



# Conejo Recreation & Park District

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**DATE:** October 17, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Jim Friedl, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Call for Vote for Members to Serve on California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI) Board of Directors

## RECOMMENDATION

Vote for two candidates to serve on the CAPRI Board of Directors, both to serve as “At-Large” members. Nominations were closed on October 4<sup>th</sup> and four nominations were received.

## DISCUSSION

As a participating member district, CRPD is eligible to vote for candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of CAPRI. The current election ballot for 2024 is for a term of office commencing in 2025 and lasting for four years. Each participating member shall have one vote for each position to be elected. Therefore, CRPD may submit one ballot with up to two candidates selected. The two individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve on the CAPRI Board.

The four candidates are listed alphabetically below:

Kylie Felicich	Mendocino Coast Recreation & Park District
Mathew Fuzie	Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (Incumbent)
Jill Nunes	Cordova Recreation & Park District
Natalie Wong	Hayward Area Recreation & Park District (Incumbent)

A copy of each candidate’s statement is attached.

Attachments

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October 2, 2024

To: CAPRI

Attention: Matthew Duarte

RE: 2024 CAPRI Board of Directions Election – Call for Nominations

Hello Matthew,

Please let this letter act as my letter of interest to serve on the CAPRI Board. I have been a District Manager at Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District for one year. Prior to joining the District's Management, I served on the board for ten months. I recently received an exemplary review by our Board.

The last twelve months have been monumental for our District. In August 2023, MCRPD chose to dissolve an Operating and Management Agreement with the C.V. Starr Community Center in Fort Bragg, California. After a six-month transitional period, which I supervised, MCRPD has totally reinvented itself. We relocated our business office and opened a separate studio for new MCRPD programs. We caught up all the financials and had two clean audits for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. Our current audit is scheduled for December. We have successfully been awarded one grant with the California State Parks and are working on others. The Summer Season was hugely successful, and we increased our summer programming revenue by 75% from 2023. Our community is responding positively to our new programs, and they are happy to see we are growing and prospering.

We are a small special district on the Northern California Coast. Our District spans 75 miles of Coastline. Considered a truly rural community and District, we face many challenges from poverty to geographical isolation. We are committed to growing programs and recreational opportunities for the entire Mendocino Coast. We feel that continued involvement and experience with the CAPRI Board would benefit our entire District. CAPRI is truly our most important partner. We rely on CAPRI for nearly every decision we make. The partnership with PRISM is equally important to MCRPD. I can say with great confidence that were I elected to this board, I would be a positive and productive member for CAPRI. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kylie Felicich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kylie Felicich

Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District

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**General Manager**  
Mathew L. Fuzie

October 1, 2024

Hello CAPRI Members, my name is Mat Fuzie, and I am running for an at-large position on the CAPRI Board of Directors. I have been working in Parks and Recreation since I was a 17-year-old Recreation Aide in Modesto, California in 1981. Those of you who like math will immediately know that is 43 years. I went to college at CSU Fresno and am a proud Bulldog. I played water polo and swam collegiately. While there I was recruited to be a California State Lifeguard. I spent 33 years with California State Parks and worked my way up from Lifeguard to Deputy Director. I retired in 2018 and immediately went to work for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District as General Manager and have been here 6 plus years.

I really enjoy the work on the CAPRI Board where I currently serve in an at-large position. In my California State Park career, I spent plenty of time in litigation-related events including depositions, testimony, expertise, and mediation, which combined with my growing knowledge of the insurance industry, enables me to provide valuable insights to CAPRI members.

Fun Fact: I am a trained hostage negotiator. My wife and I have been together for 40 years, and have a lovely daughter, 28 who just completed Law School and the California Bar exam.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mat Fuzie

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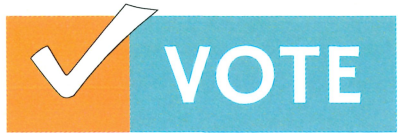
**Board of Directors**  
James Boswell

Maryalice Faltings

David Furst

Jan Palajac

Philip Pierpont



# Jill Nunes, CPRE

*Director of Parks & Recreation  
Cordova Recreation & Park District*

## for CAPRI Board Member At-Large



**// I am eager to continue my commitment to serving YOU in the upcoming election.**

### THANK YOU

#### For Your Continued Support

I am grateful for what we have achieved together over the past 4 years. With your support, I will continue to put my passion for CAPRI and our Members to work for our future.

#### Connect With Me!

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 <https://bit.ly/linkedin-jnunes>

### MY VISION

#### Passion for Our Profession

Like all of you, I am truly passionate about our parks and recreation profession and community. I am dedicated to ensuring we have the resources needed to succeed and continue the foundation of working together.

#### Commitment to Service

My goal is to serve our member districts and support CAPRI's continued efforts to offer a high-level service while putting the members first.

#### Dedicated Service

As your Member at Large Representative, I will continue to dedicate the time needed to serve your agency and create partnerships that provide effective insurance coverage, risk management, safety, and loss prevention services for all Member Districts.

#### Policy & Leadership

I am committed to making policy decisions that prioritize our members' interests, fostering continuous improvement, and building lasting professional networks.



October 3, 2024

CAPRI Membership  
c/o Matt Duarte, Executive Director  
California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity  
1075 Creekside Drive, Suite 240, Roseville, CA 95678

**SUBJECT: Letter of Interest for Continued Service on the CAPRI Board of Directors**

**Fellow CAPRI Members,**

Thank you for selecting me to serve on the CAPRI Board four years ago. I am writing to express my interest in continuing to serve on the CAPRI Board of Directors in the "At-Large" category. Since joining the Board in January 2021, I have gained a deeper appreciation and understanding of the risk management and insurance coverage issues affecting our member districts.

Special districts, particularly recreation and park districts, enhance community quality of life by focusing on their core mission and providing tailored parks, facilities, programs, and services. As the Director of Parks & Recreation for the Cordova Recreation & Park District, I oversee a comprehensive parks and recreation department serving over 133,000 residents. As the director, it is my responsibility to ensure compliance with policies, procedures, safety standards, risk management, and the achievement of staff and agency goals.

It has been a privilege to support the CAPRI Board and staff and the many accomplishments over the past four years:

- **RIO:** Establishing the Recreation Insurance Organization (RIO) a tax-exempt, pure captive, has allowed us to better manage risk and diversify our investment portfolio, resulting in a higher ROI for the pool.
- **EAP:** The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has provided our members and their employees with access to mental health services, significantly improving the overall health and wellness of our membership.
- **Member Portal:** Our dedicated website has become the central hub for risk control trainings and resources, as well as the main entry point for admin and staff to report claims.

It would be an honor to continue serving you on the CAPRI Board.

Sincerely,

*Jill Nunes*

Jill Nunes, CPRE  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
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c: Cordova Recreation & Park District, Board of Directors  
Patrick Larkin, General Manager, Cordova Recreation & Park District

September 13, 2024

Mr. Matt Duarte  
CAPRI Executive Director  
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***Sent via email to: [mduarte@capri-jpa.org](mailto:mduarte@capri-jpa.org)***

Re: Letter of Interest  
2024 CAPRI Board of Directors Election

Dear Mr. Duarte,

I am interested in being considered for the CAPRI Board of Directors. I believe I am qualified to be a Board member based on my work experience and education. I am currently the Human Resources Manager at the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. In this role, I oversee all the District's third-party claims and coordinate the response. I present on pending litigation matters to the District's Board of Directors in closed session and I support and guide complex claims that require coordination with multiple attorneys and District leadership. I also oversee and am involved with the day-to-day coordination of all workers compensation claims and ensure that claims are resolved.

Prior to this role, I was the Human Resources Director for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD). In that role, I was also responsible for managing the District's response and coordination to third-party claims and workers compensation claims. I worked through multiple complex workers' compensation claims and was involved with Board presentations and determining the best course forward.

In addition to the above, I have coordinated and participated in multiple labor negotiations for my current agency, SRVFPD, and the City of Palo Alto, where I was the Employee and Labor Relations Manager. I worked closely with agency leadership and presented at multiple closed sessions with the elected officials. I have successfully negotiated multiple labor contracts.

Lastly, I am a licensed attorney in the State of California. I was fortunate to work in the City of Palo Alto, City Attorney's Office as a Deputy City Attorney prior to entering into the Human Resources field. In that role, I learned about various areas of municipal law and assisted with a complex construction defect matter along with other legal matters facing the City.

I believe that my experiences noted above make me an outstanding candidate for the CAPRI Board of Directors. Thank you for considering my interest in being part of the CAPRI Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

*Natalie Wong*

Natalie Wong  
Human Resources Manager  
Hayward Area Recreation and Park District