



# COMMUNICATOR

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm honored once again to have the privilege to serve as the President of the CARPD organization. I've used the term "Family" before and will always consider each one of our members as such. This organization is so important to our industry as it brings the "Communication Factor" to the entire State of California, from the smallest District in the North to the largest District in the South. Our issues are the same no matter of size.

It's been several weeks since the annual conference in South Lake Tahoe and what a great conference it was. Kudos goes out to our new Executive Director Matthew Duarte, Carlee Weston, Bebe Pearson, and Kirk Andre for a job well done. This year featured some new elements to the conference in the form of signage and a new program listing all award winners. Matt and his team were responsible for raising more funds this year than any other years prior. A monumental thank you to all the Sponsors for their generous contributions' that enable us to provide both an educational and enjoyable experience. Conference attendance has also increased, representatives from 37 Districts were able to be present!

This conference will be remembered as the one that tugged on everyone's heart strings with the emotional guest panel presentation, "Leadership Lessons After Disaster." Another round of applause goes out to Jim Friedl, General Manager Conejo Recreation, Dan Efseaff, General Manager Paradise Recreation and Al McGreehan, Board Member Paradise Recreation. Their accounts of the disasters they faced in their Districts will truly impact the State of California for years. I look forward to a conference in the future that reunites the panel once again with their presentation titled, "How We Recovered and Rebuilt after Disaster."

I hope you all enjoyed the breakout sessions and other guest speakers along with the wonderful sponsors reception held at Riva Grill. Another thumbs up for our ever-popular round table discussions that featured our industry's leaders sharing concerns throughout the State. Congratulations to all the Districts and individuals that took home "Awards of Distinction" presented at the awards dinner on Friday night.

This year we had three new District attendees thanks to our "Scholarship Program" that feeds off the ever-popular sale of raffle prize tickets. My hat goes off to all that participated either by buying tickets or donating prizes. This quote from first time scholarship attendee, Kelli Sebastian, General Manager La Selva Beach Recreation District really sums it up. "There's nothing to ignite passion for one's position like lively discussions around the dinner table and the General Manager circle. Your conference has given me renewed enthusiasm and a plethora of resources to improve the work that my Board of Directors and I do to serve our community".

As you know there were some changes to our Board with the election of three new Board Members: Brian Danzl from Cordova and Michael Seaman from Fulton El Camino along with a new Secretary, Michelle Lacy from Pleasant Hill. Congratulations to all three. Michelle replaced our long time Board Member (20+ years) and Past President Maryalice Faltings from Livermore. Maryalice's knowledge and extreme professionalism will be missed and has raised the bar high for Ms. Lacy.

As you shift your focus toward the Summer, the busiest of all seasons for Recreation and Park activities, I hope you can please find some time to fill out our conference survey if you haven't already. Your thoughts and comments are important to us as we start the process of designing next years' conference.

Enjoy your Summer!



Rick Sloan,  
CARPD President

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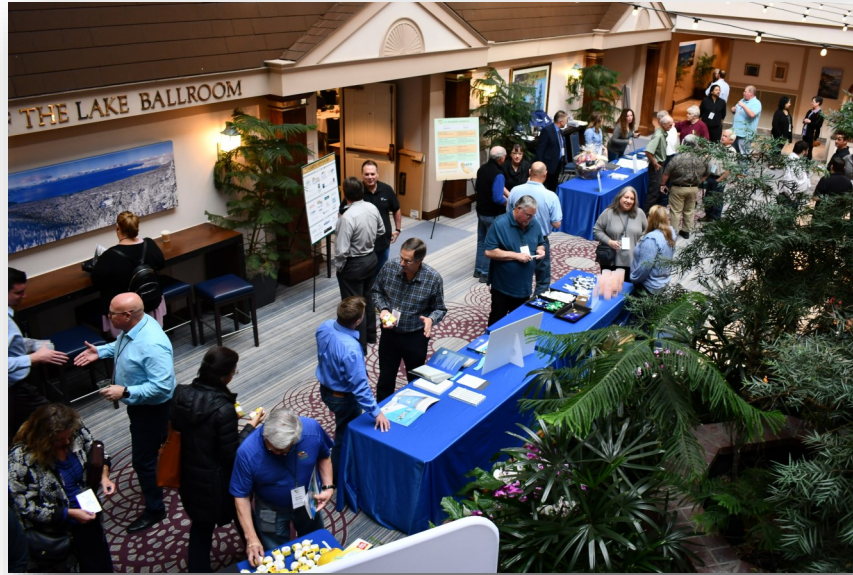
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# 2019 Conference Highlights

Registration & Vendor Area

Thank you Sponsors & Speakers!



- ⇒ 70+ Attendees
- ⇒ 35+ Districts
- ⇒ 25+ Sponsors

## Sponsor's Reception

## Scholarship Recipients



Kelli Sebastian, La Selva Beach | Susan Espana, Almanor | Alex Lopez, North County

# Thank You

Keynote Panel !  
"Leadership Lessons after Disaster."



Jim Friedl, Conejo | Al McGreehan, Paradise | Dan Efseaff, Paradise

## CAPRI Update

July is here! As we look forward to the 2019-2020 fiscal year, I wanted to take a moment to remind you about some of the new offerings from CAPRI. We look forward to continuing to expand upon and improve our service so you can focus in on what you do best: serving your communities! Wishing you all a great summer.

### NEW FROM CAPRI

**Matthew Duarte,  
Executive Director**



#### Medical Provider Network (MPN)

Pilot Program for WC Program resulted in better care, improved efficiency, and significant cost savings. Program has been expanded to entire pool effective July 1, 2019.



#### CAPRI/GSRMA Employee Benefits Program

Partnership with Golden State Risk Management Association provided Districts with more options for employee benefits.



#### Dividends – Our Success is Your Success!

CAPRI Board authorized distribution of \$200,000 in dividends to GL/Property Program Participants. Thank you CAPRI members!



#### Nurse Triage

CAPRI Board recently authorized creation of Telephonic Triage Program for WC Program Participants. More info to come soon!

## CARPD Website

Check out the newly designed Website hosted by Streamline!

[Click here](#) for the 2019 Sponsors

[Click here](#) for Conference Resource's and Presentation's

[Click here](#) for the 19-20 CARPD Board Members

<https://caparkdistricts.org/>

Be on the look out for:

- Awards of Distinction Winners
- Additional Conference Photos
- Scholarship Recipient Testimonials
- And much more!



**STREAMLINE**

The Special District Website Engine

## Legislative Update

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The California Legislature has burst into hyper-active form since the last Newsletter. Various policy committees have begun the process of sorting the 100+ bills of interest to recreation and park districts. Additionally, the Budget Subcommittees have concluded their review of Governor Newsom's initial State Budget/May Revise and the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee is currently putting the final touches on it before taking it to vote next week.

The State Budget continues to reflect strong funding for parks and natural resources primarily owing to the successful passage of Proposition 68 in 2018. As outlined by Sedrick Mitchell, the Deputy Director of the Community Engagement Division for State Parks, many of the categories with funds available have application deadlines within the next 60 days.

Governor Newsom has established wildfire preparedness and disaster relief to be a top priority of his new Administration. The Governor tasked the Legislature with coming up with recommendations during the first half of the year and the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery, established by passage of [SB 901 \(Dodd\)](#) [Chapter 626, Statutes of 2018] last Session, released its [findings](#) last week. The Commission has made strong recommendations to modify liability for utilities, promote vegetation management, defensible space and hardening for homeowners and providing for a disaster fund to be funded, at least in part, by the utilities. We shall see how the Legislature responds to these ideas over the next several weeks.

Housing affordability and corresponding infrastructure improvements remains a major focus of the Legislature in 2019. Bills have been pushed to streamline the permit process for in-fill housing development and to limit developer fees on these projects as well as on accessory dwelling unit expansion. Moreover, various measures have been passed to re-establish Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs) to promote funding for affordable housing. To date, none of the 20 RDA bills appear to have sufficient support to send to the Governor's desk, although a very recent Budget Trailer Bill has been introduced to redirect existing post-2010 RDA funds to housing instead of to pay down debt. The Trailer Bill, which has still not been released, is supported by the League of California Cities and strenuously opposed by the California Special Districts Association and the County Supervisors Association of California.

There are a host legislative bills moving this Session that potentially would provide funding opportunities for recreation and park districts. These include:

[Assembly Bill 209](#) by Monique Limón and [Assembly Bill 556](#) by Wendy Carrillo are both designed to provide grant opportunities to fund outdoor educational activities for disadvantaged youths and students and both have passed the Assembly and will be heard soon in the Senate.

[Assembly Bill 1111](#) by Laura Friedman would create an Office of Sustainable Recreation within the Natural Resources Agency to provide an enhanced focus on the importance of outdoor recreation and parks, highlighting the contribution to personal health and the State's economic wellbeing. The Office will encourage the financial assistance of various private industries that have a large stake in promoting outdoor activity in California.

[Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1](#) by Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is a high priority measure that would place on the ballot in 2020 a measure to reduce the vote threshold on local government General Obligation Bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements from a 2/3rds requirement to a 55% vote. ACA 1 has moved on to the Assembly Floor and may be taken up at any time.

Finally, [Senate Bill 45](#) by Ben Allen is this year's version of seeking to place a bond measure on the ballot. SB 45 is not a traditional park bond but rather is designed to allocate funds for wildfire, drought and flood protection. The bill has been held up for now to allow negotiations to take place about fleshing out the provisions of the bill. We will stay close to these discussions to look for an opportunity to expand the bond act to provide for per capita funding for recreation and park districts.

## Beat the Heat - A Heat Related Illness Reminder

Summer is here! With temps on the rise, now is the time to remind your employees about the importance of following your District's heat illness prevention policy. While heat exhaustion is very dangerous, it is also preventable. Here are some tips to beat the heat!

**Preventing Heat Related Illnesses:**

- Drink water often, even if you aren't thirsty
- Rest in the shade to cool down
- Report heat symptoms early
- Know what to do in an emergency

**Signs of Heat Related Illness:**

- Headache, dizziness, or fainting
- Weakness and wet skin
- Irritability or confusion
- Thirst, nausea, or vomiting

**Responding to Symptoms of Heat Related Illness:**

- Notify a supervisor
- Move to a cooler place to rest
- Drink water
- If necessary, seek medical aid



Checklist		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water	Is there plenty of fresh, cool drinking water located as close as possible to the workers?	
	Are water coolers refilled throughout the day?	
Shade	Is there shade available for breaks and if workers need to recover?	
Training	Do workers know the:	
	Common signs and symptoms of heat illness?	
	Proper precautions to prevent heat illness?	
	Importance of acclimatization?	
	Importance of drinking water frequently (even when they are not thirsty)?	
	Steps to take if someone is having symptoms?	
Emergencies	Does everyone know who to notify if there is an emergency?	
	Can workers explain their location if they need to call an ambulance?	
	Does everyone know who will provide first aid?	
Worker Reminders	Drink water often	
	Rest in the shade	
	Report heat symptoms early	
	Know what to do in an emergency	