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COMMUNICATOR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It certainly has been a difficult last few months for California. Many thanks to all the brave folks with Calfire, local fire departments, emergency services, and agencies across the State. The help and support they have provided and continue to provide is invaluable to each and every community affected. With their efforts and working together, Californians, again, have made it through these horrible events.

I guess everyone knows by now SB5 started out as a so-called Park bill and has ended up something rather different. The bill was signed by the Governor in October. Although in its current-form it did end up as an action providing something for everyone. For parks only, a per capita funding of \$200 million. On the ballot for summer (June 2018) is The California Drought, Water, Park, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for all Act. I would urge all members to stay on top of this measure and help ensure a successful passage. It was said that the other park bill, AB18 which would provide \$450 million per capita for parks, may be the foundation for a future bill... but who knows...???

CARPD has chosen to return to beautiful South Lake Tahoe for

the annual 2018 Conference. There will be a few changes to the Conference this year to ensure another successful and educational experience. The 2018 Conference will be held Wednesday to Friday: May 28, 2018 through June 1, 2018. Over the last few years some have requested that we change the days, this way the conference will not take up the entire weekend. Also, we will be moving the roundtable sessions to the first day of the conference vs. the last day. We are looking forward to another great conference.

Ok get ready for the gas tax...yeah we will always need better roads, but wouldn't it be nice if the job to housing balance was better. All those saved trips and commutes and imagine, the park facilities we could have if all parks shared in the gas tax? Wow, parks do make life better!



Wishing all the member Districts a successful and cheerful remaining 2017.

President, Michael Limbaugh



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

“Better Later than Never” Landmark Parks and Water Bond Bill Signed



Senate Bill 5 by Kevin de León, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, was one of the first bills introduced this Session, one of the last bills to be passed by the Legislature before adjournment, and one of the very last bills to be signed by Governor Brown. On October 15th, the Governor signed SB 5, which will place a \$4 Billion general obligation bond measure on the June 2018 Primary Ballot. As indicated by its title, “The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018”, the bill touches a wide range of natural resource areas.

During the last month of the Session, the coalition pushing for the passage of a parks and water bond bill this year increased the pressure on the State Legislature by holding public rallies both in Sacramento and throughout the State. The advocates for various groups within the coalition (including your advocates) walked the hallways on a daily basis to garner votes. By early September, after lengthy discussions with Governor Brown, Senator de León and Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, the author of Assembly Bill 18 (the Assembly Park Bond bill), agreed to the final features of the \$4 Billion package, which was amended into SB 5 in the Assembly. The bill moved through both Houses of the Legislature late on the last night of the Session.

I have provided a summary below of the many provisions of SB 5 to our membership. Please review these categories for possible application

for your district. With particular relevance to us, the bill provides \$200 Million for per capita grants to local governments for local park rehabilitation and improvement grants. A minimum grant of \$200,000 is allocated to a city or district and a minimum of \$400,000 for each county as specified in the bill. Further, \$15 Million in grants are allocated for cities and districts with populations of 200,000 or less; \$725 Million is provided for “park-poor neighborhoods” in accordance with the statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008; and \$48 Million is allocated for underserved park communities in the Central Valley, rural, gateway and desert communities.

SB 5 would not have passed this year without the dedication and tenacity of many of the CARPD members. Please know all of the groups participating in the parks and water coalition owe an enormous debt of gratitude to you. Now on to the campaign to obtain voter approval at the June 2018 Primary!

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WINDS, FIRES AND FLOODS EFFECT ON PROPERTY INSURANCE

“Damage and Devastation” The Effects it’s Taking on Property Insurance



2017 has been a crazy year for catastrophic losses in the United States and the rest of the world. We have had a number of significant hurricanes one right after another (Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria). Along with the hurricanes came powerful windstorms causing substantial damage. We have had many earthquakes, a number of which were large earthquakes (one of the largest in Mexico registered 8.1 magnitude) that caused an unbelievable amount

of damage. The Western United States (9 states) have had to endure 82 wildfires scorching more than 8 million acres.

According to PropertyCasualty360.com, the 2017 catastrophe losses for the global insurance and reinsurance sectors will exceed \$100 billion and could reach close to \$190 billion. These totals do not include the losses suffered as a result of the fires in the Western United States in the last month. All of these catastrophe losses could result in one of the highest, if not the highest, record losses in a single year for the insurance industry.

It was also a rough winter for Recreation and Park Districts for the 2016/2017 claims year. The winter winds, rain and floods resulted in losses paid by CAPRI to exceed \$679,000

with another \$270,000 possibly left to be paid in property claims.

Property Insurance Rates

As a result of the catastrophe losses suffered by the global insurance and reinsurance market, the property insurance market is looking at 5% to 15% increases for our excess insurance. We will know more after the January property renewals for a number of insureds and we all hope that there are no more catastrophe losses from now until July 2018.

We are also looking at 5%+ increases in CAPRI’s property insurance layer as a result of our losses from 2016/2017 and the fire losses from 2014/2015.

**Patrick Cabulagan,
Administrator, CAPRI**

SB 63 – CHILD BONDING/PARENTAL LEAVE BILL

On October 12, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 63 by Senator Hannah Beth Jackson, the Child Bonding/Parental Leave Act. Under pre-existing law, only parents working for very large employers have a right to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave. Now, parents working for small to medium-size employers will have basic job protections and be able to invest that time in nurturing their newborn child.

This bill would prohibit from refusing to allow an employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer, who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period, and who works at a worksite in which the employer employs at least 20 employees within 75 miles, to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child’s birth, adoption, or foster care placement. The bill would also prohibit an employer from refusing to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave.

This may require a number of the small to medium sized districts to develop a parental leave policy. Larger Districts should already be following the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and/or the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

2018 CARPD CONFERENCE

South Lake Tahoe, CA Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel



When: **Wednesday — Friday** (New for 2018)

Date: **May 30th - June 1st, 2018**

The 2018 California Association for Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) conference is scheduled for Wednesday May 30th through Friday June 1st 2018 at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel.

The dates of the Conference will be changing slightly as everything will move a day earlier. The Conference will start Wednesday and end on Friday.

If you have Topics you would like to see please email Pat Cabulagan Pcabulagan@capri-jpa.org or call our offices at 916-722-5550.

CARPD will provide 2 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 to participate in this year's conference. The scholarships will provide hotel and conference registration. More details to come. Keep an eye on our website for everything Conference related.

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For the first time, we will be having our Awards of Distinction Banquet on Friday, June 1st.

Mark your Calendars!



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