



2020 Park Rangers Association of California Conference and Training

Presented by Park Rangers Andy Brown
and Bob Holland



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What is PRAC?

- The Park Rangers Association of California is a professional organization created for Park Rangers and other uniformed park employees of municipal, county, special park district, state and federal park agencies in California, and Nevada.
- Since 1976, PRAC has sought to provide and promote an open forum for sharing experiences, ideas, problems, information, and training. Sample text
- PRAC seeks to establish statewide professional standards for Rangers through certification, legislation and interagency cooperation.





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- Agency Membership Perks
 - As members, Washoe County Uniformed Park Employees have access to a unique forum called PRACnet, used to exchange information, ideas, and problems with employees from other park agencies from across Nevada and California.
 - Quarterly news letter published by fellow park professionals and PRAC members, including Washoe County staff.
- Washoe County Park Rangers have held positions on the PRAC Board of Directors for over 10 years.
 - Director of Region 5 – The State of Nevada





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- Training and networking with outside agencies
 - Washoe County Parks staff are able to participate in local trainings and networking opportunities with other local government agencies and non-profits that might not otherwise be available.
 - Nevada Division of Forestry
 - Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space
 - Nevada State Parks
 - Washoe County Animal Services
 - Back Country Horsemen
 - University of Nevada, Reno
 - Northern Nevada HOPES
- Just to name a few...



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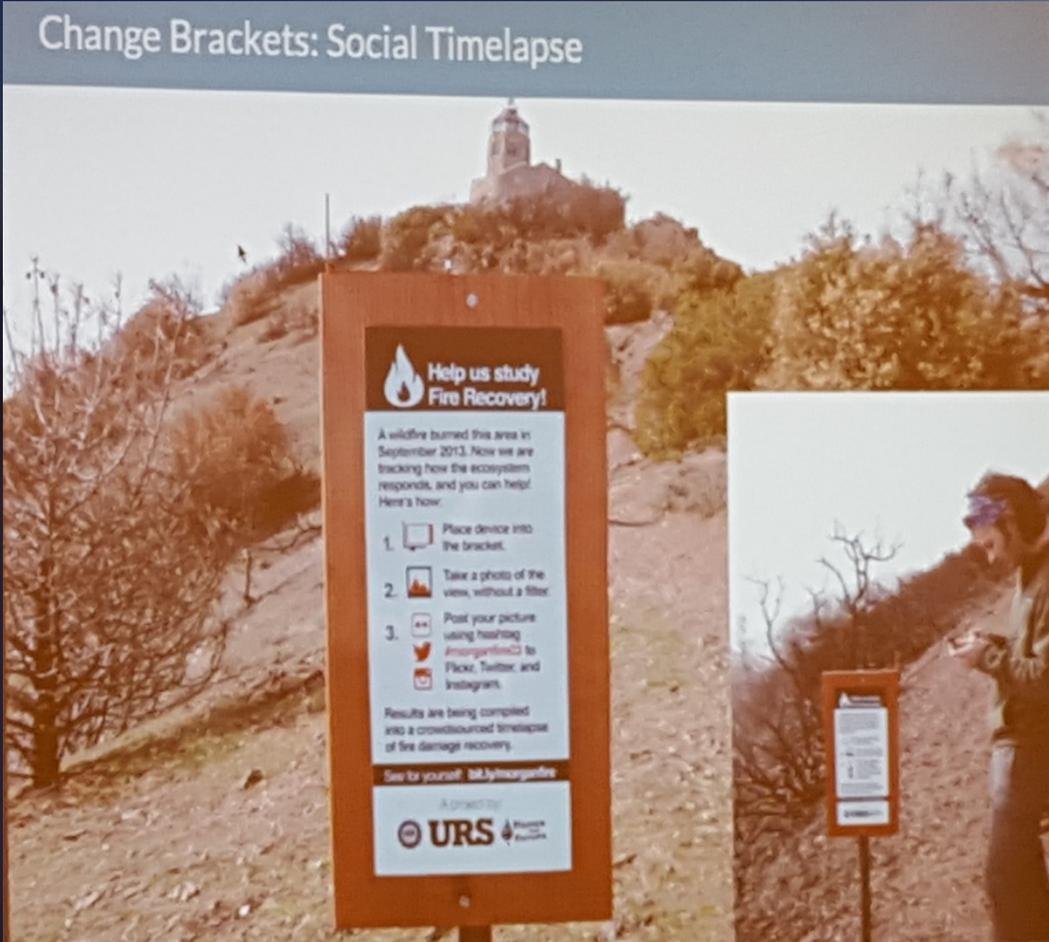
- Annual Conference and Training
 - Typically either in Northern or Southern California
 - Three primary areas of training
 - Resource Management/Park Operations
 - Interpretation
 - Public Safety





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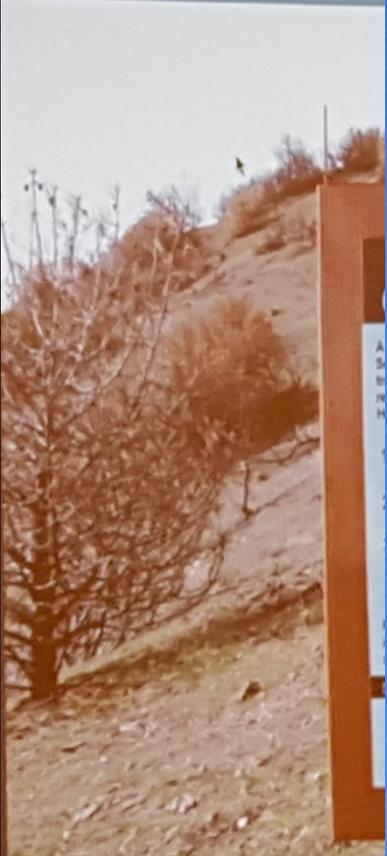


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What to do when in Lion Country

- Don't hike alone or become separated from a group
- Avoid hiking or jogging at dawn or dusk
- Don't crouch
- Keep small children with you
- If encountered, look big, act nimble and position yourself higher than the puma
- If attacked, fight back

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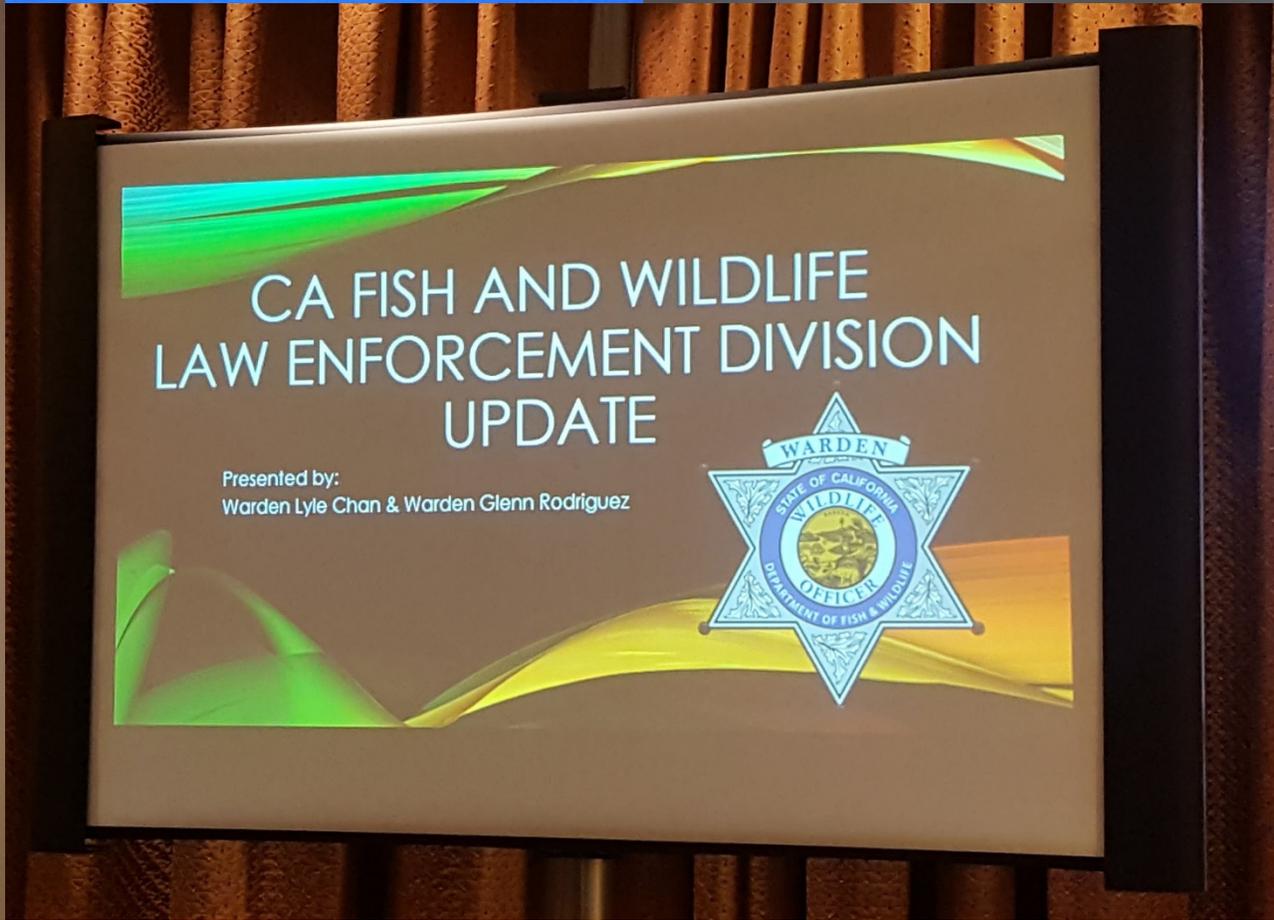
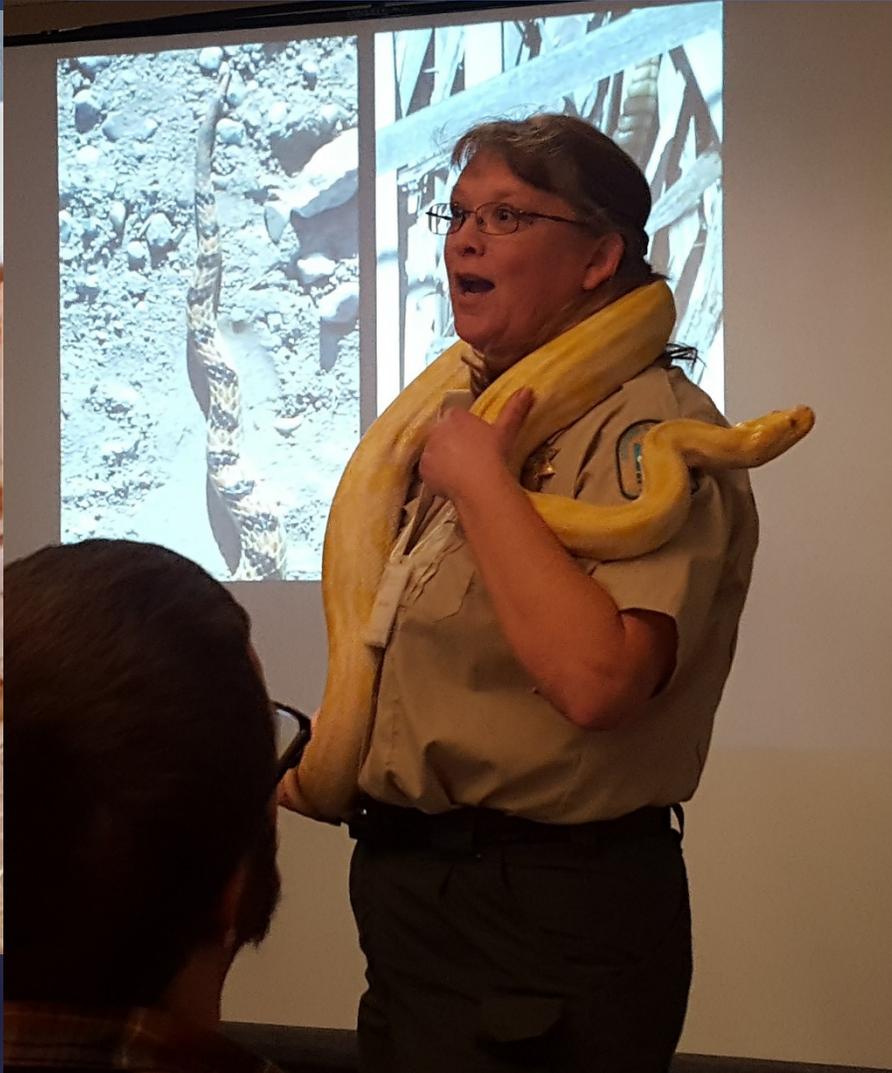
CA FISH AND WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION UPDATE

Presented by:
Warden Lyle Chan & Warden Glenn Rodriguez





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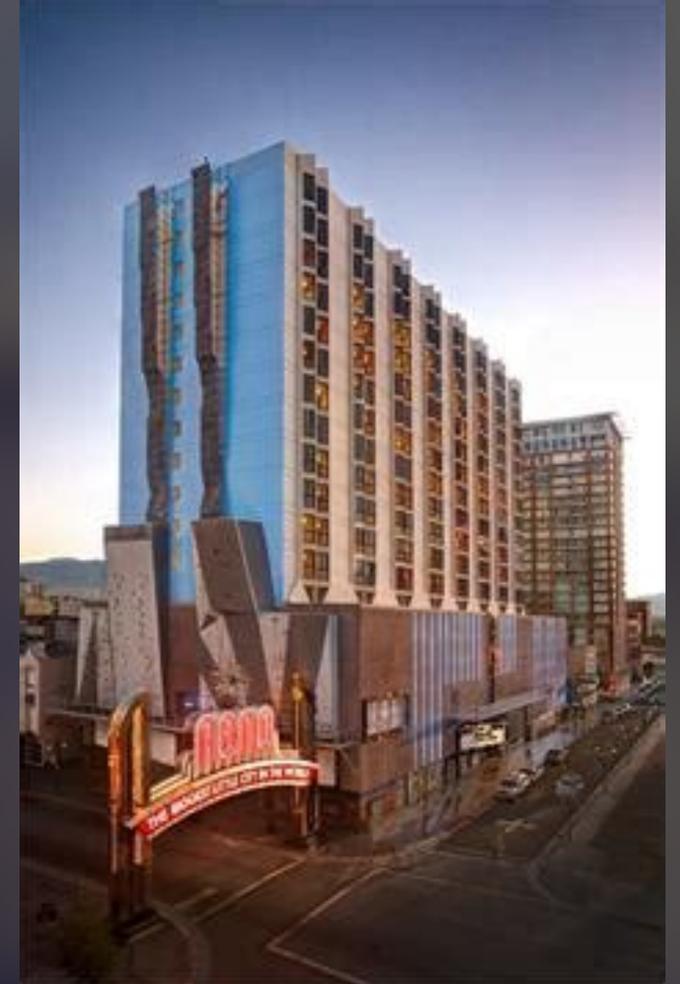




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- 2020 Conference is being held at the Whitney Peak Hotel in Downtown Reno, March 2nd-5th.
 - Washoe County is the host agency for the first time.
 - Many of the trainings and logistics have been coordinated by Washoe County Park Ranger Staff.
 - Many of the training sessions will be presented by Washoe County Staff, including staff from Parks, CSD Amin, WCSO and May Arboretum.

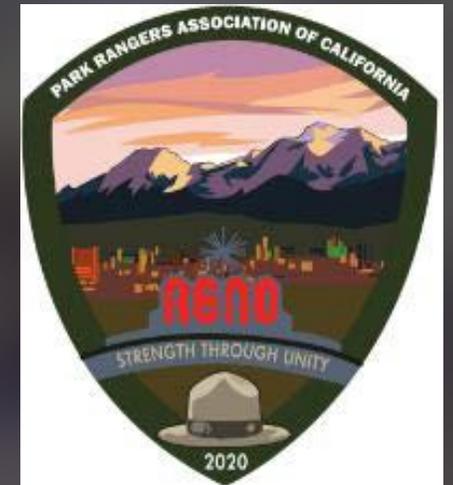




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Training schedule will include:

- Ranger Safety with Paul Berkowitz, NPS Agent (RET) and author
- Weed management through Soil Chemistry
- Use of Interpreters with Park Ranger Management
- Cultural Diversity in Enforcement and Contacts
- Avalanche Forecasting and How to Effectively Garner Public Involvement to Disseminate Current Conditions
- Narcan/Naloxone and Drug Identification Overview
- Ask a Ranger Podcast
- Advanced Mountain Bike Trail Building and Demands on Public Lands
- The Power of Social Media

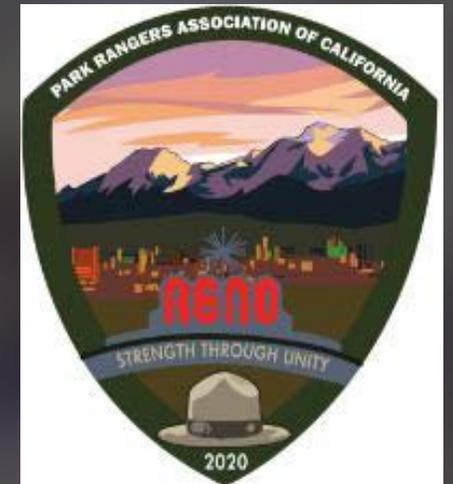




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Training schedule will include:

- Creating Exhibits to Showcase and Archive Park History and Document Changes in Use and Demographics
- Fire and Fuel Management through Drone Mapped Mastication and Mulching
- Initial Search and Rescue Operations for All Terrains
- Creating and Using Short Films to Document Park History and Provide Interpretation
- Mine Safety for First Responders
- Multi-Specialist Park Ranger Model
- Libraries and Parks

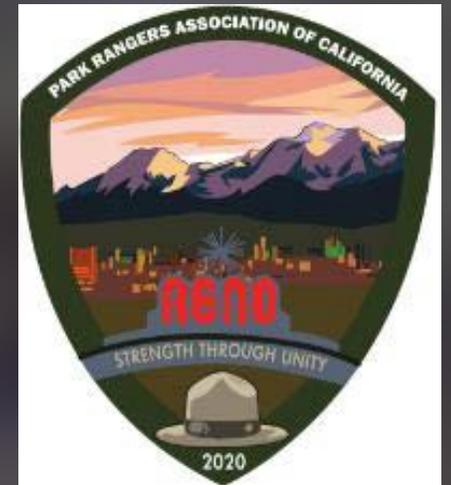




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Training schedule will include:

- A Historic Tour of Nevada on Monday, March 2nd, 2020
 - Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa, NV
 - Tours of the Fourth Ward School, Chollar Mine, Gold Mill and Gold Hill Hotel
- Additional offsite training at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on Thursday, March 5th, 2020:
 - 21st Century Trails: An introduction to design and construction of environmentally and socially sustainable trails, presented by Kevin Joell, owner of Sierra Trail Works and member of the Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition.





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