



WRPA-ORPA-CPRS-CARPD-IRPA
Exploratory Discussion
*Positioning public parks and recreation to influence COVID-19
Recovery Framework Development across WA-OR-CA-ID*

April 22, 2020 2pm-3pm

AGENDA AND NOTES

Call to Action

We believe public parks and recreation spaces and services are crucial in the COVID-19 pandemic recovery process, as social isolation and lack of physical and outdoor experiences negatively impact the mental, emotional and physical health of citizens. We seek to influence the creation of a framework our Governor's may rely upon to responsibly re-open our communities in a safe and progressive manner.

Invitees: (names noted in [blue](#) participated in call)

WRPA: Paul Simmons, WRPA President-Elect and Director, City of Olympia Parks, Art and Recreation; Pete Mayer, Deputy Executive Director, Metro Parks Tacoma; Mary Dodsworth, Director, City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation; Roxanne Miles, Director, Pierce County Parks and Recreation; Joe Brady, Chief Strategy Officer, Metro Parks Tacoma; Doug Levy, WRPA Lobbyist; Tiffany Hanzo, WRPA Executive Director

ORPA: Michael Klein, ORPA Director; Rachel Dials, ORPA President, Recreation Superintendent, City of Ashland Parks and Recreation; Keith Hobson, Director of Business and Facilities, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District; Ross Hoover, Director, City of Tualatin Parks and Recreation

CPRS: Tara Gee, CPRS President, Park Planning & Development Superintendent, City of Roseville, CA; Stephanie Stephens, CPRS Executive Director

CARPD: Matthew Duarte, CARPD Executive Director; Lindsay Woods, CARPD Director

IRPA: Brandon Johnson, IRPA President, Director City of Eagle, Parks and Recreation; Jason Wiley, IRPA President-Elect, Recreation Supervisor, City of Sandpoint Parks and Recreation

Meeting Objectives:

- To explore how collaborating across the public parks and recreation sector in our 4 states could elevate our collective voice for the role parks and recreation plays in shaping the recovery in WA, OR, ID and CA;
- To determine interest and agreement around a common “position statement” that could be advanced to our Governor’s to influence the development of a framework consistent with the Western State’s Pact.
- To identify other partnership and networking opportunities between our western states to advance the profession of public parks and recreation and more effectively deliver important park and recreation services to our communities.

TIME	TOPIC
2pm	<p>Welcome/ Introductions, review objectives & agenda (Pete)</p>
2:10pm	<p>Review of latest version of position statement (Roxanne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intended audience - Key messages - Desired outcomes - Questions/Concerns <p>Widespread agreement for the relevancy and importance of the draft framework document/position statement and participants indicated an intention to utilize the framework in communicating to their state and local officials.</p> <p>WRPA intends to deliver a revised version to the WA State Governor Inslee, State Parks Director, Secretary of Health and Director of WA Military Department Emergency Management Division.</p> <p>WRPA will share the “final” version of its framework with other state association partners by end of the week.</p> <p>Framework can be used locally with elected officials and policy makers.</p>
2:30pm	<p>Exploring a unified position vs. separate message (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Time sensitivity to submit - Multi-State unified position, or separate but similar Association messages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Association governance & approval process o Process to achieve consensus “I can live with and support it” <p>Association representatives expressed their preference to tailor the message points to be more state and/or situation specific, while following the general framework and flow.</p>
2:45pm	<p>Other Partnership Opportunities (Pete/All)</p> <p>Other opportunities for collaboration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal legislative coordination and advocacy • Coordination between NRPA and efforts such as this

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of tools and resources with other Western States- e.g. Arizona, Nevada, Montana, etc. • Establishing routine (monthly) calls w/multi-state Association leaders • Exploring a common concept of operations framework to guide re-opening of programs, services and facilities
2:55pm	<p>Next Steps (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRPA to finalize the framework/position statement and share with everyone to then customize to meet their respective needs (target date: 4/24/2020) • State Association reps agreed to share their final version of the framework/position statement with others (target date: variable- by end of May) • Pete will establish a monthly Association leadership ZOOM call between WA, OR, CA and ID (target date: calls to be scheduled by 4/24 for May-August 2020) • Metro Parks Tacoma and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District explore opportunities to collaborate federally that could be leveraged across our states (target date: by mid-May)
3pm	<p>Adjourn</p>