

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 140

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 151

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 140—Relative to the Wesley Chesbro Pudding Creek Trestle.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 140, Evans. Wesley Chesbro Pudding Creek Trestle.

This measure would designate the Pudding Creek Trestle in MacKerricher State Park in Mendocino County as the Wesley Chesbro Pudding Creek Trestle.

WHEREAS, The Pudding Creek Trestle is a pedestrian-equestrian-bicycle timber stringer bridge over Pudding Creek in MacKerricher State Park, adjacent to the City of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, The trestle is 48 feet above sea level, with a total length of 515 feet and a deck width of 12 feet; and

WHEREAS, The trestle was built by the Union Lumber Company in 1915 as a logging railroad trestle; and

WHEREAS, During the early years of the 20th century, the Union Lumber Company harvested timber from forests along Ten Mile River, and the Ten Mile Railroad was constructed to transport logs from those forests, and over Pudding Creek, to the Fort Bragg mill; and

WHEREAS, For 32 years the Ten Mile Railroad existed as a working railroad, hauling logs and transporting workers; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, logging trucks replaced the railroad, and the right-of-way, including the trestle, were converted for truck use in 1949; and

WHEREAS, All use of the trestle ended in 1983, and the Department of Parks and Recreation acquired the unused logging road and nearby headlands in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Senator Wesley Chesbro requested a report on the structural condition of the trestle, and state engineers concluded that with some structural modifications it could be safely used by nonmotorized traffic, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians, to provide easy access from Fort Bragg to the beaches at MacKerricher State Park and to create the key link in one of the longest public trails along the California coast; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chesbro thereupon committed to securing funding through the State Coastal Conservancy or from unallocated park bond funds and gathered department heads from affected state and federal agencies to form a working group to pursue the project; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Senator Chesbro's leadership, the Budget Act of 2003 provided \$235,000 in Proposition 40 funds for preliminary plans and working drawings to rehabilitate the trestle, in 2004, the trestle project was awarded \$1,939,000 in Proposition 40 funds for construction, and in 2006, the project was awarded an additional \$1,666,000 to complete the project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the Pudding Creek Trestle in MacKerricher State Park as the Wesley Chesbro Pudding Creek Trestle; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Parks and Recreation and to the author for appropriate distribution.