

California Recreation & Park Districts



Village Park,
Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District

CARPD Fostering Quality and Excellence

Since 1958, the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts has been dedicated to improving the quality and efficiency of recreation and park districts. Through two joint powers authorities, CARPD recreation and park district members are eligible for reduced rates on workers compensation coverage and liability/property damage insurance – saving local communities thousands of dollars. The board of directors is made up of representatives from CARPD recreation and park districts and tracks legislation and other issues that affect member districts. Each spring, CARPD hosts an annual conference and awards competition to recognize outstanding programming, facilities, and service to the community.

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East Bay Regional Park District
Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District
Feather River Recreation & Park District
Fulton-El Camino Recreation & Park District
Georgetown Divide Recreation District
Greater Vallejo Recreation District
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District
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Highlands Recreation District
Isla Vista Recreation & Park District
Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District
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Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District
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North County Recreation & Park District
North Highlands Recreation & Park District
Orangevale Recreation & Park District
Paradise Recreation & Park District
Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District
Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
Rim of the World Recreation & Park District
Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation & Park District
Russian River Recreation & Park District
Shafer Recreation & Park District
Silverado-Modjeska Recreation & Park District
Soledad Mission Recreation District
Southgate Recreation & Park District
Strawberry Recreation District
Sunrise Recreation & Park District
Tehachapi Valley Recreation & Park District
Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District
Tuolumne Park and Recreation District
Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District
Wasco Recreation & Park District
Weed Recreation & Park District
Western Gateway Recreation & Park District
Westside Recreation & Park District

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- ◆ Parks and Open Space
- ◆ Recreation Programs

Essential Services

...that improve the quality of life

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

According to the California Public Resources Code, section 5780, recreation, park, and open space facilities and services are essential services to improving and protecting the quality of life for all Californians. These services support the public peace, health and welfare of California residents.



For at least seven decades, state laws have authorized recreation and park districts to provide recreation programs, local parks, and open spaces. In October 2001, the legislature revised Senate Bill 707 (The Recreation and Park District Law) with the intent that:

Recreation and park districts continue to provide recreation programs, local parks and open spaces to serve the diversity of their community and residents while working in cooperation with other agencies and organizations

Local Accountability

California's 67 recreation and park districts function as local government to provide recreational opportunities within a specific boundary. Service areas range in size from small to very large and often cross other county borders to serve the recreational needs of a community. Today's recreation and park districts provide services at the highest levels of accountability and responsibility to the public.

Community Partners

Recreation and park districts as local service providers are empowered to participate in a wide variety of community endeavors. They frequently form informal partnerships with other government units, care groups, and private sectors to enhance services to their constituents. These relationships take the form of joint powers agreements, personnel resources, and mutual aid pacts for emergency response. Working with city, county, and school districts, recreation and park districts maximize local government resources to effectively and efficiently meet community needs.



Senior Volunteer, Pleasant Hill RPD

Leaders

Recreation and park districts are governed by boards of directors who are directly accountable to the public.



Board of Directors, East Bay Regional Park District

Board members are local residents who may be elected or appointed for fixed terms. Their actions are subject to the Brown Act and related public governing agencies. Board members have usually been involved with their local recreation and park district activities and continue to interact within the framework of the community. Thousands of dedicated people have served on the districts' boards of directors, aided by able administrators, recreation leaders and parks staff.

Funding

Funding for recreation and park districts comes from: property taxes (a percentage of the "one percent" property tax); program fees and charges; assessment districts; local state and federal grants, and donations.

As in any form of local government, recreation programs have increased dramatically in recent years, although Recreation and Park Districts have consistently shown the slowest rate of spending growth among local government. Districts are independently audited each year and are subject to state and public scrutiny (as any form of local government).

California Recreation and Park Districts are local and regional providers who work together with others to meet the recreational needs of their local communities.



Bille Park Expansion, Paradise Recreation & Park District

Contact your local recreation and park district for information on the specific services, parks, open space and recreational programs they offer to your community.



Hesperia RPD



Pleasant Hill RPD

Fulton El Camino RPD



Westside RPD



Fair Oaks RPD



Valley Wide RPD