

CARPD Legislative Report

The Legislature's month-long Summer Recess will end on August 4th when legislators return to Sacramento to complete this year's session, scheduled to adjourn on August 31st. The final 4 weeks will produce the usual hectic pace and the ever-popular last minute surprises.

Senate Bill 443 Successfully Amended

Senate Bill 443 introduced by Senator Walters last year and proposing numerous amendments, and for recreation and park districts, burdensome and costly unnecessary regulation relating to the operation of organized camps.

Supported by a host of independent organized camp entities, Senate Bill 443 would have limited the number of overnight camp stays, plus subjected recreation and park districts and cities/counties to regulations and oversight by a number of state and local agencies, plus a number of other provisions not relevant to recreation and park special districts, cities and counties.

CARPD work closely with CPRS in working through amendments that exempt local agencies, including recreation and park districts, from the provisions of Senate Bill 443. The bill is pending before the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be heard in early August. We will continue to monitor to ensure our exemption remains in the bill.

Pre-2004 Mandate Reimbursement Payments

In early July, the Department of Finance instructed the State Controller to commence the pre-2004 state mandated local programs reimbursement payments to local agencies. The first installment of the \$900 million of pre-2004 mandate claims will be \$100 million, \$ 2 million of which will be allocated to special districts that filed pre-2004 mandate claims. The remaining post-2004 mandate claims will be paid over the next few years.

Proposed Redevelopment Initiative Fails to Qualify

The sponsors of the Jobs and Education Development Initiative Act have fallen far short of qualifying their initiative for the November 2016 statewide ballot. You may recall that the Legislative Analyst's Office opined that should the initiative become law, the state and local governments would realize reduced revenues, over time, to several billion dollars each year, but growing in the out-years.

For now, this is very good news....