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President's Message

By Gene Hostetler

Well, we just finished our latest conference in beautiful South Lake Tahoe! I hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the breakout sessions. I would like to thank all of the speakers that gave their time to present the breakout sessions. If anyone has a request or suggestion for next year's conference, please send them to Pat or Tara (pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org/ttappan@capri-jpa.org). This conference was the best one we have had in the past several years and it was due to Pat, Tara, Bebe and Bob. They did a great job.

CARPD does good work for special districts and the state of California. We give the people of California nice parks and programs for everyone to enjoy. Remember to contact your legislators and let them know what special districts (Rec. & park) do for their communities. We need their support, so that they don't cut our funding. We also need all of our members to make contact with other special districts that are not part of CARPD and talk them into joining. There is power in numbers!

I would like to thank Past President Mike Limbaugh for doing an outstanding job this past year as President. I hope I can continue his hard work towards making CARPD a better organization. If anyone needs any help or has a question call or e-mail Pat or Tara.

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Legislative Report

By Ralph Heim

June 2013 Legislative Update

BILL MARATHON BEGINS

Friday, May 31st was the deadline for the Assembly and Senate to pass bills introduced in their house of origin. The Assembly has approximately 350 bills pending, while the Senate had approximately 300 bills to act upon before the May 31st deadline.

One bill not pending on the Assembly Floor is **Assembly Bill 5** by Assembly Member Ammiano, relating to homelessness, as the bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's Suspense File May 24th and is dead for the remainder of the year. The Committee's staff fiscal analysis on AB 5 indicated costs to the state, local governments and law enforcement to be "in the hundreds of millions," ample reason for the Committee to hold the bill.

Among the other bills of interest to CARPD pending prior to the May 31st deadline include, but are not limited to, the following:

Assembly Bill 265(Gatto): Relating to limited liability for owners/operators of dog parks, AB 265 has already passed the Assembly and is pending in the Senate and not subject to the May 31st deadline: CARPD supports AB 265;

Assembly Bill 537(Bonta): Relating to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act impasse procedures, AB 537 would authorize the representative of the public agency or the employee organization, if they fail to reach an agreement, to request mediation and, would further, require the parties to agree upon the appointment of a mediator mutually agreeable to the parties within 5 days of a request by one of the parties. If the parties fail to agree on the selection of a mediator within 5 days, AB 537 would provide that either party may request the appointment of a mediator. AB 537 is pending on the Assembly Floor and CARPD's position is pending;

Assembly Bill 729(R. Hernandez): Relating to evidentiary privileges/union agent-represented worker privilege, this measure would provide that a union agent, and a represented employee or represented former employee have a privilege to refuse to disclose any confidential communications between the employee or former employee and the union agent while the union agent was acting in his/her representative capacity. AB 729 is pending on the Assembly Floor, and due to recent amendments, CARPD's position is pending;

Assembly Bill 1235(Gordon): This measure would require, if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburse the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, all local agency officials, except a member whose term of office ends before January 1, 2015, in local agency service as of January 1, 2014 or thereafter, receive training in financial management. Local agencies may utilize locally developed financial management materials for the training or consultation with the State Treasurer's or State Controller's Offices regarding the content of the course material. AB 1235 is pending on the Assembly Floor and CARPD's position is pending;

Senate Bill 700(Wolk): This bill would have placed a fee on single-use carryout bags, with a portion of the revenues going to cities/counties for park-related functions. Special district parks would be eligible for a grant provided they provided park services to a city. Update: SB 700 was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee's Suspense File on May 23rd and is dead for the year;

Senate Constitutional Amendment #11(Hancock): This is the constitutional amendment proposing to reduce the local vote requirement for special taxes from 2/3rds to 55%. To reach a future statewide ballot, SCA 11 must pass both houses of the Legislature by a 2/3rds vote. Update: SCA 11 has passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and is pending in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. Constitutional amendments are not subject to the normal legislative deadlines.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Both houses are expected to complete their budget subcommittee recommendations based on the Governor's May Revision the week of May 28th and convene a Budget Conference Committee shortly thereafter. The Constitutional deadline for the Legislature to pass the budget is June 15th, and all indications are they will meet that deadline.

Given the Governor's May Revision pegged the revenue surplus at \$2.8 billion, whereas the Legislative Analyst projected \$3.2 billion, there will be some disagreements between the Legislature and Governor over increased spending, mostly in the education and health/human services areas, as the Legislature is proposing to increase spending in those areas above that proposed in the Governor's May Revision. That sound you hear is the Governor sharpening his supply of blue pencils, which he vowed to utilize, reducing spending above his May Revision priorities.

2013 CARPD Spring Conference

By Pat Cabulagan

Thanks to all of the CARPD 2013 Spring Conference attendees in South Lake Tahoe. The conference was held May 16-18, 2013 at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel. Attendees experienced some very good and entertaining speakers, learned a lot of new information, networked with other Recreation and Park District members and sponsors, and took in some of the beautiful scenery of South Lake Tahoe.

I want to thank the members of the CARPD Conference Committee (Gene Hostetler, Carol Severin, Rick Sloan and Joe Gibson) for their assistance in developing a great educational program. I also would like to thank CAPRI staff for working to make the 2013 CARPD Spring Conference a successful event.

We could not have had a successful conference without the contribution and sacrifice of time provided by the speakers of the conference. They provided attendees with great information that attendees were able to take back to their districts. Attendees were treated to a variety of sessions including: Brad Bonar of Bonar Entertainment Group, our keynote speaker who provided comedy and magic to talk about the "Dead Body Club and Other Levels of Friendship"; Ralph Heim of Public Policy Advocates who provided us with an update on the major issues before the California Legislature; Tom Sher of Alliant Insurance Services who gave the attendees an informative update on Healthcare Reform and the challenges and opportunities that await us; Brent Ives of BHI Management Consulting who discussed the "Best Practices Board Policies, Procedures and Guidelines"; Michael Christian with Jackson Lewis LLP who provided Ethics Training and a session on "Avoiding and Managing Employment Law Issues"; Dale Allen with Low Ball & Lynch Attorneys at Law who provided attendees with information on the advantages, disadvantages and exposures of Armed Rangers, Unarmed Rangers and armed security services; Larry Moss, Risk Manager for East Bay Regional Park District, who gave us information on "Playscapes" and the safety of users; Bruce Anderson of Expert Safety Consulting Group who updated the attendees on Gang Recognition and Personal Safety Issues and entertained the attendees with his "LIVE" scenario on Workplace Violence and Active Shooter/Hostage Incident; Nigel Paxton of Sunkey Associates who gave a presentation on "Maximizing Revenues for your Wireless Cell Sites"; and Dave Wallerstein of SolarWorld America who updated the attendees on the benefits of going solar. Attendees were also involved in very informative round table discussions.

As well, CARPD could not have held a successful conference without the support of its sponsors who contributed not only thorough funding but also by contributing their time and support of CARPD's conference. CARPD would like to thank our sponsors: **Platinum sponsors** – California Association for Park and Recreation Insurance (CAPRI) and York Insurance Services; **Gold Sponsors** – Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff Attorneys at Law and Norman Peterson and Associates; **Silver Sponsors** – Alliant Insurance Services, Bank of the West, Citizens Business Bank, East Bay Regional Park District, George Hills Company, Law Office of Justin N. Tierney, Law Office of Mark Cornelius, Low, Ball & Lynch Attorneys at Law, Musco Sports Lighting, NUVIS, RJM Design Group, SCI Consulting Group, and Special District Leadership Consulting; and **Bronze Sponsors** - Administrative Management Solutions, Larry Bain, CPA, NBS and Sunkey Associates.

We look forward to your participation and attendance at next year's conference which will be held in May 2014 at a location TBD.

2013 Award of Distinction Winners

Congratulations to all of the 2013 CARPD Award winners!

Large District Winner

Outstanding Large District: Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Marketing and Communications: Conejo Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Newspaper Coverage: East Bay Regional Park District

Outstanding New Facility: East Bay Regional Park District

Outstanding New Facility: Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Renovated Facility: Greater Vallejo Recreation and Park District

Small District Winners

Outstanding Small District: Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Environmental Program: Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Innovative Program: Paradise Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Marketing and Communications: Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District

Outstanding New Facility: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Renovated Facility: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District

Group and Individual Winners

Outstanding Community Organization: Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Board Member: Nick Schouten

Outstanding Volunteer: Angie Solbeck, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Volunteer: Chris and Angela Stangle, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Jim Meredith Award of Excellence: Nick Schouten

Ted Winslow Safety Award

For over 20 years the California Association for Park and Recreation Insurance (CAPRI) has provided a stable market and insurance coverage for risks that are common to Recreation and Park Districts through the most cost-effective, fiscally sound and equitable combination of self-insurance, excess insurance or reinsurance.

Former General Manager of Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, Ted Winslow, was instrumental in starting this program for the state's park districts. For his contributions to CAPRI, the annual safety award that is presented to recreation & park districts for following safe practices is named in his honor. CAPRI is comprised of 63 recreation & park districts with a combined annual contribution in excess of \$6 million and an accumulated cash reserve on hand of over \$15 million. Through this program recreation and park agencies are able to pool member contributions and to realize the advantages of self-insurance. CAPRI promotes risk management techniques, delivering safety and loss prevention services to recreation & park districts.

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District just received the "Ted Winslow Safety Award" at the annual California Association of Recreation & Park Districts Conference. Other Safety Award recipients include: Ambrose RPD, Bear River RPD, Cordova RPD, Durham RPD, Fair Oaks RPD, Fulton-El Camino RPD, Highlands RPD, Isla Vista RPD, La Selva Beach RPD, Livermore Area RPD, Mission Oaks RPD, North Highlands RPD, North of the River RPD, Orangevale RPD, Paradise RPD, Rancho Simi RPD, Russian River RPD, Soledad Mission RPD, and Weed RPD.

