



# Communicator

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President's Message



By Gene Hostetler

Well, summer is over. I hope everyone had a nice vacation with their family. Now that Fall is here, we at CARPD are working hard to put together next year's conference. We are looking for sponsors, speakers and more attendees this year.

We are giving two scholarships to first time attendees or districts that haven't been to the conference in a very long time. First place will be awarded conference registration and hotel accommodations for one attendee and second place will be awarded conference registration for one attendee. The entrants must submit a 300 word essay on why they should be awarded the scholarship. More information and submittal instructions can be found on the CARPD website.

CARPD also held a workshop in September that offered training and networking opportunities for all of our General Managers. This workshop went very well and all of those in attendance had very positive feedback to offer. Our General Manager Consultant, Joe Donofrio, is getting in contact with the districts and offering them networking opportunities, help with various problems, and providing them with information to keep them informed on the things that CARPD and CAPRI can do for them. If you need our General Manager Consultant to contact you, please call 916-722-5550 and we will be more than happy to help you.

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## Notices:

CAPRI and CARPD offices will be closed on Monday, November 18th and Tuesday, November 19th

CARPD also recently sent out letters to all the legislators that represent our districts letting them know what special districts do. So, keep in touch with your legislators and get to know them

Tuesday, November 19th  
for a CAPRI Board Meeting. If you need to get in touch with someone from our offices please call or email Pat Cabulagan at [pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org](mailto:pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org) / (916) 622-6977 or Rick Richards at [rrichards@capri-jpa.org](mailto:rrichards@capri-jpa.org) / (916) 770-0272.

and show them what we do so that when it comes time to vote for funds for Park and Recreation Districts, they know who we are as well as our needs.

Next year's conference is going to be in South Lake Tahoe at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel from May 15-17, 2014. MARK YOUR CALENDARS. I hope to see everyone there!

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

By Gene Hostetler

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## Legislative Report



By Ralph Heim

November 2013 Legislative Update

### Governor Brown Signs Nearly 9 in 10 Bills

Late in the afternoon on October 13<sup>th</sup>, with a midnight deadline looming for the Governor to act on the remaining bills on his desk, Governor Brown completed signing or vetoing the last 35 bills awaiting his action. For the 2013 legislative year, Governor Brown signed 1,003 bills, vetoing 96.

Upon completing his work, Governor Brown said: "Those are all big issues, and then on top of that you have the endless desire of the Legislature for more and more activities or interventions or spending or law."

Presented below are brief summaries and the status of a number of the bills CARPD followed this year:

**Assembly Bill 218(Dickinson):** Effective July 1, 2014, AB 218 prohibits the state and local governments from asking a job applicant to disclose information regarding a criminal conviction, with specific exemptions, until the state or local agency determines that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications for the position. Should the state or local agencies make that determination and move the applicant to the next level in the application process, they may ask the applicant for any and all information relative to the applicant's criminal convictions. **Status: Signed by the Governor;**

**Assembly Bill 265(Gatto):** Provides a public agency that own or operates a dog park with limited

liability for injury or death or a person or pet resulting solely from the actions of a dog in a dog park.

**Status: Signed by the Governor;**

**Assembly Bill 537(Bonta):** AB 537 relates to impasse procedures under the Meyers-Millas-Brown Act and sets forth the meet and confer process for public agencies and recognized employee organization. **Status: Signed by the Governor;**

**Assembly Bill 729(Hernandez):** A proposed major expansion of attorney/client privilege, AB 729 proposed to extend evidentiary privileges to public agency union agents representing their employees, denying public agency employers of information here-to-for not protected. **Status: Vetoed by the Governor;**

**Assembly Bill 1149(Campos):** AB 1149 expands the existing law covering private sector employers relating to identity theft to public agencies. AB 1149 requires local agencies to disclose any breach of their computer security system that includes individuals personal information and report that breach to any resident of California whose unencrypted personal information that was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by unauthorized persons.

**Status: Signed by the Governor;**

**Assembly Bill 1235(Gordon):** AB 1235 proposed to require local elected officials to take a total of 4-hours of financial management training once during their first full term. **Status: Vetoed by the Governor;**

**Senate Bill 443(Walters):** Relating to organized camps, SB 443 proposed unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions on recreation and park districts that conduct organized camps by limiting the number of days/hours such camps may be operated. **Status: Senator Walters deferred action on SB 443 late this year and may attempt to resolve opposition issues and move the bill next year;**

**Senate Bill 594(Hill):** This gut and amendment late in the legislative year proposed severe restriction on local agencies and non-profits organization relative to political activities, including taking positions and advocating for or against state and/or local ballot measures. In the end, Senator Hill amended SB 594 in a manner that removed all opposition, including CARPD's opposition. **Status: Signed by the Governor;**

### **Senate Constitutional Amendment #3(Leno):**

This constitutional amendment places the California Public Records Act and the Brown Act in the State Constitution, without provisions for reimbursement for compliance with both Acts. SCA #3 also includes any future amendments to either Act. **Status: Will appear on the November 2014 statewide ballot.**

### **Is Pension Reform Headed to the Ballot?**

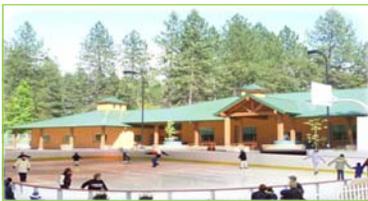
On October 15<sup>th</sup>, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed filed his pension “reform” initiative with the Attorney General’s Office for ballot title and summary, the first step in the initiative process.

According to Mayor Reed, the “Pension Reform Act of 2014” would change California’s constitution to allow the state and local governments to cut pensions for current workers **prospectively**, while the benefits they have already earned would be protected.

Joining Mayor Reed in delivering the initiative to the Attorney General’s Office were San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido, Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe, and Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait.

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## **District Happenings**



Our Member Districts are always up to new and exciting things, and East Bay Regional Park District, Paradise Recreation and Park District, and Conejo Recreation and Park Districts would like to announce what is new in their districts.



### **East Bay Regional Park District**

Robert Doyle, General Manager of the East Bay Regional Park District in Oakland, CA, has been elected to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

The Academy is a group of distinguished practitioners and educators who are leaders in the field of park and recreation. They must have served for at least 15 years in a high level of administration in a park and recreation agency or as a recognized educator in parks and recreation administration. They also must have demonstrated outstanding ability in administration, management or education in the profession; displayed broad interest with a direct

service benefit to the advancement of public parks and recreation or assumed leadership with a keen desire to contribute to the advancement of the field. The Academy is limited to 125 active members.

Established in 1980, the Academy was formed to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators to enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and conduct research, publish scholarly papers and/or sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration.

“The Class of 2013 is exceptionally talented,” said 2013 Academy President Tom Lovell, Administrator of Parks and Recreation in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. “The distinguished new members represent park and recreation agencies of all sizes and demographics as well as academia. The future of the Academy is bright.”

More information on the Academy is available at [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

### **Paradise Recreation and Park District**

Paradise Recreation and Park District would like to announce the opening of their new ice skating rink. The ice skating rink will be open from November 16, 2103 through January 12, 2014. The rink will be open to the public daily and will be available for private parties and events.

Paradise has taken advantage of funding opportunities including local sponsors, the selling of advertisement and the hosting of events, including their New Year’s Eve Gala to be held December 31st, to help cover the expense of leasing the rink for the season.

### **Conejo Recreation and Park District**

Conejo Recreation and Park District would like to introduce, as part of their 50th anniversary celebration, the launch of their new mobile app. The app features contact information for the district, provides an interactive map, allows users to check field status, and allows users to check out outdoor reserveable areas. App users can also get information on all of their favorite parks and facilities including the history, amenities, and detailed

including the history, amenities, and detailed maps of each park.

The App was created by Conejo Recreation and Park District custodian Matt Jones and his partner Matt Edwards. Since its release in August of this year, the app has been downloaded more than 330 times and has received multiple five-star reviews from users. The current app was created for iPhone users, but the district has plans to launch a similar app for Android users to be available early next year.

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## Introducing Rick Richards, CAPRI's New Risk Manager



As many of you are aware, Bob Miller retired from CAPRI at the end of last September. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Rick Richards to those of you who have not already met him. Rick has already gone out and visited many of our Member Districts and is looking forward to getting to know the rest of you soon.

Rick Richards comes to CAPRI after several years of being Risk Manager for a moderately sized trucking company. There he handled everything from day to day operations to driver safety training to loss resolution. He also has close to 20 years of insurance claims handling experience. With many years as a Sr. Claims Examiner, General Liability Adjuster and Litigation Claims Leader.

Rick will also be working with CARPD Member Districts and the Board of Directors in regard to Legislation. He will be working to keep everyone informed on issues affecting recreation and park districts as well as facilitating networking with districts' Legislators.

Please feel free to call on Rick with any questions and or concerns you may have.

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## 2014 CARPD Spring Conference



By Pat Cabulagan

**Mark your calendars!!!** The 2014 California Association for Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) conference is scheduled for May 15-17, 2014 at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

The conference will feature information on legislation, alternative energy solutions, healthcare reform, liability issues and other hot topics pertaining to Recreation and Park Districts.

This year we would like to announce that CARPD will be providing two scholarships to first time conference attendees or those that have not attended in quite some time. This is being offered to help districts that wouldn't otherwise have the money in their budget participate in this year's conference. One of the scholarships will include provide hotel and conference registration for one attendee and the other will provide conference registration for one attendee. Please visit the conference section of our website for more information and instruction on how to apply.

Last but certainly not least, we are now accepting nomination for CARPD's **Awards of Distinction**. The nomination form is now available on our website and will also be sent to all of our districts soon. We are looking forward to hearing about the great things that all of our districts are doing, so be sure to get your application in!

**Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the 2014 CARPD Conference!**

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