

Thinking Big: Realizing the Possibilities with California State Parks

2015 CALPA Conference and Training Workshops

Program Schedule

Please note: Schedule subject to change.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015	
Conference Registration Check-In at Lobby of Borrego Springs Resort - 2:00 to 5:30 pm	
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CALPA BOARD MEETING – Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center (VC) – Discovery Lab
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	OPENING RECEPTION – Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center (VC) 6:00 PM - Welcome and Success Stories - Anza-Borrego DSP - VC Amphitheatre 6:30 PM and 7:15 PM - Mark Jorgensen (Author) - Bighorn Sheep - Anza-Borrego DSP - VC Discovery Lab 6:30 PM and 7:15 PM - Connie Brooks - Salton Sea - Anza-Borrego DSP - VC Theater 8:00 PM - Sally Theriault - Stargazing - Anza-Borrego DSP - VC Amphitheatre
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm	CALPA Hospitality Suite/Networking Opportunity: Borrego Springs Resort (Carolyn Christian)
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015	
Conference Registration Check-In at Lobby of Borrego Springs Resort - 7:00 am – 5:30 pm	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast and Networking Groups ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant
8:30 am - 9:00 am	General Session: Welcome - Carolyn Christian, President, CALPA; President, Friends of Pío Pico CALPA Overview <i>Thinking Big: Realizing the Possibilities with California State Parks</i> ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Ballroom (Adjacent to Hotel Front Desk)
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Engaging the New Generation General Session: <i>The New Caliparks App</i> – Speaker: Jon Christensen ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Ballroom (Adjacent to Hotel Front Desk)
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am -10:45 am	Innovative and Productive Partnerships General Session: <i>Co-op Organizational Assessment Report</i> - Speakers: Randy Widera and Traci Verardo-Torres ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Ballroom (Adjacent to Hotel Front Desk)
10:45 am -12:15 pm	Innovative and Productive Partnerships General Session: <i>Partnerships Implementing Positive Change – The California State Parks Transformation Team</i> - Partnership Committee Speakers: Dana Jones, Danita Rodriguez, and Steve McCormick - Participation Session with CALPA Members ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Ballroom (Adjacent to Hotel Front Desk)
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	Break/Walk to Buses
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Enroute to Field Trips - Lunch on Bus LOCATION: Buses
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	FIELD TRIP OPTIONS Cultural Tour of Blair Valley (2-Wheel Drive) Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Geology Tour of The Slot and Hawk Canyon with California Overland Desert Excursions Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Tour District Research Labs (Paleontology, Archaeology, Herbarium) and PORTS Studio Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

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	Pumpkin Patch – Discovery Center (4-Wheel Drive Vehicle Experience) Ocotillo Wells	
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Return to Hotel on Buses	
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vendor Expo and Reception – Borrego Springs Resort - Ballroom Keynote Speaker: Steve Szalay – Chair – California State Parks Transformation Team	
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	CALPA Hospitality Suite/Networking Opportunity: Borrego Springs Resort (Carolyn Christian)	
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015		
Conference Registration Check-In at Lobby of Borrego Springs Resort - 7:00 am – 9:30 am / 4:30 – 5:30 pm		
7:30 am - 8:15 am	Breakfast and Networking Groups ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant	
8:15 am – 9:00 am	<i>“Thank You to Co-ops”</i> Speaker: Brian Cahill and Wayne Breece - California Department of Parks and Recreation ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant	
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Buses to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park	
BREAK OUT SESSIONS		
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<i>Cuyamaca RSP - Stonewall Mine Site</i>	<i>Cuyamaca RSP - Los Vaqueros Group Horse Camp</i>
	Echoes through time: How the Stonewall mine changed the natural world around it	The Power of Place: Peaks and Rivers whose prominence helped define a people.
	Speaker(s): Join Alex Bevil, State Park Historian II	Speaker(s): Mike Connolly
	<i>Discussion: A look at how one of the richest Southern California mines changed the natural world around it, and how some of those changes echo on 100 years after closure.</i>	<i>Discussion: There is a special confluence of mountains and rivers around CRSP. Join Mike Connolly of the Kumeyaay Nation to learn a Kumeyaay perspective on why these vibrant mountains and life-sustaining waters were important to their sense of person and people.</i>
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12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Engaging the New Generation</i>	
	Lunch and Presentation Inspiring New Park Voices Speaker(s): Outdoor Outreach – Ben McCue, Executive Director and Outdoor Outreach Participants	
	ROOM: Cuyamaca RSP - Auditorium Cafeteria	

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<i>Innovative and Productive Partnerships</i>	
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<i>Very Successful Co-op Partnerships</i> Speaker(s): Panel Discussion – Dr. Jarrell Jackman, moderator Peg Danielson, Laura Davick, Michele Luna, Anne Peterson, Richard Vogel, Randy Widera ROOM: Cuyamaca RSP - Auditorium Cafeteria
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Bus Trip back to Borrego Springs Resort Hotel</i>
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Travel Time: Borrego Springs Resort Hotel to Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center Carpools</i>
5:30 Social Hour 6:00 Banquet	Banquet: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center Dinner / Silent and Live Auction / Annual Awards Music by Elevation 597 Keynote Speaker: Myrian Solis Coronel - California State Park Commission and National Partnership Manager, REI
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	<i>Travel Time: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center to Borrego Springs Resort Hotel - Carpools</i>
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	CALPA Hospitality Suite/Networking Opportunity: Borrego Springs Resort (Carolyn Christian)
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015	
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast and Networking Groups ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant
<i>Innovative and Productive Partnerships</i>	
9:00 am - 9:45 am	<i>"Elephant in the Room: Facilitating Better Communication in Partnerships"</i> Speaker: Michele Jackman ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant
9:45 am - 10:15 am	<i>"Thinking Big....What Are The Next Steps?" – Closing Remarks</i> Speaker: Carolyn Christian, CALPA President and other CALPA Board Members ROOM: Borrego Springs Resort - Hotel Restaurant
10:30 am – ??	Tours Suggestions – On Your Own - See Field Trip Notes Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness Palomar Mountain State Park Ocotillo Wells State Recreation Vehicle Area Salton Sea State Recreation Area Torrey Pines
Have a safe trip home! See you next year at the 2016 CALPA Conference and Training Workshops.	