County: San Diego
  - Review List: 446
- f) Proposed Name: Boomer Creek**
- Current Name: N/A
  - Feature Type: Creek
  - County: Santa Cruz
  - Review List: 452
- g) Proposed Name: Klamath Straits and Klamath Strait Drain Outlet**
- Current Name: Klamath Straits Drain
  - Feature Type: Canal
  - County: Klamath and Siskiyou
  - Review List: 452
- h) Proposed Name: Boomer Creek**
- Current Name: N/A
  - Feature Type: Stream
  - County: Santa Cruz
  - Review List: 452
- i) Proposed Name: Fifth of July Hill**
- Current Name: N/A
  - Feature Type: Hill
  - County: San Bernardino

- Review List: 453

**j) Proposed Name: Hoot Owl Lake**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Lake
- County: Nevada
- Review List: 453

**k) Proposed Name: mxqawlay'ba knowin xyoykith**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Ridge
- County: Lake
- Review List: 453

**l) Proposed Name: Uypi Creek**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Creek
- County: Santa Cruz
- Review List: 454

**m) Proposed Name: Curran Canyon and Curran Creek**

- Current Name: Kern Canyon and Kern Creek
- Feature Type: Canyon and Creek
- County: Stanislaus
- Review List: 454

**n) Proposed Name: Konocti**

- Current Name: Kelseyville
- Feature Type: Populated place (unincorporated)
- County: Lake County
- Review List: 454

**o) Proposed Name: Mitchell Ridge**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Ridge
- County: Contra Costa
- Review List: 455

**p) Proposed Name: Sacred Buttes**

- Current Name: Sutter Buttes

- Feature Type: Butte
- County: Sutter
- Review List: 455

**q) Proposed Name: Skate Island**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Island
- County: Humboldt
- Review List: 455

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

The following section lists new proposals on pending review lists to be introduced for future assignment and CACGN consideration:

**a) Proposed Name: Paramount Hill**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Summit
- County: San Diego
- Review List: 456

**b) Proposed Name: Placer One**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Populated Place
- County: Placer
- Review List: 456

**c) Proposed Name: Blue Heron Lake**

- Current Name: Stow Lake
- Feature Type: Reservoir
- County: San Francisco
- Review List: 457

**d) Proposed Name: Mount George**

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Summit
- County: Trinity
- Review List: 457



## **8. General Public Comment**

There were no general public comments during the meeting.

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

### **Second CACGN - Assembly Bill 2022 meeting date:**

December 6, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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

February 28, 2025, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

### **Regularly Scheduled CACGN Meeting, Quarter 2:**

May 30, 2025, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

## **10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 A.M.