



**Recreation and Parks Commission Agenda Statement**  
**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2025  
**Agenda Heading:** New Business

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**TITLE:**

2026 California Parks and Recreation Society Conference

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Appoint two members of the Commission to attend the 2026 CPRS Conference.
2. Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Each conference registration costs \$515. Through the already approved training and education budget, two tickets have been purchased to be allocated to Recreation and Parks Commissioners.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Annual Conference is a statewide professional development event for parks, recreation, and community services professionals. The conference provides training, workshops, and networking opportunities that support best practices in recreation programming, community engagement, parks planning, organizational leadership and more. Attendance at the CPRS Conference is a long-standing professional development opportunity for staff and commissioners, offering exposure to current trends, legislative updates, and innovative approaches used throughout the state.

For 2026, CPRS will hold its annual conference at the Long Beach Convention Center from March 10–13, 2026. The conference will include keynote presentations, educational sessions, and commissioner-focused trainings designed to strengthen policy understanding, governance, and strategic planning in municipal recreation and parks systems.

**DISCUSSION:**

As part of the City's commitment to ongoing professional development and support for the Recreation and Parks Commission, staff recommend the allocation of previously purchased conference registrations to two commissioners. Attendance at the CPRS Conference will provide Commissioners with valuable insight into statewide recreation

and parks priorities, including facility operations, capital project planning, aquatics, community programming, and fiscal sustainability.

Commissioners who attend may participate in sessions specifically tailored for advisory bodies, including governance training, policy development, and emerging legislation affecting parks and recreation agencies. Participation will enhance the Commission's ability to provide informed recommendations to City Council and to support strategic planning efforts for the City's recreation and parks system.

Staff will coordinate registration details once the Commission selects which members will attend. No additional funding is required beyond what has already been approved through the Training and Education budget.

**CITY STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

Goal 4: Promote and celebrate a quality workforce through teamwork and organizational excellence

Strategy A: Enhance staff recruitment, retention, and training to ensure delivery of unparalleled City services and implementation of City Council Policies.

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