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## Contrarians in the Contra Costa: The Last Leg of the Anza Trail

*Nina Egert, Ph.D., Author,  
"Tracing Anza's Trail: A  
Photographer's Journey"*

"It is my understanding that Captain Don Juan Bautista de Anza means to set out from Sonora in the month of September, with the intention of making his way to San Francisco while avoiding the missions and (the Presidio at) Monterey ... from my experience and others' reports regarding that region... I fear that they will find themselves greatly disappointed..."

In a letter, dated January 30, 1775, Father Fray Domingo Juncosa went on to warn of both the dangers of exposing members of the Anza Party to California's winter rains, as well as of two impassable rivers that would prevent a direct route through the Central Valley to San Francisco.

Father Pedro Font included Juncosa's letter in his extended journal posting for April 3, 1776, to underscore the importance of that day's geographical observations. For it was on that day that, somewhere near Oakley, California, the Anza Trail reached its penultimate point at the shores of the San Joaquin Delta.

Anza, having heeded Juncosa's warning, had guided the party of Sonoran settlers through the desert to Mission San Gabriel. While the others weathered the rains, Anza and Font had accompanied Capt. Fernando Rivera y Monchada south to confront a Native uprising in San Diego. When an argument ensued between the two captains over the nature of the Rio de San Francisco (the waters pouring into the Bay from the east through the Carquinez Straits), Anza made up his mind to defy Rivera y Monchada's



*End of the Delta  
Photo by: Nina Egert*

wishes, lead the settlers on to Monterey, locate proper sites for a presidio and mission in San Francisco, then ride on around the rim of the Bay to the "contra costa".

On this final leg of his mission, Anza had hoped not only to determine where the waters originated, but to locate overland passages either to the North Bay or the Sierra Nevada. With Padre Font noting invaluable information about the indigenous plants and peoples of the East Bay, Anza's small exploratory party traced the shoreline of the Bay north to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta marshes. Finding the river uncrossable to the north and the tule marshes impassable to the east, on April 4, 1776, Anza humbled himself before the forces of nature, and returned to Monterey.



# National Park Service Partners

## Trails & Rails Celebrates 10 Years!

*Jim Miculka, Director,  
Tourism, Interpretation and  
Education Studies*

Trails & Rails (T&R) is an innovative partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and Amtrak. The program provides rail passengers with educational opportunities that foster an appreciation of a region's natural and cultural heritage; promotes NPS areas, and provides a value-added service to encourage train ridership. It also renews the long tradition of associating railroads with National Parks.



Through T&R program, the NPS reaches out beyond park boundaries and works with many organizations. As the program has gained exposure, additional organizations and agencies have approached the NPS with an interest in working with the Trails & Rails program to develop educational programs for their local National Park. Organizations and museums where Amtrak runs through their communities that are not located near a National Park have also expressed an interest in working with the Trails & Rails program. Local visitor bureaus along Amtrak routes have asked the NPS to assist them to promote the local cultural and natural history of the area, thus building further partnerships. The partnership provides the NPS with the opportunity to build a constituency of supporters from people who have not visited a national park. It provides parks with new outreach opportunities aimed at non-traditional park users and covers a broad geographical region of the United States.

There are currently 16 National Park sites that present 18 Trails & Rails programs throughout the United States. 2010 marks the ten year anniversary of the partnership between Amtrak and the National Park Service in the establishment of the national Trails & Rails program. During the past ten years, nearly 3.5 million Amtrak passengers have participated in the Trails & Rails country across the

United States. More than 70,000 Trails & Rails programs have been presented to Amtrak passengers. Approximately 750 volunteers have participated over the ten years and donated more than 267,000 hours on board Amtrak trains with an monetary value of just over five million dollars.

## **Peralta Hacienda – Where History Lives in Oakland!**

*Ben Glickstein, Volunteer Programs & Outreach*

Luis Peralta was a teenager when he came with the Anza expedition to the Bay Area during the 1776. After a distinguished military career, he received one of the few Spanish land grants in 1820. His son built the 1870 Antonio Peralta House on this land. Today, the Peralta House is beautifully maintained, and contains hands-on, multi sensory exhibits about Ohlone and Californio history, as well as today's vibrant city of Oakland. Docents from the community lead tours of the house, weaving in their personal connection to history. Special events and hands-on school field trips enliven 4th-grade curriculum with candle-making, riata throwing, and other activities.

Open hours are 2:30 PM-5:30 PM, Thursday through Saturday (and Wednesday, beginning May 2010). Visits include a docent-led tour. RSVP recommended at [ben@peraltahacienda.org](mailto:ben@peraltahacienda.org) or 510-532-9142. For more information, visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org)

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# National Park Service Partners

## El Centro BLM Office hosts Interns

*Mina Mostafavifar, 2009 Intern*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), El Centro Field Office hosted three Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns, Britt McNamara, Mina Mostafavifar, and Lisa Mendoza, to work with its archaeologists during August 2009. In their four month internship, the interns were involved in two interpretation projects that focused on a Yuha Desert and a segment of the Anza Trail. Apart from the trail, they also began recurating artifacts at the Desert Museum in Ocotillo.

Lisa, Britt, and Mina produced an audio tour exploring the cultural sites in the Yuha Desert. Two stops on the tour are on the Anza Trail: the Yuha Well and the Juan Bautista de Anza Overlook. The tour also includes a description of the Yuha Geoglyph and the plants and animals found within the Yuha Desert. You can visit the Bureau of Land Management El Centro Field Office website to download and listen to the tour at [www.blm.gov/ca](http://www.blm.gov/ca) click on El Centro and go to "Yuha Desert Cultural History Auto Tour" or visit the office and pick up an audio CD.

Along with the audio tour, the three interns worked on an interpretive poster for the Yuha Well site. The poster explains the important role local

Kumeyaay Indians played for the expeditions of Juan Bautista de Anza, and provides information about the Anza Expeditions,



and highlights the plants found at the Yuha Well. The interns also helped construct a fence around the site to protect it from off-route travel.

The BLM El Centro Field Office interns were also involved in was recurating the Desert Museum collection. This is part of an effort to bring the museum up to archival standards and provide for visitor access. The storage facility at the new museum now contains thirty-three boxes of prehistoric and historic artifacts collected from around Imperial Valley and 70 Native American pots.

Overall, the SCA interns have helped the BLM improve its public outreach for the Yuha Desert area. Hopefully, another group of interns will be able to continue this work in the future.

## Seen This Plaque?

During the 1976 re-enactment of Anza's expedition this plaque was presented to George Cardinet when the re-enactors passed through Cary Ranch in Anza, California. The plaque was sent to Monterey where it was on display for a period of time. Richard Cary, of the La Puerta Foundation is trying to find the plaque for display at the Cary Ranch. Please contact Mr. Cary at [myrdsic@verizon.net](mailto:myrdsic@verizon.net) if you have any knowledge of its location.



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### **Deadlines**

**June 1 for July issue  
September 1 for October issue  
December 1 for January issue  
March 1 for April issue**



# National Park Service

## Challenge Cost Share Projects

The National Park Service is pleased to announce two projects funded through the Anza Trail's Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) for 2010.

This year Heyday Books will be working with trail staff to develop a Children's Activity book that will present the Anza Expedition and its legacy. The booklet will include activities and a better understanding of the Anza Expedition for a young audience. This publication will serve as a bridge to younger audiences encountering the trail, and provides a Native American perspective of the expedition and the trail.

Santa Clara County Parks will also be designing and installing four interpretive waysides at park sites along the Anza Trail in Santa Clara County. These waysides will be at highly visited sites within the Santa Clara County Park district and along the trail.

Late this summer, CCSP applications will be accepted for certified sites or those interested in producing interpretive projects that help tell the Anza Story. CCSP recipients are required to match federal funds with money or in kind labor toward the final product. Previous Challenge Cost share projects have included interpretive waysides along the Los Angeles River with North East Trees, interpretive waysides with the East Bay Regional Park District, and an Anza Trail film with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Environmental Education Exchange. Please visit our website or contact trail staff for more information [www.nps.gov/juba](http://www.nps.gov/juba)



*Ladies dressed in living history costumes for Film*

## Imperial Valley Solar Project Analysis Available for Comment

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for a proposed solar project near El Centro, California is available for public review, and comments will be accepted until May 27, 2010. The project would result in the installation of 30,000 solar collectors, each about forty feet high, within the historic route traveled by the Anza expedition. The scale of the solar project would result in significant changes to the landscape of the area and impact views from the Anza Trail. These changes would significantly impact the historic integrity of the Anza Trail.

National Park Service (NPS) staff has reviewed the Draft EIS and found that while it discloses the project's impacts to the Anza Trail, it does not adequately specify the mitigation to offset these impacts. The Cultural Resources and Visual Resources sections discuss the Anza expedition and identify impacts to the Anza Trail. Draft EIS proposes a mitigation fund managed by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and NPS to benefit visitors to the Anza Trail, to be used for interpretive displays or other trail improvements. However, the amount of this fund, or the specific improvements it will pay for, is not specified. The Cultural Resources analysis concludes that compliance with the terms of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA), being prepared pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, would reduce impacts to cultural resources to a less than significant level. However, the PA, which is expected to be incorporated into the final EIS, is still being prepared by the BLM and does not yet specify the mitigation proposed for the Anza Trail. NPS staff is continuing to discuss possible mitigation measures with senior BLM and NPS staff.

Feel free to contact Steve Ross at 510-817-1400 or [steven\\_ross@nps.gov](mailto:steven_ross@nps.gov), if you would like more specific information about this project and the review process. The Draft EIS can be found at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solartwo/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solartwo/index.html)



# National Park Service



## National Train Day

May 8, 2010

141 years have passed since the completion of the Intercontinental railroad. Come celebrate and learn about the importance of train travel throughout the country

with events in Washington DC, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles, and more locally organized events in communities nationwide. The Anza Trail staff and on-board Trails & Rails volunteer, Santa Monica Mountains NRA, and living history volunteers will promote the national partnership program at Union Station in Los Angeles with the following events;

The Railroad Braceros & Go-Green Express: Eco Exhibits, Train Equipment & Model Train Displays, AmtraKids Depot. Please join us from 11 to 4 pm. For more information, [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com)

Prime goals of the day are reaching first-time visitors public lands and reconnecting our youth to the great outdoors. For more information, visit [www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org](http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org)

## National Trails System Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009

Statistics from National Trails System related activities in FY 2009 have been rolled up with data from National Park Service, Forest Service, BLM, and other agencies into an annual report. The report includes statistics such as changes in mileage and protection, high potential sites and segments, changes in development and certification, data management, mapping, and unmet needs. Other sections include partnership, planning, and innovative actions. The report is available on the NPS National Trails System website at [www.nps.gov/nts](http://www.nps.gov/nts)

## National Celebrations

June 5, 2010

American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program, National Trails Day® (NTD), inspires the public and trail enthusiasts nationwide to seek out their favorite trails to discover, learn about, and celebrate trails while participating in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects. To register your event, visit [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org)



## National Conference

### National Historic Trails Workshop

May 12-14, 2010 San Antonio, Texas

*Cultural and Heritage Tourism:  
Trails As Destinations*

Join us along the beautiful historic San Antonio River Walk for the Partnership for the National Trails NHTs Workshop! The Workshop will focus on the interdependence between tourism fundamentals, including targeting specific audiences, partnerships & marketing, and land preservation topics such as protecting heritage corridors. For more information, visit [www.pnts.org](http://www.pnts.org)



## National Get Outdoors Day

June 12, 2010

National Get Outdoors Day is a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Participating partners will offer opportunities for American families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities.

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# Anza Society International Conference



*Anza Society group at Mission Tubutama*

The Anza Society hosted its annual conference in Magdalena de Kino (Sonora), Mexico March 11-14, 2010. The annual event was an opportunity for historians to share findings related to Juan Bautista de Anza. About 40 participants enjoyed the journey through beautiful Sonora, Mexico and made connections with the residents of Magdalena de Kino. Everyone enjoyed fascinating research presentations, delicious food and entertainment, as well as a bus tour of the missions founded by the Father Kino in the late 1600's.

The conference began on Thursday, with a brunch hosted by the Pimeria Alta Historical Society in Nogales, Arizona. Members then boarded a bus for the short trip south. Prior to reaching Magdalena, the group toured Mission San Ignacio. That evening, the city of Magdalena hosted an evening reception in the courtyard of the "Palacio Municipal".

Conference presentations occurred at the Municipal Palace on Friday. Speakers included Phil Valdez, Vladimir Guerrero Ron Quinn, Joe Myers, Richard Stoffle who all provided their unique insights about the Spanish Colonial era. Local speakers included Andres Cavello and Dolores Galindo Delgado. Superintendent Naomi Torres unveiled a traveling exhibition for Mexico, introduced the NPS staff and provided a status report on Anza Trail projects.

Friday's lunch break included a tour of the cultural institutions on the downtown plaza, including Father Kino's gravesite, a historical museum and local singers and dancers.

On Saturday, the conference attendees took a day-long bus tour west of Magdalena to visit several of the missions founded by Father Kino, including Tubutama, Caborca, and Pititiquic (Father Font's resting site). Jesus Garcia of the Sonoran Desert Museum gave a keynote presentation on Father Kino's agricultural legacy and historic orchards.

The conference concluded on Sunday with a board meeting and election of new officers. Before returning to the U.S., the group enjoyed a barbeque at a local hacienda with a presentation from a local historian dressed as Father Kino.

The conference was a resounding success and all participants enjoyed their visit to Sonora. Much of the credit goes to Eduardo Robinson for coordinating the many local events and to the mayor, Arc. Luis M. Chavarin Gaxiola for the reception, music, and bus transportation.

Next year the Anza Society's conference will take place in Santa Fe, New Mexico during the second weekend in March. For more information, see the Anza Society's website [www.anzasociety.org](http://www.anzasociety.org)



*The group's first stop at Mission San Ignacio*

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# Along the Trail

**Tournament of Roses Parade:** Pasadena, CA  
*January 1*

Amigos de Anza Equestrian Drill Team participated in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade, "A Cut Above the Rest". History re-enactors lead the group. The drill team rode as color guard and carried flags that told the Anza story. This exciting event with more than 5,000,000 audience members who heard or saw the story of Juan Bautista de Anza and the National Park Service.

**Chocolate Festival:** Presidio San Agustín de Tucson, AZ  
*February 13*

The Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation hosted their First Annual Chocolate Festival, the largest fundraiser in Presidio del Tucson history and it was a sensational affair. The event brought over 500 visitors inside the walls and raised \$2,500.00. The day featured Spanish soldiers, cannon salutes, a premiere story teller, and lots of chocolate offerings by local restaurants.

The Trust and the Tucson Presidio are ardent supporters of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The Trust assists in advertising and supporting Anza Trail events.



*Living History Spanish Soldados*  
Photo by: Rick Collins

**Trails & Rails Season Begins:** Santa Barbara, CA  
*March 14*

Volunteers-In-Parks for the Anza Trail from the Santa Barbara area have started their 2010 season of on-board public presentations to passengers on Amtrak's Coast Starlight train between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Programs are offered in the lounge car Thursdays through Sundays. This summer, additional on-board presentations will be

offered between Santa Barbara and San Jose on Sundays through Mondays. Trails & Rails is a nationwide partnership program between NPS and Amtrak to provide on-board programs. Our trail partner, Gary Coombs, Director of South Coast Railroad Museum, manages the volunteers and program.

**Anza Hits the Big Screen:** Tucson, AZ  
*March 20*

"Lights! Camera! Action! Hey can that mule move faster?" After much delay, the high definition film that will tell the story of the Anza Expedition is in production. On March 20th, costumed actors and livestock were filmed on location in the Santa Cruz Valley in Southern Arizona. The set was the historic Hacienda Corona de Guevavi, a ranch where Hollywood legend John Wayne once stayed while filming in Arizona.

Under the keen eye of director Neil Markowitz of the Environmental Education Exchange, approximately 70 actors, "corriente" cattle (an historic breed) and Spanish Barb horses paraded in front of high definition cameras to create a state of the art Anza Expedition film.

A gigantic "green" screen (like weather forecaster use) was used as a backdrop for most of the shots. This will allow the production team to place the characters in various environments, from snow to desert to sand.

The film should be ready for release next March. The next ten months will be spent gathering background shots at various locations visited by Anza and the expedition.



*Families dressed in living history costumes for filming*

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# Volunteers-In-Parks News

## ANZA TRAIL RESTORATION

*Elizabeth Stewart, Regional Director, Maricopa, Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona*

In spite of rain, wind and cool weather, the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona's (ATCA) February 20th trail restoration project was a huge success.

Enthusiastic volunteers came to restore the Anza Trail corridor in the Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM). The diverse volunteer group included Arizona State University students, winter visitors, hikers and historians.

With more than 64 volunteers, this was the largest work event in ATCA'S 18 years. The Maricopa Region of ATCA (ATCA-Maricopa) coordinated the restoration event with its partners, the Bureau of Land Management, the Arizona Wilderness



Coalition, the Friends of the Sonoran Desert National Monument (FSDNM), and the National Park Service.

Large areas of the Anza Trail corridor were restored by removing off road vehicle tracks and using vertical mulching. Student Conservation Association students taught the others how to employ vertical mulching, a technique that involves planting dead branches to prevent erosion and accelerate revegetation.

Lunch was expertly prepared by the Truman-Baker clan of ATCA-Maricopa. While the volunteers enjoyed lunch and refreshments, Joe Myers from ATCA gave a brief history of the Anza Expedition and Thom Hulen, ATCA member and Executive Director of FSDNM, led a nature hike.

Due to the remote location of the Anza Trail in the SDNM, most of the volunteers drove at least 2 hours. Their commitment and approximately 320 hours spent restoring the trail corridor and learning about the Anza Expedition is truly awesome! The diverse group of volunteers shared a great attitude and a desire to make a difference. Tania Ramirez came with seven other new members of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority. She captured the attitude of the group when she said, "We all enjoyed helping and being a part of restoring the Sonoran Desert National Monument. It's good to be around people that are passionate about something, in this case, the Anza Trail Restoration." For more information, visit [www.anzatrail.com](http://www.anzatrail.com)

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## ANZA TRAIL Volunteer Statistic

Our work for the Anza Trail cannot be accomplished without the fantastic help of volunteers; individuals, groups, organizations, youth, college students, and many more. My personal goal and passion is to increase the number of volunteers and hours for the Anza Trail. There are many ways YOU can help: write articles for our Noticias newsletter, inventory & certify trail segments, educate the public about the Anza Trail at outreach events in your community, build/restore trail. The possibilities are endless. If you are involved with any aspect of or telling the Anza Trail story, please contact me at



[marcy\\_salunga@nps.gov](mailto:marcy_salunga@nps.gov) or 510-817-1323 so I can sign you up as a National Park Service, Anza Trail volunteer. It is essential to track volunteer hours. I submit the official volunteer report every October.

The more volunteers and hours we can show, the more funding we receive to keep the Volunteer Program running smoothly along the trail's 1,200 mile stretch! Much thanks to everyone who reported their volunteer hours for last year!

**Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona-**  
60 volunteers with 8,270 hours

**Amigos de Anza Drill Team-**  
49 volunteers with 956 hours

**Living History Reenactors-**  
8 volunteers with 734 hours

**Other groups/individuals-**  
76 volunteers with 5,156 hours



# ANUNCIOS

## April

17 **John Muir Birthday-Earth Day: Martinez, CA**  
10:00-4:00 PM  
Join the National Park Service staff at John Muir National Historic Site to celebrate the environment at John Muir's home! Over 50 exhibitors, speakers, music, and much more. Free event. For more information, visit [www.johnmuirassociation.org](http://www.johnmuirassociation.org)  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

23-25 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: San Juan Bautista, CA**

For more information, visit [www.loscalifornianos.net](http://www.loscalifornianos.net)

## May

1 **Rob Hill Campground Opening: Presidio San Francisco, CA**  
10:00-2:00 PM  
For more information, visit [www.anzatrail.com](http://www.anzatrail.com) (NPS Anza Trail staff present)

1 **26th California Indian Market & Peace Pow Wow, Celebrating Cinco de Mayo & World Cultures: San Juan Bautista, CA**  
10:00-7:00 PM  
*San Juan Bautista, The Alameda - Third Street*  
Native American artists, dancers, drummers and singers from North and South America and multi-cultural vendors.  
For more information, call Laynee Reyna at (831) 623-4771 or visit [www.peacevision.net](http://www.peacevision.net)

8 **National Train Day: Union Station Los Angeles, CA**  
11:00-4:00 PM  
Hunting Hollow at Henry Coe State Park staging area  
More information available on page 2 under "National Train Day" of this newsletter.  
Free event. For more information, visit [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com)  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

22 **Special Access Hike: Santa Clara County, CA**  
10:00-12:00 PM  
Join Open Space Authority and learn about "Wendall Dexter" on a 1 1/2 mile round trip walk to the Coyote Creek camp site of Col. Juan Bautista de Anza's Bay area expedition. Limited to 30 people.  
For more information and reservations, visit [www.openspaceauthority.org](http://www.openspaceauthority.org)  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

## June

19-20 **Early Days at Mission San Juan Bautista: San Juan Bautista, CA**  
10:00-4:00 PM  
Step back in time and meet people of Early California! See craft and cooking demonstrations, ride in horse drawn wagons, and much more.  
Adults \$3, for more information, call 831-623-4881 (NPS Anza Trail staff present)

25-27 **Pasados del Presidio: San Francisco, CA**  
Friday 25th, 12:00-3:00 PM: Kids activities and games about Early Spanish California  
Friday 25 & 26th, 7:00-9:00 PM: Celebrate the songs and dances of Early California with the renowned Coro Hispano de San Francisco. Guest artists will include the Mexican dance ensemble Los Lupenos de San Jose.  
For more information, visit [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov) (NPS Anza Trail staff present)

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## View from the Anza Trail



**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, September 25, 2010. Join us at John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez, California for the grand opening of the FIRST full scale Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Exhibit. We will unveil the permanent exhibit located at the Martinez Adobe on the grounds of John Muir National Historic Site. We will have a ceremonial ribbon cutting, activities for children, and live music. Please come for a morning of history, great entertainment and all around fun!