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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is looking great in the Eureka state. Except for the fires, we are enjoying another year of unequalled outdoor events and activities. CARPD held our first meeting in July. We reviewed the attendee comments for the May 2017 Conference in Santa Cruz. Member agencies provided positive and rewarding marks, all A's, for the venue and programs. Again, many thanks to all that made this conference another success. .

BILLS-BILLS-BILLS seems like every time we turn around there is a Bill of some kind being presented or kicked around in Sacramento these days. It's already a fiasco having so many bills and so little time to evaluate a bill, maybe the system needs an overall from a common sense prospective. Oh, but that idea got lost long ago, and besides with the modern era of electronics and data saturation, who wants to wait for the variables and alternatives when we have a bill, next bill please. We have only to look at the Bill situation in regards to parks (AB18 and SB5) this last year to know there must be something wrong with the State Legislature, why not have one bill that provides for the entire State. So here is another BILL.

AB907, Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement. This bill will establish an advisory group, non-paid, under the

Governor's office of Business and Development to offer "advice, expertise, support and service" to the office. Sounds good, has anyone contacted your District, GM, or local elected folks? Hopefully, CARPD and our member agencies will eventually be invited to participate in this group, and yet another victory for common sense.

Two highlighted statements of the bill are; compared to Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and Utah California LAGS behind in per capita spending basis in consumer spending on outdoor recreation, and second, "Californians who live in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas of the state have limited access to structured outdoor recreation pursuits and fewer opportunities to interact with nature, leading to alarming rates of obesity and diabetes." Who wrote this and what source was referenced? Are we now making statistics fit the bill, common what? Hey, let's get a group together and give advice on enhancement????

Enjoy the great resources and activities all year at the Special California Recreation and Park Districts and as we all know "Parks Make Life Better"



President, Michael Limbaugh



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On July 20, 2017, the California Legislature adjourned to enjoy their annual Summer Recess. It is hoped that they will return fresh when they reconvene on August 21, 2017, for the month-long sprint to the end of the Session.



Prior to adjourning, the Legislature passed a significant package of bills pertaining to climate change and the process for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. AB 398 (E. Garcia) would extend the state Cap-and-Trade Program to 2030 to provide a cost-effective path toward achieving the state's climate change goals, while attempting to mitigate potential consumer cost increases related to higher prices for fuel, energy, and consumer goods. AB 617 (C. Garcia) would develop programs to reduce community-level health impacts of criteria pollutants and toxic air

contaminant emissions from large stationary sources. And ACA 1 (Mayes) would submit to the voters in 2024 the ability to require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote for spending under the Cap-and-Trade Program. In a rare circumstance, Governor Brown testified in support of the package before the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. The Governor is expected to proudly sign the measures he negotiated when they arrive on his desk.

A new initiative measure has been unveiled in the effort to place a park and natural resources bond on the 2018 Ballot. An initiative has been submitted entitled, "The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Natural Resources Protection and Park Improvement Act of 2018." The initiative has been submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of Title and Summary. Once this process is completed, the initiative will be eligible for signature gathering to qualify it for the November 6, 2018, Election.

The initiative would allocate the bond proceeds as follows:

\$3.49B for safe drinking water and water quality projects.

\$2.21B for projects to improve climate resilience of natural systems.

\$1.8B for state and local park improvements.

The initiative would allocate \$400M for local park rehabilitation, creation and improvement grants on a per capita basis. As currently drafted, AB 18 (E. Garcia) includes a per capita allocation of \$425M and in SB 5 (De León) the per capita allocation is \$200M.

The two bills have not had any Committee action in several months. AB 18 was recently double-referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water and the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance. SB 5 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife, a committee chaired by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, author of AB 18. Negotiations between the two authors are expected to heat up this Summer before the bills are set for hearing in August.



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CARPD CONFERENCE DATE SURVEY



CARPD is always trying to improve and provide the best services possible to our members. CARPD is researching various options regarding dates to host the conference. Although our conference attendance continues to slowly increase, we are finding that a number of individuals have had conflicts with our May conference with graduation and District budgets which have prevented them from attending. Many of you will be receiving an email to participate in a survey from CARPD through Survey Monkey to assist us in determining if there is a better time of year to host the CARPD Conference. When you receive the survey, please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey below and return it to CARPD as soon as possible. We thank you for assistance in this matter.

Here are some of the pictures from our 2017 CARPD Spring Conference. It was a fun and educational conference. We look forward to seeing all of you at the next CARPD Conference. Thank you!



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NEW LAW FOR EMPLOYEE ORIENTATIONS

On June 27, 2017, Governor Brown signed AB 119 into law, which requires certain public employers to allow union representation access to employees during new employee orientation. The law applies to public agencies including cities, counties, special districts, public schools (K-12), community colleges, school districts and a number of other public entities.

The public employer **MUST** give the union no less than 10 days notice in advance of the orientation but also establishes an exception for urgent hiring need.

The law also requires public employers to provide the union with the name, job title, department, work location, work, home, and personal cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses on file with the employer, and home address of newly hired employees within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire. It also requires public employers to provide the union with this information for all employees in the bargaining unit at least every 120 days, except as specified by mutual agreement.

The law grants the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) jurisdiction over a violation of these provisions.