
Guide to the Records of the California State Parks Council

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Abstract: Relating to the campaign for a comprehensive state park program. Included are copies of letters written by Newton B. Drury and staff, incoming correspondence, interoffice memoranda, minutes of meetings, press releases, articles prepared for newspapers and magazines, speeches and statements, lists of speakers and speaking engagements, clippings, and reference materials, particularly relating to parks in other states.

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History

The California State Parks Council (known originally as the California State Parks Committee) was formed in January 1925 to urge legislation which would give California a comprehensive state park program. The change in nomenclature was made in 1927. The Save-the-Redwoods League furnished headquarters and general office facilities for the Council, and Newton B. Drury, secretary of the League undertook the direction of the legislative campaign. The major objective was attained in 1927 when the California Legislature passed three bills, introduced by Senator Arthur H. Breed, providing for a State Park Commission and a state park survey (which was undertaken by Frederick Law Olmsted), and authorizing a State Parks Bond issue. The \$6,000,000 bond issue came before the voters as Amendment 4 on the ballot in November 1928. The publicity campaign which the Council sponsored resulted in wide-spread popular support, and the bond issue was overwhelmingly approved.

Scope and Content

These records, which were given to the Bancroft Library by the Save-the-Redwoods League in April 1968, relate to the efforts of the Council in its legislative program and in the bond campaign. They include copies of the letters written by Mr. Drury and staff, incoming correspondence, inter-office memoranda, minutes of meetings, press releases, articles prepared for magazines and newspapers, speeches and statements, lists of speakers and speaking engagements, clippings, and reference materials, particularly relating to parks in other states. Two additional folders, gift of Mr. Drury, June 1969.

Box 1

Outgoing letters, 1922-1929

Scope and Content Note

Carbon copies of letters written primarily by Newton B. Drury. Arranged chronologically. The few letters written prior to 1925 relate to the formation of a California State Parks Association in Los Angeles.

Boxes 2&3

Incoming correspondence

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or organization. A miscellany for single letters precedes the rest of the files. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key. At the end of the files are three folders of miscellaneous letters grouped as follows: letters re speakers for meetings; letters re magazine and newspaper publicity and photographs letters from various state departments of conservation, superintendents of parks, etc.

Box 3

Interoffice memoranda

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically. Carton California State Parks Council -minutes of meetings, reports, etc. N. B. Drury's report to the Council on the campaign -draft State Parks conference, San Francisco, Jan. 5, 1925 -minutes of meeting, list of conferees, extracts from minutes, etc, State Parks Conference, Los Angeles, Feb. 8, 1928 -list of those attending State Parks Conference, San Francisco, Mar. 19, 1928 -Minutes of meeting, list of projects prepared State Park Legislation -copies of bills proposed in California Legislature Material relating to proposed survey of state parks -outlines and revised outlines; report on scope and limitation of the survey, method of conducting it, etc. Data re State Park Bond -manual of information for campaign workers, publicity brochures and other campaign materials Schedules for plan of campaign MSS of articles (4 folders) -Include articles written by William & Colby, Melville W. Erskine, Francis P. Farquhar, J. D. Grant, Joseph R. Knowland, Duncan McDuffie, John C. Merriam, E. J. Murphy and Charles B. Wing. Copies of newspaper editorials; clippings from newspapers and magazines, etc. Speeches, excerpts from speeches, statements, resolutions, etc. Carton Press releases (3 folders) Photographic projects

Special writers Lists of California newspapers Lists of radio stations and various organizations Schedules of meetings; lists of suggested speakers Lists of state parks and monuments; list of proposed parks List of organizations endorsing State Park Bond Registration statistics -elections California State Parks Association -material re organization of Clippings re election returns; notes re estimates of vote on Amendment 4 Miscellaneous material re need for state parks, surveys of state park laws and organization, etc. (2 folders) Material re parks in other states (2 folders) Miscellaneous notes Newton B. Drury Trips Reports, etc.

Correspondence Miscellany (single letters)

Breed, Arthur Hastings, 1865-1953

Letter, Sept. 26, 1928

California Forest Protective Association

Letter, Oct. 14, 1926. Enclosure: draft

Chandler, Harry, 1864-1944

Letter, Oct. 15, 1925

Crocker, William Henry, 1861-1937

Letter, Mar. 9, 1928

Erskine, Melville W

Letter, Nov. 9, 1928

Goethe, Charles Matthias, 1875-1966

Letter, Oct. 14, 1927

Gregg, John William, 1880-

Letter, June 1, 1928

Jones, Herbert Coffin, 1888-

Letter, Sept. 29, 1928. Copy, with facsimile

Mulford, Walter

Letter, Oct. 4, 1928

Native Sons of the Golden West

Letter, Sept. 12, 1928

Tubbs, Tallant

Letter, July 18, 1928

Wagner, Harr, 1857-1936

Letter, Sept. 25, 1928

Correspondence

Albright, Horace Marden

2 letters, 1928

Boynton, Albert E, 1875-

2 letters, 1928

Brackenridge, William Algernon

7 letters, 1926-1927

California Academy of Sciences

6 letters, 1928, From Barton Warren Evermann, Director.

California Development Association

5 letters, 1928

California State Parks Association

4 letters, 1922-1923

Chaney, Ralph Works, 1890-

3 letters, 1926-1928

Cheney, Charles Henry

15 letters, 1925-1928

Colby, William Edward, 1875-1964

5 letters, 1922-1928

Commonwealth Club of California

2 letters, 1928

Deering, Tam

5 letters, 1928
Evermann, Barton Warren
See [California Academy of Sciences](#)
Drury, Newton B.
See [outgoing correspondence files](#)
Grant, Madison, 1865-
2 letters, 1928
Jepson, Willis Linn
4 letters, 1928
Lubin, Simon J.
See [Sacramento Region Citizens Council](#)
McDuffie, Duncan
31 letters, 1925-1928. Many are unsigned carbon copies.
Mather, Stephen Tyng, 1867-1930
3 letters, 1925-1926
Merriam, John Campbell
11 letters, 1925-1928
National Conference on State Parks
3 letters, 1926-1928
National Parks Association
2 letters, 1927-1928. From Robert Sterling Yard.
Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego
6 letters, 1928, Signed by Clinton G. Abbott.
Olmsted, Frederick Law
10 letters, 1926-1928
Phelps, Ralph L, 1880-1957
3 letters, 1928
Redwood Empire Association
19 letters, 1927-1928
Reynolds, G. E.
3 letters, 1928
Sacramento Region Citizens Council
11 letters, 1928, Written primarily by Simon J. Lubin.
San Joaquin Valley Tourist and Travel Association
9 letters, 1928
Save-the-Redwoods League
2 letters, 1926-1927
Scott, Winfield
8 letters, 1928
Sierra Club, San Francisco
2 letters, 1927-1928
Sproul, Robert Gordon, 1891-
5 letters, 1928
State Parks Association of California
12 letters, 1925-1927
Stevenot, Fred G.
4 letters, 1928
Torrey, Raymond H
3 letters, 1926-1928
Wilbur, Ray Lyman, 1875-1949
3 letters, 1928
Williamson, C. J.
19 letters, 1927-1929
Wing, Charles B.
4 letters, 1926-1928
Yard, Robert Sterling
See [National Parks Association](#)
Young, Clement Calhoun, 1869-1947

5 letters, 1928, Written while governor of California, Two are written for him by his private secretary, Charles A. Whitmore.