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Park Advocacy Day 2018

Legislation and Current Issues

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Webinar Agenda

- Park Advocacy Day Overview
- Our Parks, Our Future
- Proposition 68
- Key Legislation for PAD Lobbying
- Other Legislative Highlights
- State Budget Issues
- Political Environment

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New for PAD 2018

- Monday, May 7
 - Workshops on current legislative issues, Park Advocacy Day talking points, and tools on how to be an effective advocate.
 - Social Hour at Cafeteria 15L
- New Tuesday, May 8 morning location
 - Studio 817, 817 16th Street
- Tuesday Evening Reception
 - California Museum, 1020 O Street



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Our Parks, Our Future

Represents CSPF's dedication to the vision of meaningful and transformative experiences for youth in parks that will create the next generation of empowered parks stewards.

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Our Parks, Our Future empowers everyone to use their voice.

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Proposition 68

- SB 5 allocated \$218 million to repair and improve state parks.
 - \$10 million for state parks enterprise projects
 - \$5 million for local agencies that operate a unit of the state park system
 - \$18 million for fairground facility improvements
 - \$30 million for low cost coastal accommodations
 - \$25 million for state parks natural resource projects



What You Can Do

- Endorse the campaign Yes on 68
- Join a regional task force
- Spread the word
 - Like: [facebook.com/yes68ca](https://www.facebook.com/yes68ca)
 - Follow: twitter.com/Yes68CA
 - Tag: @YES68CA
 - Primary hashtag: #YesOn68
 - Secondary hashtags: #SafeParksCA
#CleanWaterCA



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PAD Framework and Key Legislation

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Key Legislation for PAD

- AB 2534 (Limón D) Parks: environmental education: grant program.
- AB 2614 (Carrillo D) Outdoor experiences: disadvantaged youth.
- AB 2615 (Carrillo D) State highway system: parks and recreation: accessibility for bicycles and pedestrians.

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AB 2534 (Limón)

- Establishes new Outdoor Equity Grants Program at DPR
- To increase access to outdoor environmental ed programs in state parks & open spaces for underserved & at-risk populations
- Funds can be for transportation, logistic, program operations, capacity costs to reach historically underserved communities



AB 2534 (con't)

- Priority to fund outdoor env. ed programs that primary serve students eligible for free/reduced price meals in schools, foster youth, English language learners

AND the delivered program:

- has curriculum aligned to school standards,
- fosters environmental stewardship, or
- integrates science, technology, engineering, arts, and math instruction



AB 2614 (Carrillo)

- Requires Natural Resources Agency to undertake survey of school districts' provision on transportation to nonprofits
- Requires Agency to create list of schools within a school district that offer bus transportation services, including school contact info & bus cost information for nonprofits



AB 2614 (con't)

- Requires Agency create new grant program for innovative transportation projects that provide disadvantaged youth with access to outdoor experiences
- Grants would provide:
- Funds to a nonprofit or a state agency for transportation costs
- A rebate to a nonprofit organization or state agency to purchase a low-emission bus



Where's the Money?

- Neither AB 2534 nor AB 2614 have identified funding sources for grant programs
- AB 2534 allows DPR to receive private funds to support grant program
- Possible support from “community access” funding in Prop 68?



AB 2615 (Carrillo)

- Requires CalTrans to partner with DPR & others to develop plans for safe and convenient bike & pedestrian access to parks adjacent/ connected to the state highways
- Existing State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan supports low-stress or separated pedestrian and bike trail routes of statewide or regional significance for tourism & recreation



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Other Parks Legislation

- AB 2745 (Carrillo) – Allows DPR to sell merchandise if no co-op or concessionaire available, after DPR good faith effort to secure one
- AB 3218 (Arambula) – Directs DPR to expand Millerton Lake SRA by 5,900 and assist in managing San Joaquin River Parkway

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State Budget

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DPR FY 18-19 Budget Proposal

- \$1.1 billion total budget
 - \$480 million for state park operations
 - \$601 million for local assistance grant programs (local park funding from Prop 68)
 - \$11 million for capital projects
- 20% increase from FY 17-18, due to Prop 68-related expenditures

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Funding Sources

	2017-18	2018-19 PROPOSED
General Fund	\$212 million	\$147 million
SPRF	\$242.7 million	\$237.4 million
<i>(includes increased fuel taxes)</i>	<i>\$53.4 million</i>	<i>\$79.2 million</i>
OHV Fund	\$99 million	\$102.8 million
Harbors & Watercraft Fund	\$57 million	\$57 million
Bond Funds	\$33.2 million	\$468.4 million
TOTAL (includes other funds)	\$907 million	\$1.17 billion

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“Fix Our Parks” Initiative

- 364 new positions
- “As a result of this investment, park facilities will no longer be closed or partially closed due to staffing limitations.
- All districts containing park units with service hour reductions caused by staff limitations will receive resources to address these limitations.
- Funding at the proposed levels would increase operational capacity to meet visitation demand, however seasonal weather conditions and resource protection concerns still may limit service hours in some park units.”

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“Fix Our Parks” (con’t)

- \$ 42 million Initiative
- Facilities and Maintenance (\$8.5 Million)
- Natural Resource Management (\$7.6 Million)
- Local Engagement (\$6 Million)
- Public Safety (\$5.9 Million)
- Cultural Resource Management (\$4.6 Million)
- District Services (\$4 Million)
- Interpretation and Education (\$2.7 Million)
- Revenue Generation (\$2.7 Million)



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State Budget Talking Points

- New dedicated funding streams (SB 1 funds, marijuana) are encouraging, but... not if supplanting GF base
- Intent with Fix Our Parks Initiative is laudable, but... details matter
- Lack of information re: SBB process/outcomes makes assessing complete DPR budget picture challenging

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Political Environment in Sacramento

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Legislative Context

- Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) sworn in 3/21 as the first woman Senate President Pro Tem in CA history
- No changes to Assembly leadership
- Three Assembly special elections in April; AD 54 named Sydney K. Kamlager (D) as winner, 2 other races to go to June primaries



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Pressing Legislative Issues

- Addressing workplace sexual harassment
- Single-payer healthcare
- 100% renewable energy
- Post-fires issues: insurance, liability, fire management practices

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