

Introduced by Senator Evans

August 5, 2014

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 140, as introduced, 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.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Pudding Creek Trestle is a
2 pedestrian-equestrian-bicycle timber stringer bridge over Pudding
3 Creek in MacKerricher State Park, adjacent to the City of Fort
4 Bragg in Mendocino County; and
5 WHEREAS, The trestle is 48 feet above sea level, with a total
6 length of 515 feet and a deck width of 12 feet; and
7 WHEREAS, The trestle was built by the Union Lumber
8 Company in 1915 as a logging railroad trestle; and
9 WHEREAS, During the early years of the 20th century, the
10 Union Lumber Company harvested timber from forests along Ten
11 Mile River, and the Ten Mile Railroad was constructed to transport
12 logs from those forests, and over Pudding Creek, to the Fort Bragg
13 mill; and
14 WHEREAS, For 32 years the Ten Mile Railroad existed as a
15 working railroad, hauling logs and transporting workers; and

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Thanks to Senator Chesbro’s leadership, the Budget
20 Act of 2003 provided \$235,000 in Proposition 40 funds for
21 preliminary plans and working drawings to rehabilitate the trestle,
22 in 2004, the trestle project was awarded \$1,939,000 in Proposition
23 40 funds for construction, and in 2006, the project was awarded
24 an additional \$1,666,000 to complete the project; now, therefore,
25 be it

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

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

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35 CORRECTIONS:

36 Text—Pages 1 and 2.

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