CRSPIA Board Meeting and annual planning meeting
October 17, 2026, at Jo Fritschel's ranch for the Annual Volunteer and staff luncheon at 3:20 pm

Present: Greg, (President), Mike H. (Vice President), Doreen (Treasurer), Phyllis, Susan (secretary)

Guests: Carole (webmaster), Jo Fritschel, Hayley Elsken, Mary McGerald
Absent: Milo, Kandhy, Mary Pampuch (new board member), Ranger Joshua (CAL)

CRSPIA Meeting:

Announcements: Jason Lopez is the new Senior Park and Rec Specialist

Old Business:

Star Link should be arriving today at Greg's house and then on10/30 at the visitor center for installation

Ranger Andrew is looking for a taxidermy place for the two birds which CRSPIA has already approved. If the price is higher, we will revisit it.

Volunteer luncheon: Approved by email vote

Programmed the cash register at Paso: Greg and Phyllis tested it. Lukas is coming back to help program the cash register. Terminal for the store and paso. Eventually we will also need new cash registers. Doreen wants to know what the z tape will say?
Phyllis wants to sell 32 oz aluminum flasks for $9.00 a piece; we could sell for $20.00. Out of stock currently, next month hopefully they will be available.

New Business:

Cush-pii Celebration Event: Greg is against the name change. Hayley.elsken@parks.ca .gov (archeologist) explained the ideas behind the name change returning it to the original name.

Motion to request a firm budget for the Cush-pii celebration and then to fund up to ½ of the event within $2250, but not to exceed. 4 approve and one opposed (president) motion passes. Hayley will get invoices for us to review. Special Event Permit: they will have to file the event permit. Ray waived the insurance.

Annual election for board members: 12 returned, 11 were full slate. All board members elected and re-elected.

Wild Tribute (California State Parks program): We already have a committee on what to sell, so we are not interested. See information below.

What Can Kill Me, a free iPhone app: We agreed not to fund or advertise this. See information below.

Local California Flora + Fauna Activity Book: Store committee should research it first. Nevertheless, motion to order 10 of the Local California Flora: all in favor

Anza Borrego Foundation magazine advertisement: Motion to spend $200 for quarter page. All in favor. Doreen will contact them to let them know.

Fees on Proposed Merchant Agreement: Proposed new agreement: We didn't like it so we canceled the current contract.

Secretary's report: minutes were sent for September. Minutes approved as amended by Doreen. All in favor

Treasurer's Report:

Annual Report
General Meeting of 10/17/2026

Financial Summary

Checking	159,219.55	Eff 9/30/26
CD#7460	271,604.17	Eff 9/22/26
Total	**430,823.72**	

YTD Income	Wood	Ice	Park Store	
	33,372.00	870.00	2256.00	
CD YTD Interest	6,348.00	Eff 9/16/26 (Interest posts on the 22nd of each month)		
Total	**39,720.00**			

Note: in 2025 we converted our long-held Money Mkt account to CD's for better return. We are pleased with the results.

FY 2025-26 Notable Accomplishments & Planning

Sweetwater Bridge Development: 2 Shade Ramadas, Picnic area, Disabled Access, new Restroom

Green Valley: New security gates. Gates also planned for Paso

Selling selected store merchandise at Paso kiosk-very successful. Planning to implement at Green Valley as well.

New skirting for Visitor Center: planned

Campfire Center improvements at Paso: planned

TMU Equipment purchased

Internet at V.C.: card reader problems necessitate internet upgrade. Will make Paso kiosk reader capable as well. Gr Valley doesn't have reception.

HVAC repaired at V.C.

Volunteer Recruitment Planned

Cush-Pii (Stonewall Peak) Renaming Celebration: Funding much of the program, and planning to attend.

CAL: absent

Firewood & Ice: Milo was absent

Store: Motion to reorder the telescopes, bug viewers, solar paper up to $250: all in favor

Membership: Jo Fritschel suggested that we add flyers and advertising to recruit new CRSPIA members and volunteers through various vendors.

Action items: East Country e-magazine, Perkins, etc. for CRSPIA members and volunteers. Add a few more benefits such as decals, free bag of ice etc.

Trails Report: TMU is still working in the campgrounds with maintenance while the roads and trails crew are working with the CCCs. They have finished the Harvey Moore trail including the dreaded switchbacks.

Webmaster's Report: We have got 2 renewals and 2 new memberships. Carole gave the money envelope to Doreen.

President 's Comments: Greg will ask Michele to write some information for the next Sentinel in December.

Meeting Closed at 4:55 pm

Next meeting November 21, 2027

Information:

What Can Kill Me, a free iPhone app

Back-country visitors at Cuyamaca face fire, heat, washouts and mountain lions, and our new app maps those hazards with

one-tap check-ins.

My wife Melissa and I just launched What Can Kill Me, a free iPhone app that maps hazards people report (fire, washouts,

mountain lions) alongside live National Weather Service, NASA fire and park alerts. It's free, has no ads, and never sells

data. I'm a Coast Guard veteran and 100-ton captain in Escondido, Calif.

Would you consider adding it to visitor-center handouts or your members' email?

Get the free app » | Photos & logo Michael Harlow Founder, What Can Kill Me

Wild Tribute (California State Parks program)

I’m writing to introduce myself. I’m the Strategic Account Manager with Wild Tribute, working with our partners across the State Parks channel.

I was reviewing our previous conversations with Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and saw that you had expressed interest in our California State Parks collection, so I wanted to reach out and reconnect.

I’ve attached our current California State Parks program for you to take a look at. We’ve continued to see really good success with these designs, and park orders start at just 12 units at $14.95 each, making it easy to bring in a design without committing to a large amount of inventory.

I also wanted to share a quick update since you last connected with us. Wild Tribute recently became part of L2 Brands, alongside League, Legacy, Ouray, and Locale. We remain Wild Tribute, with the same mission and product focus, while now having access to the additional resources and capabilities of L2 Brands. I’d love to reconnect and see if the timing might be better to bring Wild Tribute into the store. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Local California Flora + Fauna Activity Book

A collection of word search pages