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Dates:	1990 - 2013
Creator:	Robert C. Pavlik
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Abstract:	Records related to the Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee and the California Condor project. Includes correspondence of committee members Robert Pavlik and Bob Binnewies. Also includes clippings related to the San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival, poets, and local historians.
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Historical Note:

Robert C. Pavlik was an Environmental Planner with the California Department of Transportation. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he was raised in the San Fernando Valley, and grew up hiking and traveling in remote places throughout California. In 1979 he graduated from California State University, Northridge with a degree in Liberal Studies and Anthropology. He holds a teaching credential from San Francisco State University and an M.A. in Public Historical Studies at University of California, Santa Barbara.

He has worked as a State Park Ranger at Big Sur, an Environmental Education Instructor at Yosemite National Park, and as an historian for the National Park Service in Yosemite. He worked for over six years as State Historian at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument. Robert has published in magazines, journals, and newspapers, including California History, The Californians, Yosemite, The Public Historian, Material Culture, California History Action, Washington Free Press, and Oral History Review. His poetry has appeared in the San Luis Obispo Tribune, Perspectives, Hopedance, Washington Free Press, and the Web site, "Poets Against the War." In 2012 he received the Governor's Historic Preservation Award, a statewide award for excellence in historic preservation.

Nominated members of the Carrizo Plains National Monument Advisory Committee were appointed by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne in 2006. The role of the committee was to advise the Secretary and the Bureau of Land Management on resource management issues at the monument. Robert C. Pavlik was appointed to a three-year term on the volunteer committee in 2006. His appointment was supported by local rancher Neil Havlik, retired Yosemite National Park Superintendent Bob Binnewies, and Heritage Shared, Inc. a nonprofit organization located in San Luis Obispo.

The Carrizo Plain National Monument (CPNM) is located approximately 70 miles southeast of San Luis Obispo, where San Luis Obispo county and Kern county meet. The plain is traversed by the San Andreas Fault along the foothills of the Temblor Range and includes prominent natural features including Soda Lake, Painted Rock, San Andreas Fault, and grasslands. In 1988, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the Nature Conservancy partnered to purchase 82,000-acres of Carrizo Plain land in a joint effort to protect the California plain. In 1996, the Carrizo Plain Management Partners created a joint initiative called the Carrizo Plain Natural Area (CPNA) Plan.

Carrizo Plain is located within the ethnographic territory of the Chumash people. Painted Rock and other cultural sites attest to the presence of indigenous people from approximately 11,000 BCE to the present. The Salinian from the north and the Yokuts from eastern inland areas are also thought to have visited and traded in the area. Evidence of Spanish expeditions date to the late 1600s, European expeditions in the late 1700s, and settlement rancher homesteads beginning in the mid-19th century with the establishment of land grants, mining prospects, and railroad construction.

Historically the plain has been referred to as Carrisa Plains by ranchers and settlers. Early Spanish explorers originally referred to the area as Llano Estero (Salt Marsh Plain) or *carrizo* for a wild reed-grass which may have grown near the plain at the time. The name was Anglicized and pluralized over time via



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written and verbal transmission, gradually becoming colloquially known as Carrisa Plains. In 2001 the plain was recognized as a national preserve and designated the Carrizo Plain National Monument.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains records related to Robert Pavlik's role and activities on the Carrizo Plains National Monument Advisory Committee. Records include correspondence between Robert Pavlik and Bob Binnewies; minutes, agendas, and materials of the Advisory Committee meetings; newspaper clippings related to the CPMN events, projects, staff, and volunteers; and agency reports related to conservation, environmental impacts, land management, and proposed oil drilling; and clippings and correspondence related to the career of Marlene Braun (1958 – 2005), former Carrizo Plain Monument Manager.

The collection also includes newspaper clippings, brochures, and correspondence related to the San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival with which he was involved, as well as correspondence with Loren Nicholson of the La Cuesta Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. And, includes records related to local historian Wilfred Lyons (1912 – 2009) of Cambria, who sent annual holiday greetings to his friends and colleagues. The holiday cards consisted of an historical photo and a brief historical narrative.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in two series. Series I contains records related to the Carrizo Plains National Monument Advisory Committee. Series II contains records related to the San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival and Pavlik's correspondence with local historians.

Original organization has been preserved where possible. Materials may have been reorganized or rehoused for preservation and access purposes.

Related Collections:

MS0041 Painted Rock Pictograph Collection
MS0045 Wreden Ranch Records Collection
MS0060 Brumley-Noyes Radio Script
MS0182 Van Matre Personal Narrative of Life on the Carrizo Plain
MS0185 Carrizo Plains Oral History Collection



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