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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Clarification by re-wording its resolution of 1963 on Preservation of the Nipomo Dunes, was among agenda items of major conservation significance, at the annual meeting of the SIERRA CLUB national Board of Directors, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, in San Francisco. As amended, the resolution now reads:

"THE SIERRA CLUB RECOMMENDS preservation of the shoreline and upland area south of Oceano, bounded by Arroyo Grande Creek channel and the contour of the Santa Maria Dunes (also called the Oceano Dunes, the Nipomo Dunes, the Oso Flaco Dunes, and the Pismo Dunes), including the Dune Lakes, bordered on the east by the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way and on the west by the Pacific Ocean, including the region between Black and Oso Flaco Lakes and the sand dune territory down to and including Point Sal, excluding lands currently used for agricultural purposes other than for park administration, for scenic recreation purposes under the management of the California State Division of Beaches and Parks."

The two-day annual Board of Directors meeting was held in the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. Most of the Sierra Club's seventeen chapters from

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coast to coast, were represented by their chapter chairmen.

Among especially invited guests to the meeting were state officers of the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF 4-WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS, INC., whose member groups comprise one of the most significant recreation activities in the Nipomo Dunes. Local representative at the meeting was Melvin William Leal, past president of the SANTA MARIA 4-WHEELERS and now State Treasurer of the California Association, as well as 2nd Vice-President of the Santa Maria Club. In this recreation group also attending were: Ken Smith of Stockton, State President, and Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Al Jensen of Sacramento, State Secretary, and Mr. Jensen; Steve Morris of Sacramento, Charter President, and Mrs. Steve Morris, State Publicity Chairman and Editor of the Association Newsletter.

Cooperation between the Sierra Club and vehicle clubs

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using the Nipomo Dunes was discussed with mutual accord, according to Mrs. Kathleen Jackson, 3rd Coordinator for preservation of the Nipomo Dunes, who attended from the Sta. Lucia Group of the S.C. in SLO Co.

meeting were the United States Forest Service's California Regional Chief, Charles Connaughton; National Park Service's Regional Supervisor, Lee Diedrick, and California State Department of Fish & Game's Ben Glading.

ELIOT PORTER, noted color photographer of Santa Fe, New Mexico, newest member to be elected to the Sierra Club's national Board of Directors, was introduced. Re-elected directors on the Board of fifteen are: Dr. William E. Siri, bio-physicist of the Donner Laboratory, Miss Charlotte Mauk of The Cyclotron in

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Berkeley, Nathan Clark, aerodynamics engineer, Los Angeles and George Marshall, wellknown conservationist of Beverley Hills.

Officers elected for the new club year are: Dr. William

E. Siri was re-elected Club President. Dr. Edgar Mayburn of San Francisco re-elected Vice-President and Mr. Lewis Clark of Alameda re-elected club Treasurer. The newly elected Secretary, replacing Richard M. Leonard, San Francisco attorney who has served for 10 years as club secretary, is George Marshall of Beverley Hills.

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING include:

1. Adopted a general policy on pesticides.
2. Passed a resolution opposing the aerial and other general application of chlorinated hydrocarbons as pesticides on all lands and all waters, both public and private.
3. Supported increased study of pesticides other than chlorinated hydrocarbons.
4. Referred to a study committee the NORTH AMERICAN WATER AND POWER ALLIANCE.
5. Expressed commendation and support of Assemblyman Z'berg's "package of 14 bills dealing with State Highway problems".
6. Expressed commendation and support of Senate Bill 725 as amended (Senator Farr, Monterey) to ESTABLISH A STATE PARKWAYS SYSTEM, as favored by the California Roadside Council.

DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING: (among many others)

1. To favor or not to favor mechanized ski development in the Mineral King Basin, inholding in Sequoia National Park.
2. New threats to wilderness integrity of San Geronimo in southern California, by mechanized ski development.

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(Sierra Club participated in an aerial and on-the-ground survey of ski areas of California some years ago to assist in resolving the matter of sites sought by winter sports enthusiasts. It was reported that in recent years some California ski developments have failed economically.)

3. Redwoods Master Plan.
4. Redwoods National Park proposals.
5. Threats to the integrity of the Grand Canyon from unnecessary and uneconomic Bridge Canyon and Marble Canyon Dams.
6. North Cascades National Park proposals.
7. Trans-Sierra Rd. To Mammoth.

In spite of two days of intensive conferencing, the Sierra Club Board of Directors had to adjourn without getting to many other items on its agenda -- among these:

U.S.F.S. reclassifications under the new Wilderness Act
Freeways versus Parks.

Mount San Jacinto Wilderness State Park.

Regional Planning for Recreation (Proposal of the National Parks Association for regional coordination of recreation planning between the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Engineers, the TVA, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, etc. at Yellowstone and Great Smoky Mts. National Parks.

Industry versus Scenic Resources

The San Luis Drain

And others.

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(Please edit as you wish - K.J.)

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