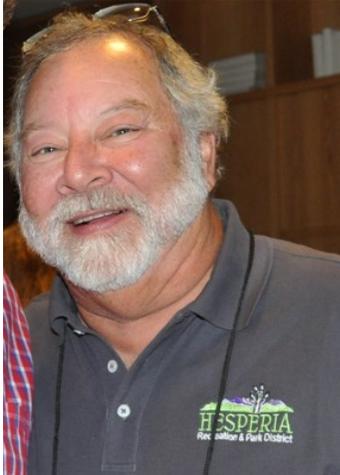


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, it looks like this year for CARPD and our Member Districts is going to be another interesting year. The May 2017 Conference in Santa Cruz was well attended with 25 Districts represented. For those who attended the conference, we were treated to some of the best Spring weather Santa Cruz has to offer. Thanks again to all the wonderful and generous Sponsors for making this year's Conference possible. The presentations and sessions provided attendees' with a wide variety of information and relevant topics pertinent to Member Districts. CARPD staff is also to be commended for making the 2017 Conference a success—Pat, Rick, Bebe, and Carlee thanks. If you haven't done so already please complete and return the **Conference Survey** via **Survey Monkey**. The survey includes attendee review questions and locations and times for the 2018 CARPD Spring Conference.

The drought is over! Are you kidding me! The struggle for keeping Special Districts, providing continued high levels of service, and maintaining funding sources for the Recreation and Park Districts in California in never over. We have been told that the so called 'park bills' currently being considered by the State Legislature will not significantly

provide per capita sharing statewide. However, there may be some funding for Special Districts through earmarking or competitive grant sections of the proposed bills. For now, we are in the wait and see mode. We are sitting on the outside looking in, very doubtful we will see the same type of funding as we did with Prop 12 in 2000.

Welcome to the new CARPD Board of Directors—Rudy Gutierrez with Desert Recreation District and Lindsay Woods with Hesperia Recreation and Park District. The new Board Members were selected from a host of candidates in Santa Cruz.

Congratulations to the 2017 Awards of Distinction and Safety Award winning recipients. Again, we were shown how awesome and dedicated our members are in their everyday service to their communities. In particular, a big thanks to Mike Trinca, District Manager with Paradise Recreation and Park District, Mike is retiring this year after 40+ years with the District. CARPD's Jim Meredith Award recipient went to Jim Friedl, General Manager with Conejo Recreation and Park District. CARPD is so blessed to have leaders and innovators throughout the member districts that bring out the very best in every way.

In the coming year, CARPD will continue to support our member districts with support and informative services. We are looking to establish a Board Member communication network. This will make it easier for Board members to reach out to fellow Board members. CARPD will remain hopeful and vigilant with regards to activities in Sacramento.

Have a great Summer, stay involved, and as we all know "Parks Make Life Better!"

President, Michael Limbaugh



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On June 15th, the California Legislature passed the 2017-18 State Budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st. The Budget includes a \$183.2 billion package and was passed on time this year.

Prior to the action on the State Budget, the only major legislative achievement occurred in April with the passage of [Senate Bill 1](#) [*Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017*], by Senator Jim Beall, a Democrat from San Jose. SB 1 is the "Fix Our Roads" infrastructure tax measure that includes an increase in the gas tax to generate \$52.4 Billion over the next decade to repair the State's roads, freeways and bridges. The long-sought transportation funding bill was achieved with 2/3 votes of both Houses of the Legislature, and with all but one vote coming from Democratic legislators. Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres) was the only Republican to vote for SB 1.

SB 1 does contain some park-related provisions, including funding for promoting people to visit parks, funding to refurbish state park restroom facilities, and funding for construction of animal corridors under or around roadways.

Immediately following the vote on SB 1, Orange County sources began the process of securing signatures to recall Senator Josh Newman, a recently elected Democratic member who voted for the bill. This recall action precipitated passage of [SB 96](#) (Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review) on June 15th, which is designed to stretch out the timeline for qualifying a recall measure. If signed, the bill would retroactively provide that the recall vote would be consolidated with the June 5, 2018, primary vote instead of a stand-alone election later this year. The consolidation is seen to favor a higher Democratic turnout to thwart the recall process.

A distressing part of the negotiations in the Legislature to obtain sufficient

votes to pass SB 1 was the agreement to also pass [Senate Bill 496](#) [*Chapter 8, Statutes of 2017*]. SB 496 is authored by Senator Anthony Cannella, the only Republican to vote for SB 1 and his vote was crucial in getting SB 1 out of the Senate. SB 496 restricts the use of indemnity agreements in contracts utilized by public agencies covering design professionals. Despite a large coalition of groups opposed to this bill, including CARPD, SB 496 passed both Houses of the Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Brown.

[AB 18](#), the Assembly Park Bond bill authored by Eduardo Garcia, a Democrat from Coachella, passed the Assembly on a vote of 54-to-19. The measure would place a proposition on the 2018 ballot to authorize the issuance of \$3.1 Billion in bonds. As earlier reported, before passing the Assembly, \$100 Million was added to the bill to improve existing or build new accommodations on coastal public lands owned or operated by non-profit organizations, including regional and local parks. AB 18 is now in the Senate Committee on Rules awaiting assignment to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

The Senate Park Bond bill, [SB 5](#) by Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León, a Democrat from Los Angeles, would authorize the issuance of \$3.5 Billion in bonds, including \$1.25 Billion for water quality and dam repairs, passed the Senate last week by a vote of 31-to-9 and has been sent to the Assembly for consideration. SB 5 was amended to add \$40 million to the per capita category taking it up to \$200 million.

Other legislation of interest to recreation and park districts include:

[Assembly Bill 735](#) (Maienschein) would require swimming pools that are required to provide lifeguards and that charge a fee must provide an au-

tomated external defibrillator during pool operations. This bill has passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health for consideration.

[Assembly Bill 898](#) (Frazier) an extremely controversial district bill designed to shift certain property tax revenues from the East Bay Regional Park District to the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District. This measure was pulled from the calendar of the Assembly Committee on Local Government and has been made a two-year bill, meaning it will not be taken up again this year.

[Assembly Bill 907](#) (E. Garcia) would establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to promote active, healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of life for California Citizens. This bill was held on the Suspense File of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

[Assembly Bill 1358](#) (Cooley) has been amended to make September 9, California Admission Day, a day that would allow the public free admission to all State Parks. This bill passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water for consideration.

[Assembly Bill 1483](#) (Daly) would appropriate \$50 Million from the General Fund to the Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account within the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide grants for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities to cities and counties. This measure was held on the Suspense File in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

**By: Russell W. Noack and
Ralph A. Heim**

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Hesperia Recreation and Park District: www.hespericaparks.com

Outstanding Innovative Program
Durham Recreation and Park District: Swim Clinics for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder



Outstanding Community Organization
Paradise Recreation and Park District: Performing Arts Center

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Fulton El-Camino Recreation and Park District: Stingray and Synchronized Swim Booster Club



Outstanding Environmental Program
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District: Alamos Canyon

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El-Camino Recreation and Park District: Richard Friel



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President's Award
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Signed by Governor Jerry Brown on September 29, 2016, a number of public entities are NOT aware that California Assembly Bill 1661 **requires** public agencies to provide sexual harassment prevention training to all local agency officials. Local agency officials are defined in the bill as, *“any member of a local agency legislative body and any elected local agency official.”* We are aware of the requirement that these same officials receive Ethics training but now AB1661 adds sexual harassment training also.

AB1661 requires local agency officials and employees who are expected to complete this training to receive at least two hours of sexual harassment prevention training and education within the first six months of taking office or commencing employment, and every two years thereafter. The training must include: information and practical guidance regarding the federal and state statutory provisions concerning the prohibition against, and the prevention and correction of, sexual harassment and the remedies available to the victims of such harassment in the employment context; and practical examples aimed at instructing the official or employees in the prevention of sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation. Records **MUST** be maintained for a minimum of five years following completion of the training. These records are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

CAPRI offers online courses through **TargetSolutions** to meet both the local agency Ethics and Sexual Harassment prevention training. Please take the opportunity to get your employees trained and to make sure your District meets the requirements of the law.

By Pat Cabulagan