



California Surf Lifesaving Association

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Legislative Committee Report

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The committee reviewed the listed bills and there was no new input on the legislative front. There was discussion concerning AB 491 as to the impact on agencies that employ EMTs as this bill will require a background check on all EMTs.

It is anticipated the next legislative cycle will be busy with a number of issues that may affect California's lifeguards.

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There was active discussion concerning the need for accurate statistics and consensus that statistics are vital for budget purposes, training, operations, and public education. There is a wide diversity in California amongst lifeguard agencies in data collection: from "as it happens" CAD systems, daily electronic entry, and end of the day hard copy for lifeguards patrolling the rugged coastline of central and northern California.

The following were recommendations coming out of the committee meeting:

- Increase the data criteria collected on Aquatic Rescues:
 - Age of the victims
 - Male vs. Female
 - Activity of the victim at the time of rescue
 - Whether or not alcohol was a contributing factor

- Development of standardized reporting forms that would be available on the USLA, or the CSLSA website.
 - Excel form with monthly and year-end summary
 - Daily statistics form
 - Rescue card form

ACTION ITEM: Alex Peabody to reformat the California State Parks forms to make them more generic so that all agencies could utilize. These will be sent out to those attending the committee meeting for feedback and then submitted at the Spring BOD meeting for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex K. Peabody