



April COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dearest colleagues and CARPD family members, we are facing unprecedented safety precautions due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Park Districts across the state are shutting down all facilities, programs are being cancelled, events postponed or cancelled and District employees have starting working from the safety of their homes. The CARPD Board of Directors held their quarterly Board Meeting via teleconferencing and my District, Cordova Recreation and Park District, also held its monthly Board Meeting in the same way.

We are being challenged daily to make the best of this unfortunate situation. The important thing is to stay healthy and strong. Our parks will play a very important role in helping our community members through this by offering a place to get exercise, fresh air and a little bit of normality. The important thing is that we work together and keep our statewide communication going. My hopes and prayers are with all of you until this is behind us.

As of writing this article, the CARPD Conference is still scheduled to proceed as planned. This year's conference will be my 11th consecutive year in attendance. As a board member, I've had the opportunity to help spread our mission, increase our membership and create life long friendships. The knowledge obtained has helped me be a better leader and representative not only for the park district I serve on, but also for my entire community.

For the first time, our conference has a theme; "VISION FOR SUCCESS". There will also be a new format for our conference events this year. Our 2020 CARPD Sponsor's Reception and Awards of Distinction Banquet will take place on Thursday night offsite at the beautiful Lake Tahoe Golf Course. We hope to see you each of you there!

Also, I'm honored to announce that three new member districts have joined our "family". They are Cazadero Community Services District located in Cazadero, California, Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District located in Cupertino, California, and Cosumnes Community Services District in Elk Grove. This would bring our member district membership to 68. That's awesome!

Finally, I'd like to take this time to inform you all that our long time CAPRI/CARPD employee, Carlee Weston, has taken on a new job opportunity. We all wish Carlee much success in her new venture.

God bless you all and thank you for your passion to make this world a better place.

Hopefully, I see you all in beautiful South Lake Tahoe on May 27th!

Sincerely,
Rick Sloan
President,
CARPD



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CAPRI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dean Wetter

Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District

Never has the need and essentiality of Recreation and Parks been more evident than today and everything about social distancing goes against what we as Park people believe, so let's change the conversation. Let's continue to inspire a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to follow the guidelines of social distancing; this is what a responsible Recreation and Park District should always do for the benefit of our communities.

The past few weeks have seen our country forced to confront an unprecedented challenge in the COVID-19 virus. My heart goes out to each and every one of you that has been impacted by illness, job loss, or the other terrible consequences of this public health crisis.

Districts throughout the State have seen a huge increase in the use of their parks and open spaces because of the quarantine and this has created its own unique set of challenges for our profession. I want to commend each and every one of my colleagues in the industry for rising up and finding a way to best serve the needs and protect the health of your respective communities.

As you know, we remain in the midst of a shelter-in-place mandate as ordered by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 19, 2020. I am extremely grateful that for the past several weeks, CAPRI has been monitoring guidance from public health officials at the federal, state, and local levels in order to stay abreast of all developments impacting our membership. CAPRI has endeavored to keep districts apprised of relevant updates through emails from Executive Director Matthew Duarte, and regular updates posted on the CAPRI website at capri-jpa.org (Thank you Matt for all the work you are doing on this, it truly is invaluable). We urge you stay informed, utilize all information resources, and stay current as this continues to be a fluid situation.

I know that as "parks people" our instinct has always been to help connect others and, as such, the concept of social distancing goes against everything we know. However, difficult times like these present opportunities for us to learn and grow as people and as an industry. I have been so inspired to see the creative ways many Districts have found to continue to provide recreation opportunities for its constituents and I hope we can continue to find ways to serve. Let's continue to work with each other and reach out to all your fellow Districts for help in finding creative solutions. We likely have more difficult days head, but I am optimistic that together we will get through this and soon we will all be able to once again provide Recreation to its fullest.

Let's stay positive, and in the words of Mark Twain, "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try and cheer somebody else up"

Best,

Dean Wetter

CAPRI Board President



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Russ Noack
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In dramatic fashion, on March 16, 2020, the California State Legislature passed a \$1 Billion care package pertaining to COVID-19 (([Senate Bill 89](#), [Senate Bill 117](#)), and then recessed the Session ([Assembly Concurrent Resolution 189](#)) and returned to their district homes. Legislators, staff and committee consultants remain available for phone calls, but the Capitol was officially closed earlier this week. Additionally, Governor Newsom issued [Executive Order N-29-20](#), which permits local and state governing bodies to waive the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act in order to allow meetings to be held via teleconferencing. The Order also sets out in some detail the public notice and accessibility requirements governing the procedure for such meetings.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Governor Newsom indicated that California will likely remain in shelter-in-place mode through the month of April. He cited public health experts who have predicted an 8- to 12-week time period. The Governor's remarks contrasted with those of President Trump, who predicted mid-April as the time for re-opening of public activities.

Since personal meetings are out of the question, legislative activities have shifted to discussions with members and committee staff over the phone. Bills are still being worked on, and the Senate continues to amend bills to prepare for the resumption of the Session. Legislative leaders are signaling to their members that bill packages will need to be reduced due to these exigent circumstances, but no final decisions have been made yet. The 2020-21 State Budget will undergo extensive revision due to the COVID-19 crisis, with the Rainy-Day fund being diminished and many new programs being limited or curtailed for the time being. Budget augmentations will be unlikely.

It remains to be seen whether the current crisis will impact the Governor's proposed \$4.75 Billion Climate Resilience Bond addressing wildfire, drought, flood protection, extreme heat, sea level rise and community resilience. Further, the fate of the two legislative-led bond measures [SB 45 \(Allen\)](#) and [AB 3256 \(E. Garcia\)](#) will be tied to the Governor's proposal and the COVID-19 encumbered fiscal impact, which will be finalized in the May Revise of the 2020-21 Budget.

Since legislative committee activities have been suspended, all measures of interest to the CARPD are temporarily on hold. However, legislation to reduce the impact of [AB 5 \(L. Gonzalez; Chapter 296, Statutes of 2019\)](#) – the recent presumptive employee law – remains in place to be heard later in the year. The same procedure applies to the package of bills directed at promoting affordable housing production, including imposing restrictions on Impact and Quimby fees. Additionally, the package to provide extensive resources to counteract homelessness remains in place but may well be subject to reduction due to the economic consequences of COVID-19.

Finally, the CARPD Legislative Committee recently had a very productive meeting (conference call) and recommended support for bills to improve grant opportunities for recreation and park districts, [AB 2270 \(Daly\)](#), and for access to securitized limited obligation notes, [AB 2107 \(Rodriguez\)](#). These bills, along with all other active bills being monitored by the Committee, will undergo increased scrutiny by legislative leaders as they establish priorities for processing bills under the streamlined legislative session.



NEW MEMBER UPDATE / NEW GM INTRO

Welcome!

NEW MEMBER INTRO

The Cosumnes CSD serves an estimated 190,680 south Sacramento County residents in a 157-square mile area. It's award-winning parks and recreation services – including the operation of more than 90 parks – operate exclusively within the Elk Grove community. Fire protection and emergency medical services are provided for the cities of Elk Grove and Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County. There are three departments within Cosumnes CSD, Administrative Services Department, Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.



NEW MEMBER INTRO

Rancho Rinconada is a public facility equipped with a pool, playground, barbecue area, and indoor hall. We are located near the corner of Bollinger and Lawrence Expressway in Cupertino. The 25 yard pool is heated, equipped with a handicap lift, and has a depth of 2 and a half feet to 9 and a half feet. The barbecue area and indoor hall are available to rent for parties, birthdays, weddings, or other events. We are now a certified green business by the Santa Clara County.



NEW MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR INTRO

Cazadero is a small town, located in Sonoma County's western redwood forest and about 13 road miles northwest of Guerneville and was the terminus of the North Pacific Coast Railroad. The rail connection to the town was abandoned in 1933 following 50 years of passenger and freight service to the community.

The Cazadero Community Services District was formed in 1963 with the responsibility for parks and recreation, fire protective services and street lighting within the boundaries of the district. Operations of the district is managed by a 5 member board of directors, and assisted by paid staff. The Board President in addition to chairing the meetings, signing legal documents is also vested with the responsibility of assigning annual ad hoc committees to explore and report out their assignments.



Currently the board president is Michael Nicholls, a former executive in the food industry, and currently active with the Sonoma County Economic Development Board and Sonoma Clean Power's Community Advisory. Mr. Nicholls helps directs park management for the Community Services District. A goal of the district in joining CAPRI and CARPD is to learn from others on how best to revitalize and modernize their park to achieve 21st century needs.

CARPD CONFERENCE DEADLINES EXTENDED

We know many of you are dealing with this unprecedented public health emergency, but many have asked for an update on the status of the Conference. Unless and until we are told otherwise, it is our intent to move forward with our annual meeting. We appreciate your patience and understanding and hope you will continue to support our event and our organization.

While our VISION for this year's Conference will change to fit our times, one thing will remain the same....and that it is the need to connect with our colleagues and those who share our passion for services and providing parks and recreation opportunities for our communities.

Registration remains open and the Early Bird Deadline has been extended to April 10th. In the event you need to cancel your registration, CARPD will refund your registration fee without penalty. Register today at caparkdistricts.org!

	<h1>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</h1>	
<p>MAY 27-30 VISION FOR SUCCESS 2020 </p>		<p>S. LAKE TAHOE</p>
<p>LEARN & CONNECT</p>	<p>LAKE TAHOE RESORT & HOTEL 4130 LAKE TAHOE BLVD. WELCOME RECEPTION 5:30PM MAY 27TH REGISTER ONLINE TODAY! CAPARKDISTRICTS.ORG</p>	

CSDA LEGISLATIVE DAYS ADVERTISEMENT

CARPD Partners on 2020 Special Districts Legislative Days!

CARPD is a proud Partner of the 2020 Special Districts Legislative Days, scheduled for May 19-20 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento.

Gain the edge on policy changes impacting your agency and exchange ideas with California's top decision-makers at Legislative Days, an interactive and informative two-day legislative conference in our State's Capitol.

ADVOCACY DAY: Tuesday, May 19 — 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Get updated on what's happening in the Capitol, then join special district leaders from throughout California to take action on the priority issues facing special districts.

- Hear directly from State leadership on hot topics affecting local services and infrastructure:
- Participate in pre-arranged meetings with State Legislators and staff in their Capitol offices, followed by a private reception.

Explore how decisions are really made in the Capitol and help shape their outcome.

POLICY DAY: Wednesday, May 20 – 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Gain insights from legal experts and CSDA lobbyists on the newest laws and legal challenges to come out of Sacramento.

- Connect the action in the Capitol with the implementation in your community.
- Find the answers to your tough questions from expert panels.
- Drill into hot topics through breakout sessions on key issues:
- What Could a \$4.75 Billion Statewide Climate Resilience Bond Mean for Your District?
- Prudently and Proactively Managing Your District's Pension Liabilities

Register at legislativedays.csda.net before April 20 for an Early Bird Discount!: