



CARPD COMMUNICATOR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the Girls' Turn to Play!

The fall and winter season ushers in many sports including football, basketball, volleyball, and in some chilly California Recreation and Park Districts hockey. I know most of our Districts are gearing up to host league play for kids and adults for the first time in almost two years. As a female athlete I love playing all kind of sports and growing up in the 70's and 80's there weren't many options for me to play with other girls until I was in High School. One of my missions in recreation is to make sure that girls have equal opportunities to play sports as the boys. Did you know that girls who play sports have higher self-esteem, greater physical fitness, and make healthier decision about drugs, alcohol, and relationships? Studies have also shown that female high school athletes earn higher wages as adults in the workplace.

In 2004, the California Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law AB 2404 to expand opportunities for girls to play sports in "community parks and recreation." As you dust off your checklists and sports equipment have you taken inventory of how you are serving the girls in your District? AB 2404 identifies twelve different factors to determine whether discrimination exists in local sports programming. For more see [Government Code section 53080](#).

Have you thought about doing things differently as you transition back to league play to better serve all genders in your youth sports programs? The pandemic pause on many of our programs has given us the opportunity to reset and do things differently than before. This is a perfect opportunity to offer girls-only divisions to encourage participation by girls in your District.

When I joined Pleasant Hill Rec and Park, I was surprised to learn that recreation sports leagues for flag football and basketball were co-ed and that girls made up only 13% of our basketball league which is less than 20 girls. I knew there were more than 20 girls that wanted to play basketball, as it is the greatest sport ever invented. In 2017 we added a girl's division for all age groups and now have 150 girls participating. If you want help in assessing your current sports programs or don't know where to start, I'm available to assist. This is one of my passions and I am committed to ensuring that all Districts have the tools to provide equal access to girls for sports.

Michelle Lacy
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District
CARPD Board President



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CARPD CONFERENCE 2023

We are excited to announce that the CARPD Conference is headed to Yosemite in 2023!

Here are the preliminary details, so you can block this time on your calendar now:

When:

May 17, 2023 - May 20, 2023

Where:

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

Be on the lookout for Conference Registration information in your inbox soon.

Can't wait to see you in the Spring!

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2023 CARPD CONFERENCE
REACHING NEW HEIGHTS



TENAYA LODGE @ YOSEMITE!
MAY 17, 2023 - MAY 20, 2023

Artwork courtesy of Heidi Garner, Heidi Garner Studio

ABOUT THE ARTIST

For the 2023 Conference, CARPD has partnered with a local artist and outdoor lover for the Conference logo and art! Meet Heidi Garner, Artist and Owner of Heidi Garner Studio:

“I am an Artist, Mother of 4, Art Teacher, Ultra Runner, Manic Volunteer, Outdoor Enthusiast and small Business Owner. I love creating art and putting it on quality apparel! Late in 2018 I painted a few pair of vans shoes for myself and little did I know, I "accidentally" started a business. 2019 I focused solely on shoes, then in 2020 I added custom hand painted hats and visors. I love being surrounded by beautiful things and providing art at an affordable price that everybody can enjoy. In 2021, in order to keep up with demand, I extended my offerings to printed apparel featuring my own original art work printed on quality products at great prices. I also sell fine art prints of my work. I continue to offer full custom work on shoes and hats and even commission fine artwork!”



Check out Heidi's website: heidigarnerstudio.com

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Russ Noack
Public Policy Advocates, LLC

After a flurry of activity, the California State Legislature adjourned the 2021-22 Legislative Session at 1:30 am on September 1. All legislation approved by the Legislature the last week of Session was sent to Governor Newsom's desk for further action under a constitutionally imposed deadline of September 30. The Governor signed 997 bills into law and vetoed 169 bills sent to him in 2022. The Legislative Committee identified, tracked, and analyzed a record number of measures this Session. I am pleased to report that timely and decisive intervention has led to another successful legislative session for recreation and park districts at the Capitol.

The journey to finalizing the record setting \$300 billion State Budget occurred in three stages and took over three months to perfect. [Senate Bill 154 \(Skinner\)](#) passed in June and modified later in the month with the passage of [Assembly Bill 178 \(Ting\)](#). Late in the Session, [Assembly Bill 179 \(Ting\)](#), the "August Budget Jr. Bill" passed to complete the process. The [comprehensive Budget package](#) included millions of dollars in grant opportunities for recreation and park projects. Additionally, the Budget included a lengthy list of local recreation and park projects allocated for funding, inserted at the request of individual legislators and available due to the existence of a healthy state fiscal surplus this year. However, the Department of Finance is forecasting a more restrictive Budget for the next fiscal year based on reduced income projections.

The CARPD Legislative Committee established priority positions on several significant bills this year, including:

- [Assembly Bill 1737](#) by Chris Holden, a Democrat from Pasadena, would have created onerous new regulatory provisions affecting day camps for recreation and park districts. A special working group of the Legislative Committee was formed and conducted a series of meetings with the author and staff and successfully convinced them to alter the contours of the bill to make it acceptable to our members. The author decided to hold the bill on the Assembly Floor this year. Afterward, he thanked us for engaging in a productive and professional manner to help him refocus the measure. We expect he will return with a new approach in 2023.
- [Assembly Bill 2186](#) by Tim Grayson of Concord was the latest in a long line of bills designed to reduce impact fees on affordable housing development in an effort to lower developer costs and increase the supply of housing. An effort was made to provide for the recoupment of lost fees, but the bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.



The focus of candidates for the State Legislature has now shifted to running campaigns for election on November 8, 2022. If projections hold, over 25% of the seats in the Legislature will be held by new members. Additionally, as reported previously, the "[Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act](#)" did not make it on the ballot this year. However, it has since qualified for the November 2024 ballot. Sponsored by the Business Roundtable and strongly supported by soft drink, tobacco and other companies opposed to various local government revenue enhancement items, the Initiative is designed to overturn some recent court decisions, which has allowed local revenue measures to become law with less than a 2/3 vote. We are part of a growing coalition of local government organizations in active opposition to this Initiative.

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CARPD RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

WOULD YOU LIKE CARPD TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE YOUR DISTRICT'S OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR COMMUNITY?



Request a Resolution of Recognition

It's election season and we recognize that some of our districts' Board Members are retiring this year or otherwise reaching the end of their term. As such, CARPD would like to extend an offer to our districts to submit their Board Members for a CARPD Resolution of Recognition that acknowledges their service and contributions.

Following the **November 15, 2022 submission deadline**, requests from CARPD Member Districts will be reviewed by the CARPD Board. Once approved by the Board, we will mail the Resolution (s) to the Districts for presentation at a time of their choosing. A sample Resolution can be found by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact CARPD Executive Director, Matthew Duarte, at mduarte@capri-jpa.org.



To submit a request for a Resolution, please go to our website at <https://www.caparkdistricts.org/request-a-carpd-resolution-of-recognition>.

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION



Board Member Orientation

*The Ins, Outs, & In-Betweens
of Serving Your Community*

January 5, 2023

Via Zoom

Company Standup Meeting **FREE**

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We had a great Conference in South Lake Tahoe this year!
CARPD Sponsors are integral to ensuring our member agencies
are able to network and learn at our CARPD Annual Conference.

We thank them for their generous support over the years!

WHAT IS ERAF & WHY DOES IT MATTER?

An issue common to all CARPD member agencies in the State is the need for stable funding. For most (if not all) districts, the primary source of revenue comes from local property taxes and assessments. The California State Constitution requires the proceeds of the property tax be allocated among the local agencies in the county where the revenue is collected. Recipients of property tax revenue include cities, counties, special districts, K-12 schools, and community colleges. The county auditor is then responsible for allocating property tax revenue to these entities according to state law.

In the 1980s, how those revenues were allocated began to change and those changes continue to affect local government agencies to this day. In 1988, Proposition 98 established a minimum funding requirement for schools and community colleges commonly known as the minimum guarantee. The guarantee encompasses state General Fund and local property tax revenue. A set of formulas in the State Constitution determines the guarantee each year.

Four years later, the Legislature found itself in a deficit position and unable to sufficiently fund education at the level guaranteed under Prop. 98. As a result, California lawmakers permanently redirected a significant portion of the property tax revenue from cities, counties, and special districts to schools and community colleges. The redirected revenue is deposited into a countywide account known as the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Revenue from ERAF is allocated to schools and community colleges to offset the funding these entities otherwise would receive from the state General Fund.

Thirty years later, property tax revenues that otherwise would be directed to CARPD members continue to be deposited in County ERAF accounts. CARPD is currently researching the impacts of ERAF on its membership. If you would like to participate in the study, please contact Executive Director, Matthew Duarte at mduarte@capri-jpa.org.

CAPRI TRAININGS

In-person trainings are back by popular demand! CAPRI Members are invited to attend upcoming regional trainings in 2023. More info to come, but for now, please save the date for a training near you!

January 9th (Sacramento)

January 23 (Bay Area)

February 21 (Bakersfield)

February 22 (Inland Empire)

March 7 (Los Angeles)



Attendance at CAPRI Member trainings qualifies members for CAPRI Safety Credit discounts on liability and property and workers' compensation premiums. Questions? Contact Kirk Andre at kandre@capri-jpa.org

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