

# The Ponderosa

The Pine Ridge Association Newsletter  
Henry W. Coe State Park

## Coe's Charms

By Ron Erskine, President, PRA Board



### A Lily for Sada

Just before Easter, long-time volunteer Everett Allen sent out an email. Everett had taken a tumble and was laid up. He wouldn't be able to get over to Mt. Hope Cemetery in Morgan Hill to lay an Easter lily at Sada Coe's gravestone as he does every year. He was looking for someone to fill in for him.

I come to Coe Park to touch its natural history more than its ranching history but, in fact, the two are closely linked. For most of us, the park offers a brief respite from our noisy, harried lives—a lovely drive, an invigorating walk, then back to the valley. But for Sada Coe an evening shower could not wash away the grit of Pine Ridge. It was part of her very being. This park where we seek an occasional diversion was her daily labor—and what labor.

To wit: Sada writes, "We saddled our best horses before dawn that morning and galloped to the town of Gilroy." Later, at Sargent Ranch,

"All of us roped calves until the daylight hours faded into dusk, and finally the last calf [of 500] was branded." At day's end, "We left Sargent Ranch at about 10:30 that night...and at about 3:30 the next morning we were home again." That's one helluva day, but for Sada it was just another day.

This passage comes from a lovely anthology of Sada Coe's writings that was recently completed by Carolyn Straub. Originally contemplated by Joe White, Barry Breckling's predecessor, Carolyn has finished this long-hoped-for volume entitled *The Life That Was: The Story of Henry W. Coe State Park*. Sada's writings are a direct connection to a way of life we can barely imagine that was lived not so long ago. It is also a window into the heart and mind of a person who felt the rhythms and moods of Pine Ridge as we never can.

I imagine that a rancher struggling with the land for a living might come to view it as an adversary. Clearly, Sada's time in the saddle only deepened her love of and respect for the wildness around her. Writing about herself in the third person, Sada says

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## A Lily for Sada continued....

“She sat very still absorbing the silence around her. It was like a great cathedral. Slowly the peace of the hills crept into her heart and cleared her mind of the fears and doubts which had surged within her.”



Sada can be forgiven if her remembrances have a veil of sweetness that we all tend to lay over our “those were the days” past. After all, her tellings are of a life lived not so long ago, the likes of which will not be seen again.

I didn’t get it done by Easter, but I did put the lily on Sada’s grave. Everett assured me that she wouldn’t mind the tardiness. I have never liked cemeteries. I have decided that I do not want to spend eternity in a place that is zoned for it. But if I could have Sada’s spot, I might change my mind. She rests near the top of the slope and enjoys a lovely view of Pine Ridge.

The Old Coral, Pine Ridge  
Photo by Ron Erskine

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members listed below. Thank you for your support.

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# News from Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs

By Laura Dominguez-Yon

“What’s that noise?” they ask. We’re standing at the edge of the road beside the Texas cabin. I’ve asked them to look across the canyon and to listen quietly. My group of third graders and their parents from Pacific West Christian Academy in Gilroy wait attentively while I smile as the sound thrills my soul, that glorious sound that I haven’t heard in decades. “It’s the babble of water in Coyote Creek, below us! Did you know that water could talk?” The 77 students, parents, and teachers were enthralled by all they saw. The teachers plan to make this an annual field trip, and the parents actively inquired about ways to support our efforts.



Pacific West Academy enjoying their field trip to Gilroy Hot Springs

Russ Mabery showed the Santa Clara County Fire-Safe Council representatives the structures we need to protect. They were there to advise us of what needs to be done and peppered the three tour leaders, Matt Bischoff, Alan Hummel, and me, with questions. They gave us excellent information and recommendations so we might qualify for the Defensible Space Chipping Program ([www.sccfiresafe.org/Chipping.htm](http://www.sccfiresafe.org/Chipping.htm)). We have a great deal of work to do to clear 10 feet around each structure, including overhanging tree limbs. Volunteers are welcome to help us with this work. To encourage participation, we’re offering four full-moon weekend campouts; see details below.

The May 1st Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs (GYHS) walk through history event drew about 200 visitors and volunteers who enjoyed beautiful weather and live music from the Tarantulas Jug Band. Over 100 people took tours of the area.



The Tarantulas Jug Band

The Gilroy Historical Society co-hosted the event and Phill Laursen took advantage of the opportunity to record stories about Gilroy Hot Springs from 90-year-old Jack Sturla, 80-year-old Horace Fabing, and others. If you have stories, or know of someone who does, we’d love to hear them!

We encouraged visitors and volunteers to have their pictures taken beside our historic structures while holding the “This Place Matters” sign. We’ll add photos to the National Trust for Historic Preservation website ([www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters](http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters)). The purpose of this campaign is to draw attention to historic sites around the country. Let’s alert the world to the wonderful history we have within Coe Park!

Over the last 12 months we’ve had over 400 visitors, which is amazing given that this section of the park is closed except for guided tours and our open house each year. We have many people and organizations to thank for their time, labor, talents, services, and donations. All money raised by FoGHS activities goes to the protection, preservation, and restoration of this area to public access.

**Full-moon campouts: June 25-27, July 23-25, August 20-22, September 24-26 (Friday-Sunday).** The registration fee (discounted for PRA members, uniformed volunteers are free) helps cover the costs of the event and some of the preservation materials. Bring your own camping gear and food, soak in warm mineral springs, and enjoy some night photography. For information and to register, email [info@friendsofgilroyhotsprings.org](mailto:info@friendsofgilroyhotsprings.org) or call 408-314-7185.



# Weed Control in Coe Park

By Chris Weske

## Yellow Starthistle and a Relative

Yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), a member of the Sunflower family (*Asteraceae*) was introduced into California around 1850. It is native to southern Europe and likely came to California in contaminated grain. It is estimated that yellow starthistle now infests 12 million acres in the state.

Yellow starthistle can develop a deep root system. Plants grown in containers for research have developed roots deeper than six feet, which allows the plant to mine soil moisture and flourish with little competition in our dry summers. Yellow starthistle forms dense stands that choke out most other species. In a survey I conducted in Gilroy in June 2000, looking at 3' x 3' plots I found from 50 to 118 yellow starthistle plants per plot with upwards of 763 flower buds per plot. It has been reported that large plants are capable of producing over 100,000 seeds.

Yellow starthistle is a well recognized invasive species in Coe Park and grows in open meadows. It is however, not as widespread as many believe. At first glance the closely related tocalote is often mistaken for yellow starthistle.

Tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*), which is also a member of the Sunflower family, is also known as Malta starthistle. It is believed that tocalote was introduced to California in the late 1700s. Like yellow starthistle, tocalote is native to southern Europe and likely came

to California in contaminated grain. Although tocalote is more widespread than yellow starthistle in Coe Park, at this time it is not forming the dense stands in which yellow starthistle flourishes.

Tocalote's blooming season is earlier than that of yellow starthistle. Tocalote typically blooms from April through July. Yellow starthistle typically blooms from June through October, although it can bloom as early as March and as late as November. The spines on yellow starthistle are distinctly longer than those on tocalote. Yellow starthistle typically grows to 24–30 inches, but it can grow to five and a half feet. Tocalote tends to be somewhat less vigorous, growing to about 24 inches.

Control methods for yellow starthistle and its relatives generally rely on the administration of a selection of herbicides. Mowing and prescribed burning may also be used. Timing is critical with any control method used, the goal being to prevent the development of viable seeds. It may be possible to exhaust the soil seed bank if plants can be controlled prior to seed development for three consecutive years. If a year is missed, the clock starts over. Various biological control agents (insects, beetles, fungi) have also been employed around the state. Time will tell if these agents are up to the task.

Despite the problems associated with yellow starthistle, it does have its supporters. Honey produced from bees that forage on yellow starthistle is reported to be very flavorful.

Yellow starthistle  
© Barry Breckling



Tocalote  
© Barry Breckling



## Meeting Sada Sutcliffe Coe

by Carolyn Straub

There are ghost stories about Sada Sutcliffe Coe, the rancher who donated her Pine Ridge Ranch in 1953 to Santa Clara County. The ranch later became Henry W. Coe State Park. I never did see Sada's ghost, but I did meet her in spirit. This came about when I volunteered to finish a manuscript that had been started by members of the Pine Ridge Association.

The unfinished document that I completed last year became *The Life That Was: The Story of Henry W. Coe State Park*.

It was originally Sada's *Pine Ridge Anthology*, a collection of poems and stories penned by the solitary cattle woman as early as the 1960s. My editing her words became an experience as good as shaking hands with Sada, the only daughter of Henry W. Coe Jr. In the collection, Sada expresses her dearest wish to preserve the Pine Ridge country forever as a park for the people of Santa Clara Valley. Born Dec. 7, 1910, Sada would have reached 100 this year. Therefore, in Sada's honor, I went out to talk to those who remembered the feisty landowner as if it was yesterday.

"Sada lived a simple life not unlike that of an ascetic. Sada was an excellent story teller," offered Joe White, predecessor ranger to Barry Breckling. Joe told of Sada standing on her front porch, balancing a shotgun, and ordering the ranchers waiting to cross to go get their horses before they could enter her property.



Sada with brother, Henry Sutcliffe Coe, 1912-1915.  
Courtesy of Winnifred Coe Verbica



Sada's parents, Henry W. Coe Jr. and Rhoda Dawson Sutcliffe Coe, about 1928. Courtesy of History San Jose.

"The landowners would call her crazy," Joe said. "The true story was that her father did not like automobiles. When he sold Cold Flat to the gun club, he made access conditional (legally) on them not using any motor vehicles to get there, only horses, mule or on foot, which was enforced until his death in 1943." Joe recalled when Sada finally bought back the ranch from Beach Cattle Company in 1949, she tried to enforce her father's old rules of right-of-way.

"But by the time the state had acquired the ranch and sorted out all of the legal aspects of the park, the property owners behind the park had established prescriptive rights-of-way for their motor vehicles." Sada holds a place in Joe's affections that crosses their generations, he said.

I also met Winnifred Coe Verbica, Sada's niece, and the daughter of Henry Sutcliffe Coe, Sada's only brother. Winnifred contributed a chapter about her family's visits to Aunt Sada to celebrate one of Sada's favorite holidays, Thanksgiving.

Other treks took me to Mt. Hope Cemetery in Morgan Hill where Sada is buried, and to San Mateo County Assessor's Office where Sada lodged a deed in 1948, buying Carolands, a famous mansion in Hillsborough. Online, I located Coe family papers at University of Maine. A New Englander himself, Sada's grandfather, Henry W. Coe Sr., came west in 1847 from Northwood, New Hampshire, where he was born.

Sada's six self-published books echo her love of family and the land.

*The Life That Was: The Story of Henry W. Coe State Park* (2009) is available at Headquarters visitor center.



# Ranch Day, Saturday March 20

By Chere Bargar

Ranch Day brought 281 visitors to Hunting Hollow on a beautiful spring day. It was the first time at Coe Park for a number of people. There were visitors who spoke Dutch, and one family came from Shingletown in northern California.

Children and their parents were delighted to see, hug, and pet a wide variety of animals. Adams 4-H members brought rabbits, chickens, goats, a pot-bellied pig, tortoises, and a tame turkey that strutted his stuff most of the day. Coe volunteers brought miniature horses and donkeys, a draft horse, sheep, and ducks.



Visitors watched a horse-shoeing demonstration and asked many questions. There was information about and displays of artifacts from Coe's ranching days and the Ohlone. Children tried their skill throwing vine hoops over a branch on a log, and spent time working on crafts and projects that helped them learn about nature.



Adults and children were able to see, touch, and enjoy a number of stuffed animals and skins, including a grizzly bear cub, bobcat, badger, opossum, and squirrel.



After eating lunch near the creek, many happy kids played in the water, filling their boots as well as their buckets. How fun it was to hear them squeal with delight.

A big THANK YOU to the 38 volunteers who made this day special for so many visitors.

Expression of appreciation from a visitor:

"Thank you for organizing such a wonderful event. It was fun to see and touch the animals, the exhibit tables were amazing with all the wild animals and the creek was lot of fun to explore. [My son] would have stayed in the creek all day if I had let him. We did not find any pollywogs but we saw lots of toad eggs. Amazing! We are looking forward to next year. Thanks for all your hard work."

# The PRA Calendar

Mark your calendars—important dates

## Poker in the Park

**Saturday May 22**, for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. Please call Chere (408) 683-2247, or Kitty (408) 842-6215 or visit [www.coepark.org](http://www.coepark.org) for more information.

## Hunting Hollow 5k/10k Walk and Fun run

**Saturday June 12**, you can register for this fun event on our website; download an entry form at [www.coepark.org](http://www.coepark.org).

## Gilroy Hot Springs Full-Moon Campouts

**June 25-27, July 23-25, August 20-22, September 24-26 (Friday-Sunday)**. For information and to register, email [info@friendsofgilroyhotsprings.org](mailto:info@friendsofgilroyhotsprings.org) or call 408-314-7185.

## Pacheco State Park Kite Day

**Saturday June 19**, Kite Day, Pacheco State Park Noon to 4pm. For more information contact Jennifer Morgan at [jmorg@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmorg@parks.ca.gov).

Pacheco State Park is located 22 miles west of Los Banos and 23 miles east of Gilroy, off of Highway 152. Turn south onto Dinosaur Point Road, then take the first right, through the park gate.

## Mounted Assistance Unit Event

**Saturday September 25**, moonlight ride and potluck. Hunting Hollow for more information contact Bonnie Stromberg at [bonniestromberg@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniestromberg@yahoo.com)

## Important information regarding the 2010 Coe Backcountry Weekend

### 2010 Coe Backcountry Weekend Canceled

Heavy rains just a few days before the 2010 Coe Backcountry Weekend scheduled for April 23-25 soaked not only the landscape but also the dirt access road from Bell's Station to the Orestimba Corral. Backcountry Ranger Cameron Bowers checked the condition of the road as soon as he could venture in and kept checking it, but it was clear that the road wouldn't dry out in time to get the proper infrastructure in place to ensure a safe event. Because of this, the decision was made to cancel the event.

Per the pre-event information provided to all Coe Backcountry Weekend pass holders, notification of the cancellation was immediately posted on [www.coepark.org](http://www.coepark.org), voicemails were updated with this information, and a notice was placed on the entry gate at Bell's Station. Unfortunately, some visitors arrived at the gate not aware that the event had been canceled. At this point, the cancellation was probably difficult to understand because the weather was about perfect, bright blue skies prevailed, the hills were green, and mild temperatures were forecast for the weekend. Let's hope for more glorious weather next year and better luck with road conditions.

For everyone who had a pass to the event:

- If you'd like to be automatically preselected for the 2011 event, send an email to [coebackcountry@verizon.net](mailto:coebackcountry@verizon.net) to confirm, and we will cash your check.
- If not, send an email to [coebackcountry@verizon.net](mailto:coebackcountry@verizon.net) and we will shred your check.
- If you ordered T-shirt(s), we will be in touch with you.





## Mounted Assistance Unit Happenings

By Bonnie Stromberg

### History of Horses in Coe Park

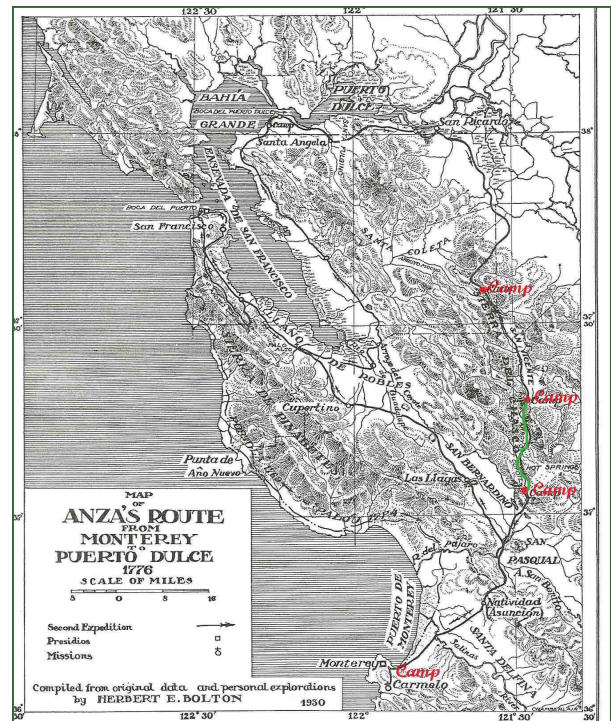
Did you know that the first written history involving Coe Park included horses? Can you guess when this happened, and who the participants were? To find out, read on.

On this particular day, nineteen men rode from San Antonio Valley to Canada de Los Osos, a distance of approximately 10 leagues. It was Spanish horses that provided the safe passage through Coe Park, along with several mules.



On April 6, 1776, Juan Bautista de Anza with Jose Joaquin Moraga at his side and Father Font providing directions decided to take a “short cut” back to Monterey. They had been trying to reach the Sierras, but the tule marshes that filled California’s Central Valley at that time prevented them from reaching their destination. Father Font thought he had a good idea where they needed to go to return to Monterey so they concluded that there was no need to backtrack when there was a shorter route home. But the Sierra del Chasco (the name they gave this part of the country) played a joke on them. The rolling hills of Canada de San Vicente (now known as San Antonio Valley) quickly turned into the Diablo Mountains and the rugged terrain of Coe Park. Before they knew it, they

were scrambling up and down mountainsides to find safe passage through the Arroyo del Coyote (Skunk Hollow and parts of the East Fork of Coyote Creek). They were turned away at Devil’s Gate and then again at China Hole.

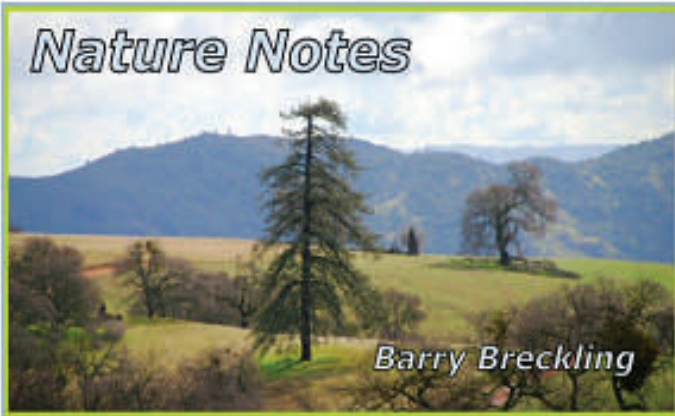


The Spanish horses they rode had the endurance to take them on this journey. They could survive on almost anything even with the rigors of 26-mile days, day after day. They made it past the deep gorges with huge boulders along Coyote Creek and found clear passage just south of modern day Gilroy Hot Springs, near Hunting Hollow and the bend in the creek at Canada Road. The party camped here overnight and Father Font complained in his diary that that day the *garrapatas* were worse than usual as he picked off 14 ticks. The next day, Easter Sunday, Father Font said mass before they continued on through Gilroy to Monterey.

I hope you have a chance to ride or walk along the Anza Trail, a two-mile stretch of trail in Coe Park that was dedicated for the Anza Bicentennial. Maybe someday the trail will be all 26 miles.



# Nature Notes



Barry Breckling

SPRING FLOWERS! Henry Coe State Park has some of the best wildflower displays around. David Loeb, the publisher of Bay Nature magazine, said of Coe Park after his first visit "...I saw the greatest variety of flowers and birds I have ever seen in a single day hiking. It was one of the most memorable days in nature, ever." And you don't even have to take a long hike to see lots of flowers; here are a few of the more than 100 wildflowers that can be seen along Corral Trail.



Woodland Monolopia



White Fairy Lantern



Blue-eyed-grass



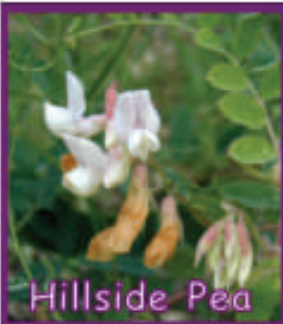
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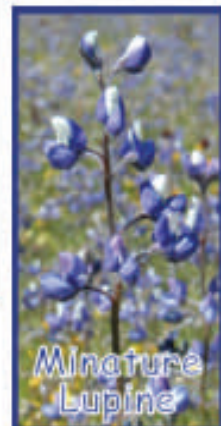
Blue Gilia



California Buttercup



Hillside Pea



Miniature Lupine



Chinese Houses



Spreading Larkspur



Grand Linanthus



Tomcat Clover



Blue Dicks



Fiddleneck



Purple Sanicle



Johnny-Jump-Up



Blue Witch

Please don't pick the flowers.

What I think are the most gorgeous wildflowers in the park are the tiny Purple Mouse-ears. They are seen occasionally on a rocky bank along the Corral Trail.



Purple Mouse-ears

Eds. note: Teddy Goodrich and her son Patrick presented a slide show on the history of Coe Park at the PRA annual meeting in February. Teddy's talk is included here.

## The Beginning: Fifty Two Years Ago—A Pine Ridge Timeline

By Teddy Goodrich

Historian, Pine Ridge Association

**1958.** A gift deed from Santa Clara County gave Pine Ridge Ranch, also known as Henry W. Coe Memorial Park, to the State of California. The park was a little less than 13,000 acres and was completely undeveloped. Steely Road<sup>1</sup> was paved only as far as Oak Flat Ranch. There was no electricity and the phone worked some of the time. A few trails had been used when Pine Ridge was still a cattle ranch—for example, Fish Trail and the trail to Madrone Soda Springs—but they were hidden by tall grass and brush. There were no public restrooms and no visitor center.

**1959.** “Things,” so to speak, were off to a slow start. Two park aids were employed in July, and the first ranger moved into the ranch house in December. Also in December a program to post park boundaries was begun to reduce deer hunting in the park, and the ranch house was wired for electricity provided by a generator, presumably before the ranger moved in. Total visitor attendance that year? Two people.

**1960.** The main roads within the park were graded.

**1961.** The road to Pine Ridge was oiled for the first time, and twenty “temporary” campsites were installed at headquarters. Apparently, someone forgot they were only supposed to be temporary. The ranch house, barn, bunkhouse, garage, and blacksmith shop were all spray-painted red. In August, the first bank deposit was made—\$12.00.

**Late 1960s.** 35 species of wildflowers were keyed out in the park, and the Keeney cabin was re-roofed.

**1970.** New, individual backpacking sites were opened at Deer Horn Springs, Poverty Flat, and Madrone Soda Springs in March. In August, Sada Coe Robinson (Henry Coe's daughter who had given the ranch to the County in 1953 as a “park for the people”) came to the park to look over possible museum sites. A new hand pump<sup>2</sup> was installed on the spring at Madrone Soda Springs, and a fence was installed around the monument to Henry Coe. The monument had developed a habit of tipping over and there was some concern it might crush an unsuspecting visitor.

**1971.** Museum construction began. Sada was unhappy with the plans the state had submitted for the museum so she hired her own architect and paid for the new building herself. Construction was finished in October, and the park office was moved from the ranch house to the museum. The bobcat scratching post, now residing in the “tack room,” became one of the first exhibits.

**1972.** Former ranch hand Ben Nunes donated equipment for the blacksmith shop, and in March a moving van brought furnishings from Sada's home on Mt. Hamilton Road for the museum. Sada instructed the state representatives to take whatever they wanted from her extensive collection of furniture and family memorabilia.

**1974.** A replica chicken house was built behind the ranch house and chickens were installed in their new home. Unfortunately, the chickens soon provided dinner for bobcats and coyotes, but for years afterward the chicken house roof provided an excellent place for volunteers to watch the sunset and enjoy adult beverages after long hours of working in the museum. Eventually the chicken house fell into decline and mysteriously disappeared one afternoon several years ago.

**1976.** The De Anza re-enactment traveled through the park and a plaque<sup>3</sup> was placed at Los Cruzeros to commemorate the event.

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Last of all, a sight no-one will see again: the Thomas brothers driving their cattle from the home ranch at Oak Flat to spring and summer range at Cold Flat (as seen in this photo).

<sup>1</sup>Steley Road was named for James J. Steley, who homesteaded west of the park in 1882. Somehow this name was forgotten and the road to the park is now East Dunne Avenue.

<sup>2</sup>Shortly after the hand pump was installed, an unknown person or persons decided it would make a good souvenir.

<sup>3</sup>The De Anza plaque suffered the same fate as the hand pump.

## News from the Board of the Pine Ridge Association

The Board of Directors of the Pine Ridge Association met on March 17, 2010.

- Volunteer committee chair Bonnie Stromberg reported that Linda Keahey has returned to the volunteer committee and will head a subcommittee focused on volunteer morale and membership retention. Cynthia Leeder is new to the committee and replaces Jim Swartz. Nineteen volunteers were short on hours for last year.
- Treasurer Dan McCranie updated the board on progress preparing form DPR 973 that must be filed annually with the State.
- Ann Briggs is heading an effort, with the assistance of Kevin Gilmartin and Barbara Bessey, to submit a grant proposal to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Nature Education Facilities Program. If the grant proposal is successful, the money would largely finance the construction of a new visitor center on Pine Ridge. The deadline to submit the application is July 1, with results due approximately six months later.
- The board approved the purchase of two new recycle/trash bins. Some concern was expressed that these should be paid for by the state, but since the PRA derives considerable revenue from our recycling efforts the purchase was approved.
- The board agreed that a new projector is needed for presentations in the interpretive room at the visitor center. There was some debate about the type of projector needed. The matter was unresolved and was deferred for discussion at the next board meeting.

The next meeting of the Pine Ridge Association board will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday May 12, 2010 in the EOC Room at the Morgan Hill Police Department, 16200 Vineyard Boulevard, Morgan Hill. All PRA members are welcome to attend.

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President, Board of the Pine Ridge Association





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Please send submissions and ideas to the editor at: [PRAnewsletter@wildblue.net](mailto:PRAnewsletter@wildblue.net).

**Deadline for next issue: July 30, 2010**

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