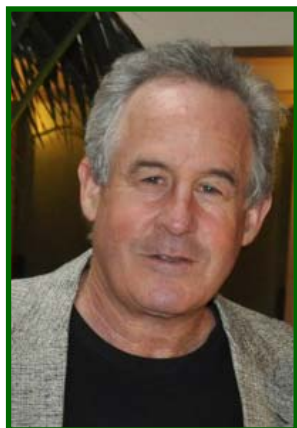


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to the CARPD newsletter. With school out for summer vacation, this time of the year is our most productive when it comes to programs, events, outdoor activities and general park usage. The challenge we all face is dealing with the drought in California. Keeping our parks safe and in tip-top condition should be everyone's top priority.

At my District (Cordova Recreation & Park District) our Maintenance Supervisor Gerry Dobbs has taken this challenge to heart and in doing so has reduced our water consumption by almost 20%, which when calculated into our budget is a substantial savings. How was this accomplished? An irrigation team was set up to evaluate the competency

of the system as well as dialing down the amount of time the system is on. Simply cutting back from 20 minutes to 15 really made a big difference. Also, Gerry reported public outreach and education helped the District identify problems in our irrigation systems. Way to go Mr. Dobbs!

I appreciate all of the 2014 CARPD Conference survey responses we received. Responses overall were very favorable and complimentary. The number one response to conference location preferences for next year was once again South Lake Tahoe. So get ready for a three peat and save the date for May 14-16, 2015. At our last CARPD Board meeting on July 16th our Finance Committee Chairman Al McGreehan reported an increase in our net worth. With this information the CARPD Board decided to allocate more funding towards next year's conference speakers including a top-notch keynote speaker. Stay tuned for more information about the 2015 CARPD Spring Conference in beautiful South Lake Tahoe.

All of us on the CARPD Board, as well as our Executive Director Pat Cabulagan and staff are constantly looking for ways to improve communication throughout the state and better ways to serve our members. If your District has something to share, whether successful or challenging, we would appreciate hearing from you. You can send your story or comments to Pat Cabulagan at [pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org](mailto:pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org). Also on the radar, be looking for a sample advocacy form letter template created by CARPD and our Legislative Advocate Ralph Heim to send to all of our legislators to better get to know them and help support collaborative efforts in getting favorable Bills passed that benefit all of us.

I look forward to communicating to all of you in the near future and thanks again for being a member and supporting our organization.

Yours Truly;

Rick Sloan  
CARPD President



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Legislature's month-long Summer Recess will end on August 4th when legislators return to Sacramento to complete this year's session, scheduled to adjourn on August 31st. The final 4 weeks will produce the usual hectic pace and the ever-popular last minute surprises.

### **Senate Bill 443 Successfully Amended**

Senate Bill 443 introduced by Senator Walters last year and proposing numerous amendments, and for recreation and park districts, burdensome and costly unnecessary regulation relating to the operation of organized camps.

Supported by a host of independent organized camp entities, Senate Bill 443 would have limited the number of overnight camp stays, plus subjected recreation and park districts and cities/counties to regulations and oversight by a number of state and local agencies, plus a number of other provisions not relevant to recreation

and park special districts, cities and counties.

CARPD work closely with CPRS in working through amendments that exempt local agencies, including recreation and park districts, from the provisions of Senate Bill 443. The bill is



pending before the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be heard in early August. We will continue to monitor to ensure our exemption remains in the bill.

### **Pre-2004 Mandate Reimbursement Payments**

In early July, the Department of Finance instructed the State Controller to commence the pre-2004 state mandated local programs reimbursement payments to local agencies.

The first installment of the \$900 million of pre-2004 mandate claims will be \$100 million, \$ 2 million of which will be allocated to special districts that filed pre-2004 mandate claims. The remaining post-2004 mandate claims will be paid over the next few years.

### **Proposed Redevelopment Initiative Fails to Qualify**

The sponsors of the Jobs and Education Development Initiative Act have fallen far short of qualifying their initiative for the November 2016 statewide ballot. You may recall that the Legislative Analyst's Office opined that should the initiative become law, the state and local governments would realize reduced revenues, over time, to several billion dollars each year, but growing in the out-years.

For now, this is very good news....

By Ralph Heim

## CONGRATULATIONS CARPD AWARDS OF DISTINCTION WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our 2014 CARPD Award winners!

### Large District Winners

Outstanding District: Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District



Outstanding New Facility: Orangevale Recreation and Park District (*Orangevale Community Center Park Access Trail*)



Outstanding Renovated Facility: Hesperia Recreation and Park District (*BMX Facility at Live Oak Park*)

### Small District Winners

Outstanding District: Paradise Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Renovated Facility: Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District (*Howe and Santa Anita Park Pathway and Picnic Shelter*)



### Individual/Group Winners

Outstanding Technology, Social Media, and Marketing: Cordova Recreation and Park District (*District Website - www.crpdc.com*)

Outstanding Environmental Program: Hayward Recreation and Park District (*Barn Owl Cam Program*)

Outstanding Innovative Program: Rim of the World Recreation and Park District (*Youth Track and Field Program*)

Outstanding Volunteer: Delma Kline—Livermore Area Recreation and Park District



Outstanding Professional: Michael Kyle—Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Outstanding Community Organization: Tim Berry/Berry Lumber Company—Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District

**Jim Meredith Award of Excellence** : Carol Severin—East Bay Regional Park District



**Legislator of the Year** : Senator Kevin De Leon

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## 2015 CARPD SPRING CONFERENCE

**Mark your calendars!!!** The 2015 California Association for Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) conference is scheduled for May 14-16, 2015 at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

The conference will feature information on legislation, employment liability issues, selecting and retaining good employees, Innovative ideas in landscape management; liability exposures for recreation and park districts, and marketing/outreach for diverse populations.

This year CARPD will again 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 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.

As in year's past, we will be having our Awards of Distinction. Start planning now to submit your applications for the following awards: **Large Districts:** Outstanding District, Outstanding New Facility, Outstanding Renovated Facility. **Small District:** Outstanding District, Outstanding Renovated Facility. **Individual/Group Awards:** Outstanding Technology, Social Media and Marketing, Outstanding Environmental Program, Outstanding Innovative Program, Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Professional, Outstanding Community Organization. **Jim Meredith Award.** We look forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative activities/programs our Districts are providing to their communities.

We are looking forward to providing a very informative and entertaining conference to the Recreation and Park Districts.

**Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the 2015 CARPD Conference!**



By Pat Cabulagan