



# COMMUNICATOR

## 2019

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring To All,

There are less than two weeks until the Annual Conference, May 22-24. I hope to see you all there. As of this writing, we have 68 registrants, 8 more than last year (60). Sponsorship revenue is also up almost 40% this year. Many thanks to our Executive Director, Matt Duarte and Staff Member, Carlee Weston for their work on sponsorships.

We will be missing two long time members at this year's Conference. Director Mike Limbaugh from Hesperia Recreation served 19 years on the CARPD Board. Mike was President, Director-At-Large and always up for a good time. Thank you, Mike, for everything you have done for CARPD and enjoy your retirement.

Additionally, Tarry Smith, District Administrator at Carmichael Recreation, served 7 years as a CARPD and CAPRI representative and has also moved on to retirement. We wish Tarry the best.

The State Legislature is back in session and bills are coming in all shapes and sizes. At this time, we are paying special attention to the progress of ten bills. We all know there will be more coming. If you see a bill you believe should also be on our radar, please call Matt at the CARPD office.

The bills on our list to start out are AB 11, SB 4, AB 1111, AB 209, SB 45, AB 556, AB 1300, AB 9, AB 170, and Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

Also, there will be elections at the Conference as well. You should have received the 2019 Slate of Board Offices mailed out to your Districts.

If you would like to run for any position, please send them to [mduarte@capri-jpa.org](mailto:mduarte@capri-jpa.org) by May 17th.

See you all in Lake Tahoe in May!

Mark Johnson  
President

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### PARADISE UPDATE

Six months after the devastating Camp Fire tore through Paradise, California, many challenges remain. In what turned out to be the most destructive and deadliest wildfire in California history, the town of Paradise lost nearly 90% of its homes, and 18,000 buildings totaling approximately \$11 billion in damage. Sadly, 85 people also lost their lives that day.

The community grieves all those lost, but is in the process of recovering and rebuilding. That rebuilding process includes ensuring the continuing operations of certain important services, like recreation. A little over one month after the fire, Paradise Recreation was able to open its Paradise Ice Rink just in time for Christmas. Most recently, the District also participated in the 61st Annual Gold Nugget Days complete with a hoedown, "donkey derby" and many other activities.

Nevertheless, a difficult road lies ahead for Paradise and its Recreation District. If you would like to help support their community, the **North Valley Community Foundation** is accepting donations to raise money for the support of the programs and parks provided by Paradise Recreation. To donate, please visit <https://www.nvcf.org/fund/paradise-recreation-park-district/> or contact Dan Efseaff at

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**2019 CSDA LEGISLATIVE DAYS: MAY 21-22**

# SPECIAL DISTRICTS LEGISLATIVE DAYS

*2 Day Event: Advocacy & Policy Days*

**CARPD** invites you to participate in [Special Districts Legislative Days](#),  
May 21-22 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

### Top 5 Reasons Why You Should Attend:

1. Efforts underway in Sacramento could significantly impact special district revenue sources, including property tax allocations, vote thresholds for new revenues, and new funding opportunities for local projects and programs.
2. Hear from the State's newly appointed Legislative Analyst, Gabriel Petek, and Director of Finance, Keely Bosler, when they each speak to attendees on Day One.
3. Meet the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mark Ghilarducci, when he presents a breakout session on Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.
4. Learn from leading experts and lobbyists, as they delve into special district revenue, including property taxes, customer rates, developer fees, and more.

Participate in pre-arranged legislative visits and a hosted reception and build relationships with your State Legislators and their Capitol staff.

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 21 — 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 government finances, local services, and infrastructure:
  - **Newly Appointed California Director of Finance, Keely Bosler**
  - **Newly Appointed California Legislative Analyst, Gabriel Petek**
  - 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.

**Register and learn more at: <https://legislatedays.csdanet/home>**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **California Political Continues to Trend for the Democratic Makeup Party**

Russell W. Noack

Public Policy Advocates, LLC

The Democratic supermajority, allowing the majority to dictate most political issues, has increased since January. Brian Maienschein, a longtime Assembly Member from San Diego, announced that he has switched from the Republican to Democratic Party. Accordingly, there are now 61 Democrats out of the 80 legislators in the Assembly. The Senate stands at 28 Democrats and 10 Republicans with 2 vacancies. On June 4, Senate District 1 will have a Special Runoff Election between two Republicans who currently are members of the Assembly. Brian Dahle will be facing off against Kevin Kiley to replace Ted Gaines who was elected to the Board of Equalization in November 2018. On the same day, Senate District 33 will have a runoff for the seat to replace Ricardo Lara, the newly elected Insurance Commissioner. Long Beach Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, a Democrat, is heavily favored to capture the seat over the Republican Jack Guerrero.

### **Legislation**

After an exhaustive day reviewing nearly 100 newly introduced pieces of legislation, the CARPD Legislative Committee made its recommendations on positions to the Board of Directors. The Board has adopted positions and some of the critical measures include:

[Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#), if enacted, will place on the ballot a constitutional amendment to lower the voter threshold for local General Obligation Bonds and Special Taxes for public infrastructure and affordable housing projects from two-thirds vote requirement to 55%. ACA 1 has been amended at the request of the CSDA to expressly add special districts to the list of local agencies where the 55% vote will apply. As amended, the CARPD supports ACA 1 and I am pleased to report that ACA 1 passed its first legislative hurdle last week when it was voted out of the Assembly Local Government Committee on a 5-to-2 vote. It now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee where a vote is expected in a few weeks.

[Senate Bill 45 \(Allen\)](#) is a significant “work in progress” measure. The bill would place on the ballot in 2020 a bond measure to provide increased funding for wildfire, drought and flood protections. Although not specifically directed at the recreation and park community, this \$4.3 Billion bond to promote greater climate resiliency likely will be built out in ways that would help provide grant opportunities for our districts.

[Assembly Bill 1111 \(Friedman\)](#) is the reintroduction of Assembly Bill 1918 of last Session. The CARPD supports this bill, which seeks to establish an Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation within the Natural Resources Agency. The Office would be dedicated to promoting the importance outdoor recreation contributes to personal health and the State’s economic wellbeing. AB 1111 passed the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on a 13-to-0 vote.

The attempt to revive the Redevelopment Act continues. [Assembly Bill 11 \(Chiu\)](#) is the lead bill and it would establish the ground rules for creating a new tax increment financing scheme to fund infrastructure and affordable housing improvements. The author has committed to provide a workable pass-through mechanism for special districts. Despite some indication that Governor Newsom is not favorable to re-enactment of RDA at this time, various legislative leaders continue to push for it.

Reduction in developer fees to reduce the cost of affordable housing is also a legislative issue this Session. [Senate Bill 4 \(McGuire\)](#) seeks to streamline the ministerial review process for urban infill projects and to eliminate various impact fees including park fees. Additionally, [Senate Bill 13 \(Wieckowski\)](#) is a measure designed to promote accessory dwelling units and it also would eliminate park fees for this form of residential structures.

## 2019 CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Well, the calendar has now turned over to May, so you know what that means....it's CARPD Conference Month! We are looking forward to our biggest and best Conference yet and excited to have you all joining us in Tahoe. We have a lot in store for this year's attendees with educational topics on a wide-range of subjects, as well as a Sponsor's Reception and Dinner held at the renowned Riva Grill, and – as always— networking opportunities with industry leaders from throughout the State. It's not too late to sign up, so reach out to Carlee Weston ([cweston@capri-jpa.org](mailto:cweston@capri-jpa.org)) if you'd like to make last minute arrangements.

### Speaker Spotlight

Among the highlights from our illustrious panel of speakers:

**Keynote Panel: Leadership Lessons After Disaster**: In 2018, several of our member districts were faced with unprecedented tragedies and losses. As such, this year's CARPD Keynote will focus and highlight how those impacted have dealt with disasters close to home and the roads they are forging toward recovery. We are hopeful that these lessons will prove valuable to the membership at large should they ever be confronted with crisis in their own community.

**Proposition 68 Funds – You've Got Questions, He's Got Answers!**: We are thrilled to be hosting the Deputy Director from California State Parks, **Sedrick Mitchell**, at this year's Conference. The passage of Proposition 68 by the voters last June opened up new opportunities for funding for our members, so your District literally cannot afford to miss this session!

**At-Large or By District Elections?** : Do we really need to change? If so, how? **Sean De Burgh**, Partner at Cole Huber, will be answering those questions and more during his presentation on the Voting Rights Act.

**Hiring 101** : With the summer season upon us, your District is likely gearing up for a busy hiring season. Stay up to date with the newest laws and best practices for employers with this presentation from **Sere-na Warner** with Angelo Kilday & Kilduff, including a discussion on appropriate questions during an interview, drug tests, wage laws, employees vs. independent contractors, and more.

**Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors** : **Kristine Kwong**, Partner at Musick Peeler, will be helping you comply with your State-mandated training with a 2 hour SB 1343 Compliant presentation. Do not miss this opportunity to fulfill your training obligations!

And much more ...

## CAPRI UPDATE : NEW SAFETY ANALYST KIRK ANDRE

I am excited to announce that Mr. Kirk Andre, has joined the CAPRI team as our new Safety Analyst. Among other things, he will be responsible for administering our District Visit Program and auditing the facilities of all of our member districts. Kirk has a B.S. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Risk Management and Insurance from Cal State Sacramento. He had most recently worked at State Farm Insurance since 2001 and risen through the ranks to Litigation Claims Specialist. Kirk has been married to his wife, Stephanie, for nearly 20 years and they have two boys. He also is actively involved in local youth sports programs including coaching his son's Little League team. I am excited to bring on someone with Kirk's extensive experience and look forward to introducing you to him at the Conference.

**Matthew Duarte**  
Executive Director



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**MAY 22**  
WEDNESDAY

**MAY 23**  
THURSDAY

**MAY 24**  
FRIDAY



Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel  
South Lake Tahoe, California

**9:00AM—10:15AM**  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**10:30AM—11:30AM**  
LEADERSHIP LESSONS AFTER DISASTER  
SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER PANEL  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**12:00PM—1:15PM**  
LUNCH  
MOCK BOARD MEETING  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**1:30PM—3:30PM**  
ANTI-HARASSMENT TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS: KRISTINE KWONG, ESQ.  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**3:45PM—4:45PM**  
GENERAL MANAGERS ROUNDTABLE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**5:30PM**  
SHUTTLE PICKUP TO RIVA GRILL  
  
HOTEL VALET

**6:00PM**  
SOCIAL HOUR  
RIVA GRILL  
900 SKI RUN BLVD., S. LAKE TAHOE, CA

**6:30PM**  
SPONSORS' RECEPTION & DINNER  
RIVA GRILL  
900 SKI RUN BLVD., S. LAKE TAHOE, CA

**9:00AM—10:15AM**  
FEES, FEES, & MORE FEES  
TIM SEUFERT, NICOLE KISSAM, JOE COLGAN  
OUTDOOR YOUTH CONNCT./FAM CAMP  
SEDRICK MITCHELL  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**10:30AM—11:45AM**  
VOTING RIGHTS ACT CLAIMS  
SEAN DE BURGH, ESQ.  
ACCESSING CAPITAL MARKETS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
JEFF LAND & MIKE AHO  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**12:00PM—1:30PM**  
LUNCH  
PROP. 68: SEDRICK MITCHELL  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: RUSS NOACK  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**1:30PM—2:45PM**  
HIRING 101  
SERENA WARNER, ESQ.  
HOW SOCIAL SHOULD DISTRICTS BE?  
SLOANE DELL'ORTO  
STANFORD/BLAISDEL

**2:45PM—5:30PM**  
AFTERNOON BREAK

**5:30PM**  
SOCIAL HOUR  
  
EMERALD/NEVADA ROOM

**6:00PM—8:00PM**  
AWARDS OF DISTINCTION BANQUET

