

Nature Notes

by Patricia Clark-Gray



Vote Yes on 21 for State Parks

As the writer of Nature Notes, I feel strongly that I need to let Marina Gazette readers know why they need to vote for Proposition 21: The State Park and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010. By voting for Prop 21 the State Park System and wildlife conservation will have stable and adequate funding.

Prop 21 will give owners of California vehicles free year-round day-use admission to California's state parks and beaches in exchange for a new \$18 vehicle license fee. It does not apply to larger commercial vehicles. So if you love to visit Point Lobos State Natural Reserve this will be a great deal since you would get your money back after two visits (since the current

repaired and sewage systems repaired in all the parks.

As an Environmental Educator, I am voting for Prop 21 because state parks are the number two provider of education to California's students. According to a study published by the Department of Education, "students in schools using an environment-based learning model earn higher scores on standardized test than their counterparts in more traditional school settings." Has your third grader visited the Pacific House at Monterey State Historic Park? As part of their school curriculum, they need to learn about Native Americans and the Holman Collections upstairs has an excellent collection of basketry, clothing and other items. One of the

has a special missions program that complements the visit to the mission which is part of the Catholic Church.

State Parks are outdoor classrooms. We have learned how important it is for children to play and learn outdoors. When families camp at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, their children can participate in the Junior Ranger Program and learn about nature and earn awards. Monterey has one of the best Junior Lifeguard programs in the state. Each summer, our local kids swim, kayak, surf, and exercise. They learn lifesaving skills and learn about marine life. These program have a positive impact on the lives of youth in California.

Every year, there are nearly 80 million visits to state parks where the outdoor activities entice visitors to exercise and lead healthier lives. Let's vote for Prop 21, so visitors can camp, students can visit a historic museum, families can enjoy a picnic, birders can add to their life list, surfers can surf, bicyclists can ride and



Waterfall at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

fee is \$10 per vehicle). But more importantly, the funds will make sure the restrooms are cleaned, roofs are

History/Social Studies content standards is to learn about missions. San Juan Bautista State Historic Park

hikers can hike their favorite trails such as Soberanes Canyon in Garrapata State Park.

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Mayor Delgado has some great plans for downtown Marina and wants CSUMB to be part of OUR community. We want to include the university in our community, don't we? I know Burnett and Brown do and that is one of the reasons I'm voting for them. And of course, Bruce Delgado.

Delgado was against the larger increases but was again overruled by the 3-2 vote.

compliments to our fellow citizen, Mr. Virgil Piper for elaborating on this issue so many times. By bloated salaries, he was referring to more than \$2,000,000.00 in exorbitant administrative salaries, and other high fees to contract advisors and consultants.

Let's keep Tom Moore on the Marina Coast Water District, and give him the help he needs by electing Jan Shriner as well. Jan will take on the "big boys" and fight for "We the People."

By the way, Mayor Delgado was asked over and over again to put a tax increase for Marina on the November ballot by his opposition. His position as well as Councilman O'Connell's was: "cut some of the expenditures and bloated salaries at the top, before asking the public to pay more taxes." My

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