



Resolution 31-2008  
Adopted by the  
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
at its regular meeting in Pescadero, California  
October 31, 2008

### **Classification & Naming of the Martial Cottle Project Property**

WHEREAS, the Martial Cottle Park property is a 287.54-acre park site, consisting of both state and county-owned properties, located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of San José in Santa Clara County, California; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Mr. Walter Cottle Lester (Donor) executed agreements for the purchase and transfer of his family farm to California State Parks (136.52 acres) and Santa Clara County Parks (151.02 acres) with the condition that the land be utilized as a public historical park to inform and educate the public about the agricultural heritage of the Santa Clara Valley through a working farm, with a 32-acre portion of the park reserved as a Life Estate by the Donor; and

WHEREAS, in October 2003, the State and County executed a Joint Powers and Operating Agreement stipulating that the state-owned portion of the property would become a unit of the California State Park System to be developed and managed by Santa Clara County Parks along with the county-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the property's deed restrictions and Donor's Vision for the Park is that it be jointly developed, operated and maintained as a County-State park in a manner that will promote and sustain farming traditions, thereby illustrating the agricultural heritage of the Santa Clara Valley as exemplified by the Donor's grandfather Martial Cottle and his family, dating from the 1850s into the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, allowable uses as stipulated in the Property Transfer Agreement and Grant Deeds for both State Parks and Santa Clara County Parks include agricultural leases, farmers' markets, produce stands, community gardens, educational programs related to agriculture, and passive recreational activities such as picnicking and trail uses; and

WHEREAS, the Director of California State Parks has presented to this Commission for approval a proposal for the 136.52-acre state portion of the Martial Cottle Park property to be classified as a State Recreation Area, which allows flexibility in developing visitor use facilities and continued agricultural use of the state park property consistent with the Donor's vision; and

WHEREAS, as requested by the Donor, the Department recommends that the Commission name the state property "Martial Cottle Park," consistent with the County's request for the combined state and county owned properties;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: This Commission has reviewed and considered the Inventory of Features (Resources Summary) prepared for this property as required by Public Resources Code Section 5002.1, the recommendations presented by the Director for this unit, and testimony received during this public hearing as the basis for this unit classification; and be it

RESOLVED: The California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby approves the Director's recommendation for the unit classification of Martial Cottle Park property as a State Recreation Area, with the name Martial Cottle Park; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the location and custodian of the Naming and Classification document and other materials which constitute the record of proceeding on which the Commission's decision is based is: California State Park and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001, Phone 916/653-0524, Facsimile 916/653-4458.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on October 31, 2008 at the Commission's duly-noticed public meeting at Pescadero, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: 10-31-08

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California State Parks  
Secretary to the Commission