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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 1989

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mayor *ack*

SUBJECT: California Desert Protection Act

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The Sacramento Chapter of the Aud^ubon Society has asked that the council endorse federal legislation by Senator Cranston and Representative Levine, the California Desert Protection Act. I will bring this item to you for your approval on the July 18th agenda. Attached you will find a summary of the legislation.

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The rugged badlands of Death Valley were sculpted over thousands of years from soft clay, deposited by a lake that covered the valley floor during the last ice age.

distinctive form of the Joshua is a symbol of the unique flora fauna of the Mojave Desert.



Elden Hughes

The Solution: The California Desert Protection Act

Something can—and must—be done. Senator Alan Cranston and Representative Mel Levine have introduced legislation, S.11 and H.R. 780, the California Desert Protection Act, to save what remains of the special wonders in the California Desert. The proposed California Desert Protection Act would ensure that the recreational opportunities the desert affords, and the varied resources that make the desert unique, are preserved for the benefit of all Americans—and for generations to come.

Specifically, the bill would:

- Establish the nation's 51st national park, the 1.5-million-acre Mojave National Park, east of Barstow. Now administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the area features spectacular mountain ranges, 600-foot-high sand dunes, the world's largest Joshua tree forest, numerous archaeological sites, and more than 300 animal species.
- Expand the boundaries of Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments and make these areas national parks. Death Valley would grow from 2.1 million acres to 3.4 million, while Joshua Tree, now 550,000 acres, would increase by 245,000 acres.
- Preserve 4.5 million acres of spectacularly diverse BLM wildlands as wilderness. These 81 wilderness-quality areas include lands as varied as the pinyon-clad Inyo Mountains, the rolling Cadiz Dunes, and the dramatically eroded badlands of Mecca Hills.
- Transfer 20,500 acres of spectacular scenery and critical habitat to Red Rock Canyon State Park.
- Protect a special botanical area, the 1,920-acre Desert Lily Sanctuary, and an important historic site, 490 acres in the Indian Canyons near Palm Springs.



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Badwater in Death Valley, looking west toward the Panamint Range.

The California desert is a land of many uses. The proposal ensures that the wide variety of current commercial and recreational uses of the desert will continue. For example:

- No currently maintained roads used for touring and sightseeing would be closed under the Act; indeed, more than 30,000 miles of paved and dirt roads would remain open for use.
- Off-road vehicle enthusiasts would continue to have an area larger than Sequoia National Park dedicated for their use and enjoyment.
- All active mining would continue and valid claims within the national parks and wilderness areas would have legal protection.
- Grazing would continue even within designated wilderness areas; grazing in the new national parks would last until current permits expire.
- Many new tourism jobs would be created.

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THE CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION ACT
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- Journal of Studies Honoring Undeveloped Areas (JOSHUA)
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