



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region – United States Lifesaving Association

PO Box 366 – Huntington Beach, California 92648

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Casablanca Inn, 101 Main St, Santa Cruz CA 95060#

October 8, 2026 & October 9, 2026, 9AM

I. Call to Order

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| A. Pledge of Allegiance | - | Mr. Carey |
| B. Welcome and Introductions | - | Mr. Carey for Mr. Avila |
| C. Mixing of the Sands | - | Mrs. Bryant |
| D. Roll Call of Delegates | - | Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Beuerlein |

II. Approval of Minutes – Hermosa Beach CA, – March 26 & 27, 2026

https://cslsa.org/images/website/1504/files/BODSpring_2026_Meeting_MinutesDraft_for_approval.pdf

III. Officer's Reports

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| A. President | - | Mr. Avila |
| B. Vice President | - | Mr. Carey |
| C. Secretary | - | Mrs. Bryant |
| D. Treasurer | - | Mr. Sholl |
| E. Past President/Advisor | - | Mr. Beuerlein |
| F. 1 st Delegate | - | Mr. Butki |
| G. 2 nd Delegate | - | Ms. Kemp |
| H. 3 rd Delegate | - | Mr. Trinkle |
| I. 4 th Delegate | - | Ms. Swank |

IV. Committee Reports

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| A. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures | - | Mr. Sholl & Dr. Graham |
| B. Certification | - | Mr. Carey for Mr. Lombardi |
| C. Exchanges | - | Dr. Graham and Ms. Kelly |
| D. Fundraising | - | Ms. White and Mr. Kine |
| E. Grants | - | Mrs. Bryant |
| F. Junior Lifeguards | - | Mr. Sholl, Mrs. Moise & Mr. Lawson-Thomas |
| G. Legislation | - | Mr. Beuerlein for Mr. Sandler |
| H. Lifesaving Sport & Fitness | - | Mr. Butki |
| I. Membership | - | Mrs. Graham |
| J. Newsletter | - | Ms. Gibson |
| K. Professional Standards | - | Mr. Carey |
| L. Public Education | - | Ms. Swank & Ms. Beebe |
| M. PIO | - | Mr. Moore for Mr. Sandler |
| N. Public Relations | - | Mrs. Bryant for Ms. Kemp |
| O. Social Media | - | Mrs. Bryant for Ms. Kemp |
| P. Special Awards & Presentations | - | Mr. Trinkle |
| Q. Statistics | - | Mr. Burton |
| R. Training | - | Mr. Paul |
| S. Ways & Means | - | Mr. Sholl |
| T. Website | - | Mr. Himes |

V. Awards and Presentations#

Lunch-Presentation by Debbie Friedman

VI. Committee Workshops (as directed) Meeting to be recessed at approximately 5:00 PM and reconvened on Friday, October 9, 9:00 AM Casablanca Inn, 101 Main St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

VII. Committee Reports from Workshops

A. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures	-	Mr. Sholl & Dr. Graham
B. Certification	-	Mr. Lombardi
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VIII. Old Business

- A. California Marine Safety Chiefs Association Update
- B. 2026 CSLSA Regional Championships
- C. 2026 USLA National Championships
- D. 2027 CSLSA Regional Championships
- E. Live Heats Sports Scoring System
- F. Elimination of Restricted Accounts
- G. John Wayne Cancer Foundation
- H. United States House of Representatives Resolution 1188
- I. California Senate Concurrent Resolution 192
- J. [Proposed CSLSA Bylaw Changes](#) (During the Spring 2026 CSLSA BOD Meeting a **MOTION** to approve proposed Bylaw Changes was seconded and passed. The proposed Bylaw Changes will be voted on at this meeting with a "YEA" or "Nay" vote from Delegates with no discussion allowed per CSLSA Bylaws.)
 - 1. Proposed modification of Article 8, Section 3.1: Election shall be by "individual delegate" secret ballot, and a majority of votes cast shall elect.

IX. New Business

- A. *DragonSkin* Agreement

X. Future Meetings

- A. CSLSA Meetings and Dates
 - 1. Spring 2027 BOD; Dates: 4/8/27 & 4/9/27

Location: Oceanside

2. Fall 2027 BOD; Dates: 10/14/27 & 10/15/27

Location: TBD

B. USLA Meetings and Dates

1. Fall 2026 Education Conference and BOD; Dates: 11/9/26 - 11/12/26

Location: Jacksonville, FL

2. Spring 2027 Business Summit; Dates: 4/19/27 & 4/20/27

Location: St. Louis, MO

XI. Privilege of the Chair

XII. Adjournment



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors

FROM: Sean Carey

DATE: October 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Vice President Report

I would like to welcome all the delegates to the Fall 2026 Board of Directors meeting and thank you all for your attendance, participation and work behind the scenes.

First, I have been in communication with Mike Beuerlein and Gus Avila regarding Mr. Avila's current absence and health situation. Mr. Avila has asked that I step up and preside over the Fall 2026 CSLSA Board of Directors meeting, and attend the Fall 2026 USLA Conference in Jacksonville, Florida in his place and represent the southwest region. I agreed to do so and will give it my best effort.

I drafted a letter of support for the USLA Life Membership nomination effort for Jim Hughes on behalf of Mr. Avila. Jim meets all the requirements for Life Membership and had a great career. He is well worthy of the designation, and I trust he will receive the affirmation from the USLA.

Additionally, I submitted a nomination to the USLA Secretary Nikki Bowie for Mr. Avila to be considered for USLA Life Membership on September 6, 2026 after being contacted by Mr. Beuerlein. Mr. Silvestri completed the nomination form and supporting emails were drafted by both Mr. Silvestri and Mr. Beuerlein. The USLA Secretary has forwarded the nomination to the Membership Chair, Monty Reed, who held a zoom meeting and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Regarding the Professional Standards committee, we have not met since the CSLSA Spring BoD meeting. At the Spring 2026 USLA meeting in Biloxi, Mr. Trinkle submitted on behalf of the Water Quality Standards subcommittee, the draft of the Contaminated Water Protection Guidelines. The Guidelines were approved and are now available on the USLA website. My regards to Mr. Trinkle for all his excellent work on this and for carrying the issue forward to completion and adoption. In addition, I have been working on the body recovery guidelines which we will discuss at the Professional Standards committee meeting.

On September 9th I presided over the CSLSA Executive Board meeting on Zoom. One of the items we discussed was how to make the board of directors' meetings more efficient and allow for more questions and feedback from the group. We decided to request executive board member and committee chair reports be submitted by October 1st and reduce waste by posting them on the website and avoiding handing out copies of reports. We also suggested that reports be summarized instead of reading aloud verbatim to the board of directors.

In my region I assisted Mr. Trinkle with distributing the Liaison Outreach form directly to a couple of local chapters to have them completed and submitted. I also emailed several of the Chapter presidents in my area to encourage attendance at this meeting.

Regarding current legislation, in California, Senate Concurrent Resolution 192, which recognizes open-water lifeguards as first responders and emergency response providers, passed this summer. This is a big step for open water lifeguards. Thank you to all who worked so hard on this. Next, we need to focus on House Resolution 1188 which will recognize lifeguards on a national level.

I would encourage all Executive Board members and all CSLSA members to use the tools available at www.usla.org to contact their representatives in Congress and use the current momentum we have in California to move this issue forward on the national level.



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Nikki Bryant
DATE: October 8, 2026
SUBJECT: CSLSA Secretary, CSLSA Grants Committee Chair, USLA Women of Water Co-Chair Report

Since the last Executive Board Meeting, I have worked on the following:

CSLSA Secretary

- Developed a draft calendar for 2027 Executive Board meetings
- Completed the draft minutes and packet for Executive Board meetings held on June 10th and September 9th.
- Developed strategies with Executive Board to reduce the reliance on paper reports and enhance communication and participation for member of Board and Chair activities between meetings.
- Progressed E Votes for host agreement with LACoLSLA for Regionals and signed the agreement.
- Supported Regionals at Will Rogers Beach by leading athlete number registration for both Junior Guards and Lifeguard's and entered scores for Junor Guards and trained volunteers for Lifeguard's.
- Will attend the upcoming USLA Educational Conference and Board of Directors meeting in Jacksonville, FL.

USLA Women of Water Committee

- Preparation for Committee meeting at upcoming USLA Fall Meeting.

CSLSA Grants Committee

- No activity due to limited bandwidth.
- If anyone is interested in taking on the Chair role for Grants, please let me know.



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TO: CSLSA Executive Board
FROM: Joseph Sholl, Treasurer
DATE: 09/09/2026
SUBJECT: Treasurer and Ways & Means Committee Reports

City of Santa Barbara

Had a successful summer season

- 120+ Hourly employees
- JG Program: 970+ participants at one location
- JG Aides/Cadets: 35
- Swim Lessons: 680+ participants
- Swim Lesson Scholaships: 200 awarded
- Recreation Swim @ 3 Pools: estimated 30,000 at no cost
- JG FIESTA Competition: 900+ JGs competing
- Ocean Swim Events: 30+ events with estimated 5,000 in the water
- Zero loss of life

CSLSA

Since the last EB meeting, I have completed the following tasks

- Acted on behalf of the CSLSA on financial matters
 - Provided bookkeeping services for the CSLSA
 - Received payments, reimbursements to members, submitted payments for services...
 - Continue to work with the USLA Treasurer to ensure all payments to and from the USLA are current.
- Attended, assisted and competed at the CSLSA Regionals
- Helped Phil Toriello (Avila Beach JGs / Port San Luis / CA State) and Ned Hearn (Santa Cruz City) walk through logistics of hosting Regionals.
 - They are interested in hosting 2027 Regionals.

Santa Barbara Lifeguard Association

- Semana Nautica: 13 events over two days, 300+ competitors
- Fiesta 2x2: inaugural event. 6 teams competed
- Battle of the Beach Summer Series: Supervisor Crew reigned supreme
- Running of the Guard: 50 participants doing a R/S/R from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria – 9+ miles

2026 YTD Budget Report				
Date	Bank Account	Amount		Total
9/9/2026	Bank of America - Checking	\$57,650.39		\$127,686.23
	Bank of America - Savings	\$70,035.84		
Income/Revenue	2026 Adopted Budget	2026 Actuals		2026 Remaining
		Spent	Received	
Donation Received	\$ 0.00		\$3,852.91	\$3,852.91
	3/3/26 Donation received from Laguna Beach Surf Lifesaving Association		\$3,747.91	
	5/4/26 - Donation from Carson & Sam for 8th grade project		\$105.00	
Interest Received	\$ 0.00	\$5.58	\$18.65	\$13.07
	1/30/26 Interest Earned		\$2.38	
	1/30/26 FATCA Withholding	\$0.71		
	2/27/26 Interest Earned		\$2.15	
	2/27/26 FATCA Withholding	\$0.65		
	3/31/26	\$0.71		
	3/31/26		2.38	
	4/30/26	\$0.69		
	4/30/26		2.30	
	5/29/26	\$0.71		
	5/29/26		2.38	
	6/30/26	\$0.69		
	6/30/26		2.30	
	7/31/26	\$0.71		
	7/31/26		2.38	
	8/31/26	\$0.71		
	8/31/26		2.38	
Lifesaving Sport Registration	\$ 2,500.00		\$2,267.52	\$232.48
	3/3/26 Late payment for 2025 Regionals		\$25.00	
	8/31/26 Regionals Split		\$2,242.52	
Member Dues	\$ 35,000.00		\$19,445.00	\$15,555.00
	1/12/26 Membership Payment from checks in late Sept.		\$833.00	
	1/12/26 Membership Payment from online for Q4FY25		\$374.00	
	4/16/26 Membership Payments - Seal Beach & SLO		\$661.00	
	4/16 Membership Payment - Q1		\$398.00	
	7/6/26 Membership Payment - Q2		\$5,340.00	
	8/13/26 Membership Split - July& Aug		\$6,069.00	
	8/13 Membership Split - July - Online		\$5,770.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00		\$300.00	\$300.00
	3/3/26 Received from Vanguard		\$300.00	
Officer Travel Inflows	\$ 0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$ 0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenue Totals	2026 Adopted Budget	Total Spent	Total Received	\$11,621.50
	\$ 37,500.00	\$5.58	\$25,884.08	
Expenditures/Costs	2026 Adopted Budget	2026 Actuals		2026 Remaining
		Spent	Received	
Donation Given	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exchange Committee	\$ 1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
Executive Board	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising Committee	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$ 5,500.00	\$4,852.00	\$2,563.00	\$3,211.00
	3/12/26 - Philadelphia Insurance	\$1,619.00		
	4/17/26 Reimbursement from Travelor's Insurance from overpayment 2025		\$2,563.00	
	4/20/26 - Travelor's Insurance payment	\$3,233.00		
Magazine	\$ 1,000.00	\$502.80	\$0.00	\$497.20
	4/17/26 - Newsletter reimbursement	\$502.80		
Membership Committee	\$ 6,000.00	\$3,400.37	\$0.00	\$2,599.63
	6/2/26 - reimbursement to CG	\$3,400.37		
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$496.00	\$0.00	\$4.00
	1/9/26 - PO Box (MB)	\$192.00		
	1/28/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
	3/2/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		

		3/30/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
		4/28/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
		5/28/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
		6/29/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
		7/28/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
		8/28/26 - Quickbooks	\$38.00		
Professional Fees	\$ 900.00		\$925.00	\$0.00	-\$25.00
		7/24/26 - Accountant fees for taxes	\$925.00		
Public Education Committee	\$ 2,500.00		\$5,010.38	\$10,000.00	\$7,489.62
		3/2/26 Donataion received from Crystal Cove Lifesaving Association		\$5,000.00	
		4/17/2026 Donation from the John Wayne Cancer Foundation		\$5,000.00	
		8/28/26 - Payment for coloring books	\$5,010.38		
Public Relations Committee	\$ 0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reconcilile Discrepancies	\$ 0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Media Committee	\$ 2,500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
SAP Committee	\$ 500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
		4/17/26 - SAP reimbursement	\$832.77		
Travel & Meetings	\$ 14,300.00		\$7,859.83	\$0.00	\$6,440.17
		4/27/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - LS	\$1,094.87		
		5/13/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - MB	\$1,639.88		
		5/13/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - AT	\$1,147.26		
		5/13/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - TS	\$1,146.42		
		5/13/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - NB	\$1,276.53		
		7/09/26 - reimbursment for USLA Spring Meeting - JB	\$1,554.87		
Website Committee	\$ 1,000.00		\$1,163.95	\$0.00	-\$163.95
		1/23/26 - Studio 11	\$135.00		
		1/26/26 - Hostway.com	\$299.40		
		2/5/26 - Hostway.com	\$134.55		
		3/11/26 - Studio 11	\$175.00		
		4/24/26 - Studio 11	\$135.00		
		5/20/26 - Studio 11	\$150.00		
		7/24/26 - Studio 11	\$135.00		
Expenditure Totals	2026 Adopted Budget		Total Spent	Total Received	\$24,852.67
	\$ 36,500.00		\$24,210.33	\$12,563.00	
Total Expenditure Accounts \$ 36,500.00					
Restricted Accounts					
	2026 Restricted Accounts		2026 Actuals		2026 Balance
			Spent	Received	
Junior Lifeguard Committee 2026 starting balance	\$ 12,782.56		\$9,972.12	\$13,110.50	\$15,920.94
	1/20/26 Returned JGoY Check for CN			\$200.00	
	1/20/26 Returned JGoY Check bank fee			\$1.50	
	1/20/26 Returned JGoY Check for EC			\$200.00	
	1/20/26 Returned JGoY Check bank fee			\$1.50	
	3/9/26 Returned JGoY Check EC			\$200.00	
	3/9/26 Returned JGoY Check bank fee			\$1.50	
	3/24/26 Returned JGoY Check EC			\$200.00	
	3/24/26 Returned JGoY Check bank fee			\$1.50	
	4/17/26 - JGoY Check to JW		\$150.00		
	4/17/26 - JGoY Check to LH		\$150.00		
	6/1/26 - Awards for Regionals		\$5,421.12		
	6/3/26 - JGoY Check to EC		\$200.00		
	7/22/26 Returned JGoY Check LH			\$150.00	
	7/22/26 Returned JGoY Check bank fee			\$1.50	
	8/31/26-Regional Split to Host		\$4,051.00		
	8/31/26-Regional Split to Committee			\$12,153.00	
Lifesaving Sport Committee 2026 starting balance	\$ 6,741.99		\$5,993.35	\$3,737.53	\$4,486.17
	1/5/26 Reimbursement to JB for CA Bears in Australia		\$4,000.00		
	8/31/26-Regional Split to Host		\$1,993.35		
	8/31/26-Regional Split to Committee = 37.5%			\$2,242.52	
	8/31/26-Regional Split to Committee = 25%			\$1,495.01	
Total Restricted Accounts \$20,407.11					



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Michael A. Beuerlein
DATE: October 8, 2026
SUBJECT: Past President/Advisor Report

I have been working on the following projects since the last CSLSA Board of Directors Meeting:

- **United States House Resolution 1188 & California Senate Concurrent Resolution 192**
I continue to work with the USLA First Responder Advocacy Committee to have Open Water Lifeguards recognized as First Responders in federal legislation. US House Resolution 1188 is working its way through Congress. A kit has been constructed to help Lifeguards navigate channels to gain the support of their local US Representatives. Many new US Representatives have agreed to Co-Sponsor the resolution and with the momentum of many heroic rescues this summer, the effort has gained significant traction and is projected to be passed this Fall. It was also exciting to see the California Lifeguard Unity Corps was successful with California Senate Concurrent Resolution 192.
- **DragonSkin**
Last Spring, I told Randy Lewis that CSLSA was sorry for our delay in responding to their contract offer since we had more work to do in developing our sponsorship agreements. In the meantime, I asked Randy if *DragonSkin* would be willing to donate the first run of Stingray bags to CSLSA so *DragonSkin* can get more immediate exposure and CSLSA can utilize the bags to treat stingray victims this summer. Randy agreed, and so far, *DragonSkin* has provided CSLSA and agencies 3,450 stingray bags. Almost 1,000 more than they initially offered. The time has come for the CSLSA Board of Directors to decide on the contract *DragonSkin* proposed to CSLSA last Fall.
- **Critical Incident Stress Debriefment Survey**
I asked USLA Executive Director Karissa Fleming if USLA would distribute a CISD Survey to Southwest Region members. She referred the matter to Chris Brewster, and he said the USLA would not participate in the CISD Survey due to conflicting study results regarding the success of CISD. USLA Statistics Coordinator Rick Gould encouraged the CISD Study organizers to contact Southwest Region Lifeguard Agencies to see if they would give their employees the opportunity to participate in the survey.
- **Organizational Study of Lifeguard Service**
I assisted CSLSA Certification Officer Rick Gould with an Organizational Study of their Lifeguard Service to make sure the service is properly positioned within the City Table of Organization. Rick has made several trips to Capitola to assist the City with this matter.
- **CSLSA & USLA Life Members**
I have been communicating with President Avila during his illness and working closely with Vice-President Carey to cover the bases. We have been busy recently with 2 CSLSA & USLA Life Member applications.

- **CSLSA Agendas & Minutes**

At the CSLSA President's request, I continue to review CSLSA Agendas & Minutes and submit recommendations to the President and Secretary prior to their distribution to the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

- **CSLSA & USLA Mail**

I continue to forward CSLSA and USLA Mail from the Huntington Beach Post Office Box each month.

- **Counsel & Advice**

I continue to provide counsel and advise to the CSLSA President as needed.



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Coral Kemp
DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
SUBJECT: Second Delegate Report

Summary

This summer generated a new hype and public appreciation for Lifeguards with the exciting influx of surf and heat, generating widely documented rescue situations up and down our coast.

Professional

- Coordinating the Cadet Program Graduation tomorrow, September 10, 2026
- Tower Assignment for Fall 2026
- AAR of the 2026 Junior Lifeguard Program
- Preparations for 2027 Program

Association

- LACoSLSA
 - Regional Championships 2026
 - Off season training with interested LST members
 - Board meeting at the end of September
- CSLSA
 - Met with SLS Queensland State Membership Officer to discuss challenges with volunteer membership in current day and age. She also expressed interest in youth engagement and the role our Junior Lifeguard Programs have in the state.
 - Continued posting and reposting on the CSLSA social media, including the upcoming applications for the New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange.
- USLA
 - Lifesaving Sport Committee
 - Appointed Committee to review next steps under USOPC compliance standards.
 - Coordinated the 3rd Annual Super Girl Surf Pro, and will coordinate the Jacksonville, FL. competition on November 8, 2026. This competition is the Sunday before the USLA Board of Director's Meeting and Educational Conference, which starts Monday, November 9, 2026.
 - Liaison Officer
 - After requesting support from the President, I applied on behalf of the USLA to become a member of the USOPC Affiliate Organizations Council. The Affiliate Organizations Council, previously known as the Multi-Sport Organization Council, is a partnership between the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and a number of community-based, military, adaptive, education-based, and recognized sport organizations. The council is comprised of one representative from each affiliate organization, To date, the AOC is comprised of leaders from 39 affiliate organizations.

The mission of the Affiliate Organizations Council (AOC) is to increase interest and national programming opportunities for sports participation in support of the Olympic and Paralympic movements through partnerships and collaboration efforts.

The AOC shall support and advance the Olympic and Paralympic movements with focus on the following commitments:

- Promote inclusion and diversity.
 - Conduct sport development, competition and/or participation opportunities (locally/nationally/internationally).
 - Protect and foster athlete and participant well-being.
 - Provide educational learning opportunities.
 - Partner and collaborate across the Olympic and Paralympic community.
- ILS Americas Region Sport Committee sport development meeting upcoming on September 18, 2026. We have talks of holding an Americas event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2027.
 - I will be bringing forward our USOPC hopeful affiliation and making inquiries about best practices and compliance standards for other countries in the Americas region.
- Athletic achievements
 - I've been recently named to the 2026 Lifesaving World Championship Team traveling to Port Elizabeth South Africa in December.



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Austin Trinkle
DATE: October 8th, 2026
SUBJECT: 3rd Executive Delegate Officer Report

Since the last Board of Directors Meeting, I have worked on the following:

SAP Committee

- Previous award cycle
 - RSVP's printed and mailed
 - Connected with Santa Cruz for event address
 - At our last E-board meeting I identified an error with an awardee from Coronado. I proposed changing his CSLSA award to Public Safety Medal of Valor and his USLA award to Heroic Act. These changes were approved at both the CSLSA and USLA levels.
- Current award cycle
 - Received a submission from Newport Beach
 - Received a submission from San Diego
 - Received a submission from San Diego
 - Received a submission from CA State Parks
- Life Membership
 - Received Mr.Himes/LA Lakes endorsement for Jim Hughes' application. Requested the CSLSA Secretary to forward to USLA Secretary for consideration
- Summers of Service
 - No new applications received
- Website
 - Updates sent to Mr. Himes to reflect previous award cycle
- USLA Heroic Act Committee
 - Responded to various Heroic Act related emails, assisting Ms. Groh
 - Continue working with Ms. Groh to manufacture awards for the west coast
 - Working with Ms. Groh and Ms. Flemming to update the USLA website with past awardees

Professional Standards Committee

- Contaminated Water Protection/Water Quality Standard
 - Met with Dr. John Griffith from SoCal Water Research Project
 - Future changes incorporated recorded for next round of updates with USLA
 - Potential partnership with SoCal Water Research Project/Fluidion and test kits for lifeguards with results within two-eight hours
 - Facilitating pre-study and study with Long Beach Health Department and Fluidion to test their equipment against current lab methods
- Position Statements:
 - Uniform position statement, need to follow up with Mr. Berry from Oceanside
 - Lucas device position statement, need to follow up with Blain Fisher from Encinitas
 - Max JG Instructor ratio 20:1, Mr. Sholl indicated JG committee does not support 20:1 for C's
 - JG Instructor qualifications, Mr. Sholl indicated JG committee not interested in setting JG Instructor guidelines
- Dead Body Recovery Guideline, need to follow up with Mr. Carey

Membership Committee

- Nearly completed every chapter
- Waiting to hear back from: Campus Point, City of Santa Barbara, Encinitas

Other Assignments

- Assisted Gisele Halualani with Senate Concurrent Resolution 192. Attended State Senator Gonzalez's event in Long Beach where we secured her as a co-author for the resolution.
- Attended USLA Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Lola Swank, Fourth Delegate
DATE: **September 29, 2026**
SUBJECT: **Fourth Delegate ACTIVITY REPORT**

Greetings,

I am excited to be here in Santa Cruz for the next few days and look forward to connecting with everyone during our time together.

Since our Spring meeting, I have been attending our monthly Zoom conferences. I have learned a great deal through these meetings and appreciate the opportunity to stay connected and become more involved in the work of CSLSA. I also had the opportunity to attend the USLA meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, which was another great experience to connect with lifeguard professionals and learn more about what is happening within our profession on a national level.

Like many of you, the summer season was fast and furious, but we made it through another busy summer!

As part of my responsibilities as Fourth Delegate, I will continue updating our information for prospective lifeguards. I am asking each agency to please send me your upcoming lifeguard testing dates along with the most current website or recruitment link for future lifeguards. My goal is to keep this information accurate, current, and easily accessible to those interested in joining our profession.

One of my goals as Fourth Delegate is to promote and encourage greater attendance and involvement at our CSLSA meetings, particularly among our younger lifeguards. We represent professional lifeguard agencies throughout our region, and it is important that we bring the next generation into what we do. Encouraging younger guards to attend meetings, become involved in committees, learn from experienced professionals, and build relationships with other agencies will help strengthen both CSLSA and the future of professional lifeguarding.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fourth Delegate. I appreciate the support I have received and look forward to continuing to learn, contribute, and connect with all of you.

I am also looking forward to connecting with Debbie Friedman during our meeting. I hope you will join us at lunch to hear her presentation and take advantage of another opportunity to learn and connect.

Respectfully,
Lola Swank
Fourth Delegate, CSLSA

lswank@oceansideca.org.



California Surf Lifesaving Association

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World Wide Web: www.cslsa.org

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors

FROM: Joseph Sholl

DATE: October 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Bylaws and Policy & Procedures Committee Report

Bylaws Proposal to be voted on at the October 8, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting:

Article VIII Executive Board

Section 3 – Election or Appointment of Officers

1. Election shall be by **individual Delegate** secret ballot and a majority of votes cast shall elect.



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Vincent Lombardi, Certification Committee Chair
DATE: October 6, 2026
SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Rick Gould, Sean Carey and I continue to serve as CSLSA's Certification Officers reporting our activity to USLA.

Listed are the agencies that are coming up for review soon:

- Capitola
- Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz (ARRT)
- Del Mar Lifeguard Department
- Encinitas Marine Safety
- Morro Bay Harbor District
- Port San Luis Harbor District
- Santa Cruz Fire Marine Safety

If you are present at the meeting and work in the listed agencies, please reach out to us for certification questions.

New certifications/agencies coming through are:

- Santa Cruz Fire Department, CA (ARRT)
- Encinitas (BEVO & PRWC)
- LA County (BEVO & PRWC)

Southwest Region Certification Officers Area Assignments

<u>Geographical Area</u>	<u>Certification Officer</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
<u>Area I – San Diego County</u>		
Camp Pendleton	Sean Carey	scarey@coronado.ca.us
Camp Surf YMCA	Sean Carey	
Coronado	Vince Lombardi	
Del Mar	Sean Carey	
Encinitas	Sean Carey	
Imperial Beach	Sean Carey	
Oceanside	Sean Carey	
San Diego	Sean Carey	
Solana Beach	Sean Carey	
<u>Area II – Orange County – South LA County</u>		
California State Parks	Rick Gould	roughwaterswim@gmail.com certification@cslsa.org
Huntington Beach	Vince Lombardi	
Laguna Beach	Vince Lombardi	
Lake Mission Viejo	Vince Lombardi	
Newport Beach	Vince Lombardi	
Monarch Bay	Vince Lombardi	
OC Lifeguards	Vince Lombardi	
San Clemente	Vince Lombardi	
Seal Beach	Vince Lombardi	
<u>Area III – Los Angeles County north through Santa Barbara County</u>		
LA City	Rick Gould	roughwaterswim@gmail.com
LA County	Rick Gould	
LA County Lakes	Rick Gould	
Long Beach	Rick Gould	
Oxnard Fire Dept. (AART)	Rick Gould	
Port Hueneme	Rick Gould	
Santa Barbara (County)	Rick Gould	
Santa Barbara (City)	Rick Gould	
Ventura County Harbor Patrol	Rick Gould	
Ventura County Fire Dept. (AART)	Rick Gould	
Ventura City Fire Dept. (AART)	Rick Gould	
<u>Area IV</u>		
Morro Bay	Rick Gould	roughwaterswim@gmail.com
Pismo Beach	Rick Gould	
Port San Luis Harbor District (Avila Beach)	Rick Gould	
Santa Cruz	Rick Gould	



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Casey Graham & Vianne Kelly, Exchanges Committee Chairs
DATE: 10/08/2026
SUBJECT: Exchanges COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Since Spring 2026 meeting, we have hosted Northern Region New Zealand Lifeguards, Brie Gleeson and Harry Mellor, at participating CSLSA lifeguard agencies and have selected the 2026/2027 California lifeguards to participate in this upcoming New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Program.

Summer 2026, Brie and Harry began their program end of June and ended the first week of August. Through the program, Harry and Brie were able to travel to multiple beaches up and down the California coastline: learning beach operations specific to each agency, seeing California hosted lifeguard competitions, and immersing themselves in California culture. For the first time in a while, Carlos Acosta, referred to by Doug Leach from Huntington Beach City, brought Brie and Harry to Mexico. Brie and Harry furthered their knowledge of West Coast lifeguarding by learning from Bomberos Ensenada while touring the Southern San Diego Section. You can see the experience firsthand from the Surf Lifesaving Northern Region exchange program on Instagram: @slsnr_california_exchange. Thanks and praises for the following lifeguard associations who volunteered to host this previous summer:

Los Angeles City, City of Seal Beach, City of Newport Beach, City of Laguna Beach, City of Santa Cruz, City of Del Mar, San Clemente City, Crystal Cove State, Ensenada Bomberos, Imperial Beach City, Huntington Beach City, Los Angeles County, City of Long Beach

At the conclusion of the Exchange Program for our visiting New Zealand lifeguards, applications opened for California lifeguards to apply to go to New Zealand. Applications closed on September 4th, 2026. There was an error in our contact list and, unfortunately, we missed some lifeguard associations in our initial line of communication. Out of consideration for the lifeguard associations who may not have been aware of the applications and deadline, we allowed for an extension; but had no further applications turned in from the announcement of the extension to the start of interviews. **If you have not been receiving emails from the exchanges committee or would like to update your point of contact, please reach out to exchanges@cslsa.org or talk Casey/Vianne to be added to the email list.**

Interviews were held on September 19th, 2026 with an interview panel of three lifeguards who volunteered to participate. After careful thought and consideration, the two exchange lifeguards for this season have been selected:

Cooper Call, Lake Mission Viejo & Dean Frizzel, City of Seal Beach

The exchanges committee is pleased to be sending these two lifeguards with exquisite resumes, and we are confident that Dean and Cooper will bring excellent representation to CSLSA.

We are always looking to expand our connections with lifeguards on a regional, national and international level. Please do not hesitate to bring forward your idea's for collaboration to the exchanges committee.



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors

FROM: Joseph Sholl

DATE: October 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Junior Guard Committee Report

Since the last BoD Meeting the JG Committee has done the following:

- Attended the Spring USLA Meeting
 - USLA JG Committee is interested in creating standards for JG Instructors
 - We informed them that the SW Region is not interested in this proposal as this was discussed at our Spring BoD meeting.
 - Other regions are interested in this proposal.
 - It was stated that a sub-committee would be formed to further discuss. I stated that the SW Region would like to be on that sub-committee
- Attended and assisted with the CSLSA Junior Lifeguard and U19 Championships at Will Rogers Beach.
 - Huge thanks to LA County Lifeguard Division and LACoSLSA for their efforts and work to make this event possible.
- Received one submission for JG of the Year



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Adam Sandler
DATE: October 8, 2026
SUBJECT: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Legislation Committee Activity Highlights since the Spring report:

In addition to the comprehensive outreach efforts on H. Res. 1188 (details below), we wrote several support letters over CSLSA President Gus Avila's signature — and in consultation with Advisor Mike Beuerlein — to the California authors of State and Federal Legislation that align with the objectives and interests of our organization:

H.R. 8496: The Marine Mammal Climate Change Protection Act of 2026. (Brownley). To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a climate impact management plan for the conservation of certain marine mammal species, and for other purposes. In Committee.

H.R. 9185: The Alan S. Lowenthal Blue Whales, Blue Skies Act. Directing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program along the West Coast. (Carbajal). To direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a program to reduce air pollution and harmful underwater acoustic impacts and the risk of fatal vessel whale strikes by recognizing voluntary reductions in the speed of vessels transiting the western coast of the United States, and for other purposes. In Committee.

AB 1938: Establishing designated surfing reserves throughout California. (Irwin). Requires the state to create a formal process for recognizing and protecting coastal recreation areas as state surfing reserves. In Committee.

AB 1639: The California Drowning Prevention and Rescue Act. (Davies). The Act strengthens California's emergency response system by ensuring that when a drowning emergency occurs, by clarifying and strengthening pre-arrival medical instructions and launching a coordinated statewide effort to expand public awareness and training in CPR, a serious gap in knowledge and preparedness is addressed. Withdrawn until next session.

SCR 192: California Senate Resolution recognizing Open-Water Lifeguards as First-Responders. (Stern). The SCR was adopted and chaptered on August 24, 2026.

We also provided to media a reaction statement from Gus Avila following the Adoption of SCR 192. See PIO report for details.

New Jersey, Hawaii and California have adopted State initiatives recognizing Open-Water Lifeguards as First-Responders.

Outreach Campaign — H. Res. 1188: Recognizing the work of Open-Water Lifeguards as First Responders and Emergency Response Providers.

In May, we contacted every sitting House of Representatives member of the California caucus (51) with individually addressed letters advocating our position on the Resolution and why we believe they should support it. Letters were mailed and faxed to both DC and District offices. (Copy attached).

We also emailed the support letter to Member's Legislative Directors/Assistants and the Chief/Deputy Chief of Staff.

We followed up the letters with several rounds of phone calls and brief emails to staff. (We continue to reach out to Representatives in an effort to add co-sponsors).

We also asked Karissa Fleming to email blast a note to USLA SW Region members asking for volunteers in contacting their local Congresspersons through their official website "Contact Us" portals.

We identified their appropriate Representatives based on their zip codes and provided a brief script for them to send in their direct email. We recruited 27 volunteers. Thanks to John Ragsdale, Jay Butki, Bob Moore, Bill Richardson, Jeff Hart, Mike Murphy among others, for contacting their Reps. And kudos to Mike Beuerlein for persistently engaging the staff of his Rep. Dave Min and successfully getting him to become a co-sponsor.

There are presently 10 California co-sponsors of H. Res 1188 out of 27 total co-sponsors. (Complete list attached).

We also reached out to 30 members of the Texas caucus. As a result, we were able to recruit Texas Congressman Randy Weber (R) as a co-sponsor. Efforts to recruit co-sponsors in both states continue.

The Committee where the Resolution resides, Transportation and Infrastructure, and its author, Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ), are requesting that USLA/CSLSA outreach emphasizes on getting more Republican members to sign on as co-sponsors.

A vote on H. Res. 1188 was anticipated at the beginning of September, but it was postponed. Hopefully it will be rescheduled when Congress returns from its break in November.

A new Congress will be sworn in on January 3, 2027, so a vote on H. Res. 1188 needs to occur before the end of the current session.

I also speak frequently with Mat Giachetti, Chairman of the USLA First Responder Advocacy Committee, on various issues.

Submitted,

Adam Sandler
Chair, Legislation Committee



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The Honorable Julia Brownley
U.S. House of Representatives
2262 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: H. Res. 1188 – Please Co-Sponsor or Support

Dear Congresswoman Brownley,

With the Memorial Day holiday marking the unofficial start of summer and National Beach Safety Week underway, it seems an appropriate time to ask you to co-sponsor H. Res. 1188 recognizing the work of Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguard as first responders and emergency response providers.

Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards respond into extremely dangerous conditions, risking their lives to save others. These first responders have very little protective equipment and provide critical emergency medical care to patients before paramedics arrive on scene.

As Gregory J. Bonann, the Creator/Producer/Director of the 1990's worldwide television phenomenon about Lifeguards, "Baywatch" — who is currently producing a reboot of the hit series which is filming now on Venice Beach and set to air on Fox-TV in 2027 — puts it:

"Unlike many emergency services that respond after a bell goes off or a phone call is made, Lifeguards must prevent tragedy before it happens. We keep watch from a tower, pound the berm on foot or patrol in watercraft, constantly watching, anticipating danger, recognizing problems before others see them, making critical decisions, and acting immediately. We are often the first on scene, the first to render aid, the first to enter dangerous conditions, and the first to offer service and protection to the public.

The professionalism, courage, judgment, and public service of Lifeguards deserve recognition and respect. They are highly trained rescue professionals who protect millions and millions of people every year along our nation's beaches and waterways. Lifeguards are the only first responders who are judged more by what does not happen, than what does."

Mr. Bonann also has real-world knowledge of the topic. He has been a Los Angeles County Ocean Lifeguard since 1970. This year will mark his 56th summer protecting beachgoers.

The California Surf Lifesaving Association (CSLSA), the nation's largest membership organization of professional Open-water and Ocean Lifeguards, agrees wholeheartedly with Mr. Bonann, and hope you will as well by signing onto H. Res. 1188.

CSLSA's professional Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards are employed throughout the state by lifeguard agencies, fire departments, marine safety and harbor patrol divisions, City, County, State, National Parks, and recreation departments.

They serve as the frontline guardians of public safety. Highly trained in surf rescue, first aid, watercraft operation and emergency response, they monitor constantly changing ocean conditions such as rip currents, wave patterns, tides, and weather. Lifeguards protect millions of beachgoers annually.

In addition, our CSLSA Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards act proactively to educate the public with the goal of keeping aquatic environments safe and enjoyable.

The CSLSA's "Always Swim Near A Lifeguard" and "Talk To A Lifeguard" outreach initiatives provide guidance on where it is safest to swim, such as directing visitors to designated areas near staffed lifeguard towers. On-duty lifeguards are the single best resource for information on beach, open water, and ocean conditions.

It is difficult to imagine that open water and ocean lifeguards have never been recognized as first responders or emergency response providers in federal legislation.

Supporting H. Res. 1188 would acknowledge their dedication, professionalism, and lifesaving service while strengthening awareness of the essential public safety role Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards provide to communities nationwide.

If you have any questions, please contact Kemper Jolly in Representative Smith's office at Kemper.Jolly@mail.house.gov. Their "Dear Colleague" letter is attached. CSLSA inquiries may be directed to Adam Sandler, Legislative Liaison, at Legislation@cslsa.org.

Sincerely,

Gustavo S. Avila

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President of the CSLSA

Enclosure



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The Honorable Jacqui Irwin
California State Assembly AD-42
1021 O Street Suite 6220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Irwin,

The California Surf Lifesaving Association (CSLSA) supports AB 1938 and the establishment of designated surfing reserves throughout California as a meaningful investment in the protection of the state's coastal resources, surfing heritage, ocean recreation, and public safety traditions.

California's surf breaks are internationally recognized not only for recreation and tourism, but also for their cultural, environmental, and historical significance. These coastal areas have shaped generations of surfers, ocean athletes, and lifeguards while serving as gathering places for local communities and visitors from around the world.

The CSLSA, the nation's largest organization of professional Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards, has more than a passing interest in AB 1938: California's beaches and surf zones for decades have served as training grounds for lifeguards, surfers, and ocean rescue professionals, and many of our CSLSA Ocean Lifeguards have the privilege of lifeguarding at these iconic breaks while protecting surfers and beachgoers.

Moreover, safe and consistent access to healthy beaches and surf conditions supports lifesaving education, water safety awareness, and emergency preparedness along California's coastline. Preserving these areas benefits not only recreational surfers, but also the public agencies and nonprofit organizations dedicated to protecting beachgoers and promoting ocean safety.

AB 1938 would establish a process for identifying and protecting significant surfing areas whose wave quality, environmental importance, and recreational value deserve long-term preservation.

The bill also aligns with California's broader conservation goals by recognizing surfing reserves as part of long-term coastal protection and the state's 30x30 environmental initiative.

The CSLSA believes these reserves will help safeguard public access to the coastline while protecting the natural conditions that make these surf locations unique. As increasing coastal development, erosion, and environmental pressures threaten California's beaches and surf ecosystems, proactive preservation efforts are necessary to ensure these resources remain available for future generations.

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Our organization further recognizes that designated surfing reserves can strengthen environmental stewardship by encouraging collaboration between local governments, conservation organizations, surfers, and coastal communities. Protecting surf ecosystems supports marine habitats, coastal resilience, and responsible management of California's shoreline resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CSLSA Legislative Liaison Adam Sandler at Legislation@cslsa.org.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
United States House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

RE: The CSLSA Support of H.R. 9185

Dear Representative Carbajal,

The California Surf Lifesaving Association (CSLSA) commends you for introducing H.R. 9185, legislation directing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program along the West Coast of the United States.

You are well-suited to bring such legislation as your District offers some of the nation's most popular beaches and pristine ocean along California's beautiful Central Coast that our CSLSA professional Ocean Lifeguards are privileged to protect. The CSLSA supports your H.R. 9185, an innovative initiative which represents a science-based approach to protecting endangered whale populations while improving air quality and environmental health for coastal communities.

The Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program encourages voluntary vessel speed reductions in key whale habitats, a proven strategy that significantly decreases the likelihood of fatal ship strikes while also reducing harmful emissions from marine transportation. Slower vessel speeds lower greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality for coastal residents, and reduce underwater acoustic pollution that can interfere with marine mammal behavior.

For CSLSA's membership of professional Ocean Lifeguards who work daily in California's coastal waters, environmental stewardship and public safety go hand in hand. They witness firsthand the importance of maintaining a robust marine environment as healthy oceans support recreation, tourism, fisheries, and the natural resources that define California's coast. H.R. 9185 builds upon proven conservation strategies and fosters collaboration among government agencies, the maritime industry, scientists, and coastal stakeholders.

Blue whales, the largest animals on Earth, migrate through waters frequented by commercial shipping traffic and recreational vessels. While vessel strikes remain one of the leading human-caused threats to these majestic animals, underwater noise generated by large ships disrupts whale communication, feeding, navigation, and migration patterns.

We believe H.R. 9185 represents a reasoned effort which benefits both wildlife conservation and public health and safety, while preserving the natural environment enjoyed by millions of beachgoers and ocean enthusiasts annually.

The CSLSA, the largest non-profit membership organization of professional Open-Water and Ocean Lifeguards in the nation, urges the members of Congress to support this legislation and strengthen NOAA's efforts to safeguard blue whales and promote cleaner, quieter coastal waters for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact our Legislation liaison at legislation@cslsa.org.

Sincerely,

Gustavo S. Avila

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H.Res.1188 - Expressing support for the work of open water lifeguards as first responders and emergency response providers.

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Committees:

House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action:

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Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	05/19/2026
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California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Charlotte Graham, Membership Committee Chair
DATE: October 8, 2026
SUBJECT: **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT**

At this point in our Membership year, the current CSLSA membership stands at 1373 members. I'm excited to announce that we have one new Perpetual member, from the County of Orange Lifesaving chapter. There are currently 666 Gold Junior Guards and another 58 Basic Junior Guards. As this membership year will end on June 30, 2027, there is still time to register your lifeguards and alumni, as well as send us those Basic JG rosters, which are FREE to register!

A few other Membership Notes:

- The member gift for 2026 was a USLA-logoed trucker hat. It was good quality and very well received.
- We added a CSLSA keychain and window decal to the member kit.
- As always, the annual membership includes 3 issues of *American Lifeguard Magazine*, and a kit sent by mail with the USLA 2026 membership card, window decal, and embroidered patch.
- Membership also includes numerous Pro-Deals, available either by logging onto your USLA profile or with our exclusive CSLSA member discount list. Please reach out to membership@cslsa.org to receive a copy of our Pro-Deal list for your chapter members.

Finally, we are pleased to report that the first phase of our Chapter Liaison Outreach project, headed by Mr. Trinkle, is almost complete. This Membership sub-committee seeks input from each CSLSA Chapter about its affiliated agency and corresponding programs. We only have a couple of chapters left who need to provide some basic information. Once the Chapter Contact list is established, the Outreach committee reps will serve as liaisons to assist our CSLSA Committees, Chapters, Agencies and their program staff to reach other CSLSA entities with information that needs to be shared. The reps will also continue to seek updates and additions to the information contained in the Liaison spreadsheet.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Graham

CSLSA Membership Chair

2026-27 CSLSA Membership by Chapter

CHAPTER	PROF	ALUM	LIFE	PRPTL	2026-27 Memb	Delegate Votes	ASSOC	FREE JG	GOLD JG
California State	160	65	1	1	227	7	2	1	44
Capitola	12	0	0	0	12	2		1	56
Carpinteria	1	0	0	0	1	-			52
Coronado	10	0	0	0	10	2			
Del Mar	6	0	0	0	6	2			
Encinitas	8	1	0	0	9	2			
Huntington Beach	2	6	4	2	14	2		1	58
Imperial Beach	2	0	0	0	2	2			
Laguna Beach	153	2	0	0	155	6			
Lake Mission Viejo	3	0	0	0	3	2			
LA City	15	2	0	0	17	3			47
LA County Beaches	114	34	4	1	153	6	1	2	121
LA County Lakes	11	8	1	0	20	3		2	1
Long Beach	148	0	1	1	150	5		4	72
Newport Beach	7	1	2	1	11	2		2	60
OC LGs - C.O.L.A.	4	0	0	1	5	2			
Oceanside	21	2	0	0	23	3		29	31
Pendleton Coast	10	0	0	0	10	2			
Pismo Beach	26	0	0	0	26	3		8	
Port Hueneme	6	0	0	0	6	2			
San Clemente	55	1	1	0	57	4	1		
San Diego	213	16	1	0	230	7	2		
San Luis Obispo Co	31	0	0	0	31	3			1
Santa Barbara City	22	0	0	0	22	3		6	9
Santa Barb Co - Campus Pt	16	0	0	0	16	3			9
Santa Cruz	56	7	0	1	64	4	2	1	63
Santa Monica HP	10	0	0	0	10	2			
Seal Beach	50	2	1	0	53	4		1	38
Solana Beach	7	0	0	0	7	2			
Tucson, AZ	0	0	0	0	0	-			
Ventura County	1		0	0	1	-			4
Ventura Port District	18		0	0	18	3			
Independent/Unaffiliated	4		0	0	4	2	2		
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	1202	147	16	8	1373	95	10	58	666

AS OF Sept 27, 2026

1383 total Adult members

724 total Junior members

LIFE = 16

PERPETUAL = 8



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Sierra Gibson, Committee Chair
DATE: 10/7/2026
SUBJECT: NEWSLETTER EDITOR ACTIVITY REPORT

Newsletter Editor Activities

- Messaged previous and prospective vendors and CC'd Anaiss Moise to support vendor acquisition for meetings and newsletter advertisements.
- Created the 2026 newsletter using Canva.
- Managed email communications to acquire photos and articles for the magazine.
- This was my second time creating the newsletter. While the process was easier in some ways than the first time, printing costs at Staples have increased. The online version turned out crisp and clear; unfortunately, the front-page image did not print as clearly as it appeared digitally.
- **Looking ahead to Spring 2027:** I will not be able to serve as the editor, but I am happy to provide an extra hand and be a second set of eyes. I am asking someone to step up and take over the editor role. I will be available to help with the transition and pass along everything I've learned and all necessary materials.

CalSurf News Updates

- The print version has been completed: a 12-page Fall 2026 CalSurf Newsletter.
- The web version has not yet been published, but has been sent to Steve Himes to publish today.

Fall 2026 Newsletter Highlights

- Award Recipients
- Del Mar LG Association — Patrick O'Harra Memorial Scholarship Award
- Reflections on a White House Visit
- Across the Pacific: Meet Our California Exchange Guards
- Oceanside Lifeguards Celebrate 100 Years of Service
- USLA National Lifesaving Conference & Expo — Fall 2026
- Partnership and Tragedy Built the Modern Ventura Harbor Patrol
- In Memoriam: Richard L. Miller
- Agency Profile: Santa Cruz City Lifeguards — Agency photos featured on the front and back covers

Respectfully submitted,

Sierra Gibson



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Lola Swank & Devon Beebe Committee Chair
DATE: **September 28, 2026**
SUBJECT: **Public Education COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Since our Spring CSLSA meeting in Los Angeles, the Public Education Committee has continued working to provide resources and educational materials to support our member agencies and their public education efforts.

Following the Spring meeting, we distributed Public Information Officer (PIO) kits, surf wax, and SPF lip balm to participating agencies.

Devon and I also attended the California Water Safety Summit in Sacramento, where Rob Williams approached us about the opportunity for CSLSA to partner with the Ben Carlson Memorial & Scholarship Foundation to distribute the water and beach safety books *Pip in the Rip* and *Let's Go to the Beach*. We brought the opportunity back to the Public Education Committee, where the committee voted unanimously to support the partnership.

In May, I picked up the San Diego-area allocation of books, and in August, I distributed them to lifeguard agencies in Coronado, Imperial Beach, the City of San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, and Encinitas. These books provide another valuable resource for lifeguard agencies to educate children and families about rip currents, ocean awareness, and beach safety.

In June, Dragon Skin also generously provided stingray bags for distribution. These were provided to the same San Diego-area lifeguard agencies to assist with stingray education, prevention, and response.

Looking ahead, our committee will continue discussing ways the Public Education Committee can better support lifeguard agencies throughout California in educating the public about beach and ocean safety. With El Niño conditions and the potential for significant winter coastal impacts, I believe there is an opportunity for our committee to increase public awareness surrounding tidal surges, sneaker waves, coastal erosion, high surf, and other winter ocean hazards. Working together to develop consistent messaging and share educational resources can help agencies reach a much larger audience.

In conclusion, the Public Education Committee remains dedicated to its mission:

"Educating the general public is the key to preventing injuries and incidents at our local beaches."

We are committed to continued collaboration, education, and innovation as we work toward our shared goal of keeping the public safe along California's coastline.



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Adam Sandler
DATE: October 8, 2026
SUBJECT: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO) ACTIVITY REPORT

PIO activity highlights since the Spring report:

Replied to numerous emails from the media, graduate researchers and others, some of which came through the "Contact PIO" on the CSLSA website home page.

Wrote and serviced Op-Eds by CSLSA President Gus Avila for "Earth Day" and "National Beach Safety Week." Ran in HB News, Laguna Ind., Patch, SMDP, among others.

Wrote and serviced to local media press release about CSLSA California Surf Lifesaving Championships held at Will Rogers State Beach July 24-25. At the request of Jay Butki, also sent the press release to L.A. City Councilwoman Traci Park and L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, and their Comms staff.

Media coverage secured for Regionals included ABC, NBC and Fox on JG day, and ABC and CBS sent videographers on adult competition day. ABC interviewed several JG athletes and Kelsey Cummings, and the Fox airship shot video while it was overhead during the U19 Board Race. (Screen grabs attached). Palisadian-Post sent a reporter to cover JGs. (Clip attached). City News Service added its art to our press release and serviced it. (Examples attached).

Arranged for Laylan Connelly from the Orange County Register/LA Daily News to report on H. Res. 1188. Article featured quotes from CSLSA President Gus Avila and USLA's Mat Giachetti. Reporter also used several passages from CSLSA's support letter for the Legislation which included remarks from "Baywatch" creator Greg Bonnan.

Arranged for follow-up articles on the adoption in CA of SCR 192. Wrote and serviced CSLSA's reaction from President Gus Avila to the adoption of SCR 192. Quote appeared in articles in OC Register, SC Times and elsewhere.

Article also recapped status of H. Res. 1188.

Additionally, wrote several support letters for State and Federal Legislation that aligned with our organization's interests signed by CSLSA President Gus Avila. (See Legislation Committee Report for specifics).

Wrote and serviced press releases and media alerts regarding Spring and Fall Medal of Valor and Heroic Acts awardees for BOD meeting. Reached out to local media to encourage coverage. Will service after-action photos to various relevant media and post to CSLSA PIO X, as well.

Created numerous X's focused on public safety, i.e. high surf advisories, hurricane and tropical storm impacts on local beaches, emphasizing "Always Swim Near A Lifeguard" and "Talk To A Lifeguard" branding. Also created Xs that highlighted ocean water quality warnings. We also created Memorial/Remembrance Xs for relevant holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, and others. (Examples att.)

I also reposted relevant content from the NWS, L.A. County Lifeguards, L.A. County Fire, L.A. County Department of Public Health, NOAA, CSULB Shark Lab, and California State Parks, among others, throughout the Spring and Summer.

Wrote "teases" describing key content in the current issue of Cal Surf News and arranged to have the issue pdf blast-emailed to USLA membership.

Submitted,

Adam Sandler
Public Information Officer





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For Immediate Release...

Largest Ocean Lifeguard Competition on the West Coast to be held at Will Rogers State Beach on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Lifeguards from nearly 30 agencies will bring their quickest and toughest to compete for bragging rights to be crowned California's Best Lifeguards.

(Los Angeles, CA) The best athletes in ocean sports from along the West Coast will provide impressive displays of physical prowess, athleticism, and competitiveness – while demonstrating ocean lifesaving skills.

The 46th Annual California Surf Lifesaving Championships is the largest annual Ocean Lifeguard competition on the West Coast. The two-day competition will feature Junior Lifeguards, as young as 9-years old, an Under-19 division, and Professional Ocean Lifeguards.

Competitors will also vie for a prestigious spot on the California Lifeguard Team, which will travel to Australia in January as part of the 28th biannual Wieland Shield Competition. The California team will battle Life Saving Victoria in the international event.

On Friday, July 24, over 800 Junior Lifeguards (Ages 9-17) will compete. On Saturday, July 25, more than 250 Professional Ocean Lifeguards will compete in tests of speed and endurance, such as sprint paddleboard races, rescue races, ocean swims, beach flags, and the always exciting surf boat events.

The action will start both days at 8 am at the south end of Will Rogers Beach in front of Tower 15.

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The regional California Surf Lifesaving Assn. (CSLSA) Championships are also a precursor to the United States Lifesaving Assn. (USLA) National Lifeguard

Championships which will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on August 4-7, 2026. Ocean Lifeguards and Junior Lifeguards from across the nation will compete.

The competition is hosted by the Los Angeles County Surf Lifesaving Association (LACoSLSA). The public is invited to watch the action both days.

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PACIFIC PALISADES

Junior lifeguards face off in state championships

City News Service

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Junior lifeguards match skills in a footrace during the California Surf Lifesaving Championships at Will Rogers State Beach on Friday in Pacific Palisades. Professional lifeguards will compete today.

DAVID CRANE
STAFF
PHOTOGRAPHER

SURF

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Jr. girls lifeguards match skills in the foot race at the 46th Annual California Surf Lifesaving Championships at Will Rogers State Beach on Friday, July 24, 2026. 800 junior lifeguards ages 9-17 from California competed in ocean lifesaving events. (Photo by David Crane, Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG)



By **CITY NEWS SERVICE** | news@socalnews.com

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What to know about the 46th Annual California Surf Lifesaving Championships

The annual event at Will Rogers State Beach includes events designed to test the speed, endurance and rescue skills used by ocean lifeguards.

By City News Service • Published July 24, 2026 • Updated on July 24, 2026 at 9:44 am



A man jogs on the nearly deserted Will Rogers State Beach.

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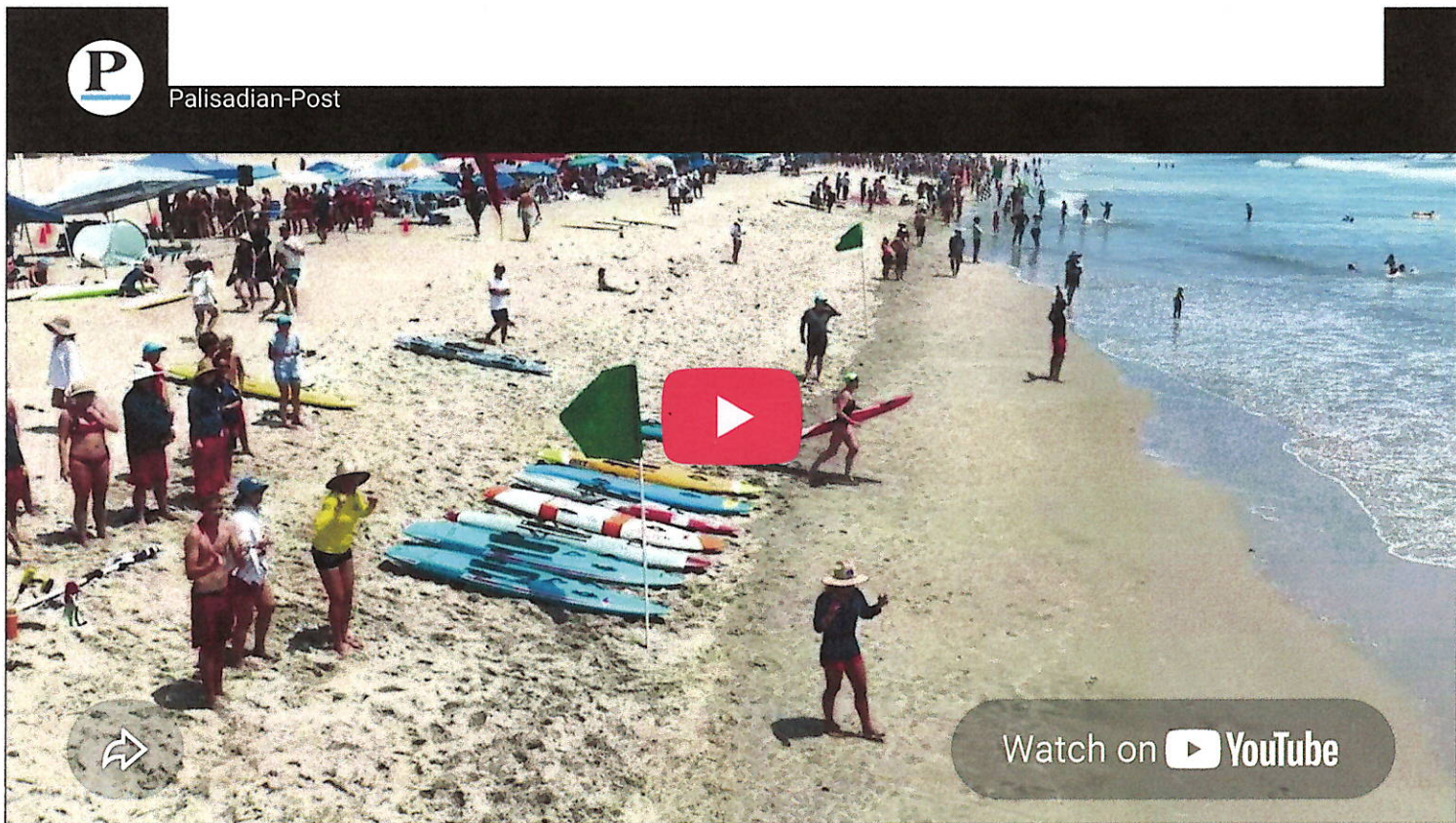
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Lifeguard Competition Returns to Will Rogers State Beach

BY JACK NEWMAN

JULY 26, 2026



The 46th annual California Surf Lifesaving Championships were held Friday and Saturday at the south end of Will Rogers State Beach in front of Tower 15, where competitors representing nearly 30 agencies participated in the largest annual ocean lifeguard competition on the West Coast, according to California Surf Lifesaving Association organizers.

The junior guards and under 19 divisions hit the waves on Friday as parents, locals and community organizers populated the Pacific shoreline to watch the 500 to 600 competitors, all donned in some iteration of sunshirts, hats or reflective glasses. Kids ranging in age from 9 to 17 were charging into the ocean to face the two-to-three foot swells that came in, eager for the sought-after prize of bragging rights in six events: beach flag, surf swim/distance swim, rescue board race, run-swim-run, distance run and paddle relay. Boys and girls ages 15 to 18 competed in the U19 division; the A Division featured 14- and 15-year-olds; the B Division was for 12- and 13-year-olds; and the C Division was for 9- to 11-year-olds.

“It’s the first JG program since the fires,” said CSLSA Public Information Officer Adam Sandler, harkening back to the span of disruptions caused by the Palisades Fire. “Competing on their home turf has got to mean something.”

Looking out from Tower 15, orange buoys bobbed some 300 yards out. An eddying flagline marked the 1.7-mile course for paddleboard races, ocean swims and surfboat events. The P.A. system, lined across the beach amidst canopies and onlookers, called out the results of each race as seaweed-scented air cut through an unrelenting sun.



Junior Lifeguards sprint to the water to start the board race Friday in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships at Will Rogers State Beach.

Photo by Gary Baum/Palisadian-Post

“Will Rogers offers space,” Sandler added, noting the stretch of beach located just south of Temescal Canyon.

On the horizon, a schooner sailed the sparkling blue ocean as balmy conditions dovetailed with the high-spirited energy of a healing community.

“In April, the Los Angeles County Fire Department Junior Lifeguards returned to Palisades High School for one of our swim tests,” shared Gevorg Akopyan, the captain who oversees the L.A. County Fire Department Junior Lifeguard program. “We had approximately 625 kids show up to try out for our program, which was huge.”

With the Palisades High swimming pool unavailable for all of 2025, the Junior Lifeguards had no choice but to pivot away from what they were accustomed to.

“We had swim tests in that pool year after year. Not having that pool last year was difficult. We wanted to show the community we were back,” Akopyan said. “As normalcy makes its slow return, the Palisades community is finding its footing in local events such as this.”

The day itself was anchored in a sentiment of personal growth and service to others, and what that means for the community at large.



Junior Lifeguards run on Will Rogers State Beach in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships. Photo by Gary Baum/Palisadian-Post

While the Palisades community moves toward recovery, budding lifeguards learn public service as they soak up sun in the process. Junior guards from Will Rogers State Beach competed on the L.A. County Surf Association team Friday.

“It’s almost like a home court advantage for the Will Rogers kids to be out here competing and it never happens, so it’s outstanding for the community,” Akopyan concluded with a smile.

On Saturday, it was the adults’ turn as more than 250 professional lifeguards tested their speed and endurance in sprint paddleboard races, rescue races, ocean swims, flag races and surf boat races.

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This summer’s United States Lifesaving Association National Lifeguard Championships are August 4 to 7 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



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National Beach Safety Week reminds us of the ocean's risks and recognizes the life-saving work done by CSLSA Ocean and Open-Water Lifeguards. Their presence reduces the risk of drowning and injury, making beaches safer and more enjoyable for everyone. Stay safe!



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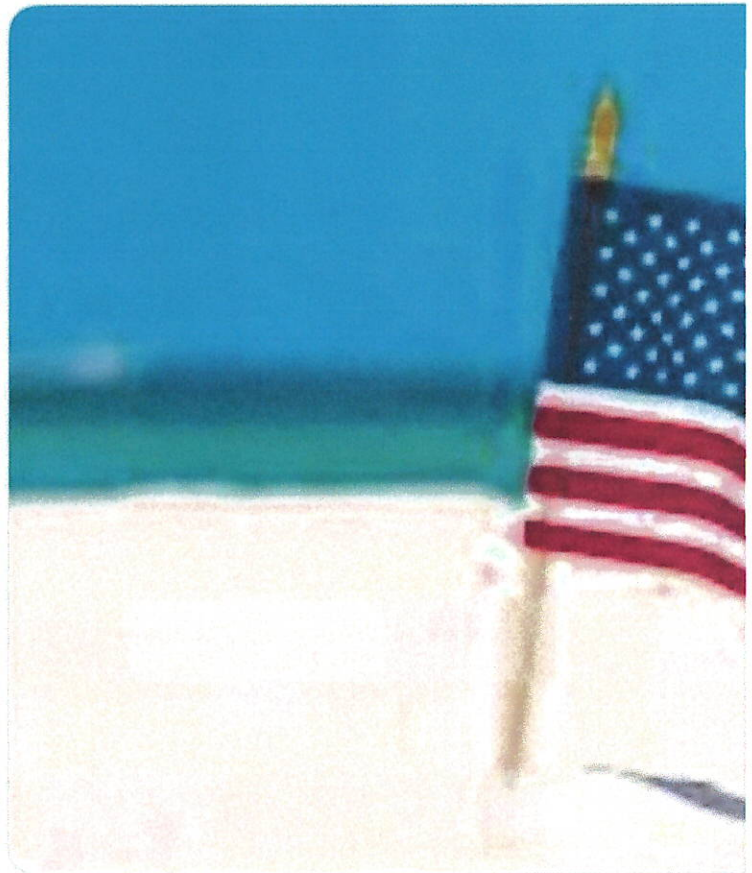
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Today, we remember those who served and those made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We are grateful for their service. Some CSLSA Lifeguards are Veterans and Reserves. "Always Swim Near A Lifeguard." Be safe during this unofficial start of summer.

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- 1 Swim along the shoreline; NOT directly into shore
- 2 Once free of the current's pull, swim at an angle away from the current toward shore
- 3 If needed, tread water and wave or call for help

Issued Monday, July 27, 2026



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California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Coral Kemp, Public Relations / Social Media Committee Chair
DATE: 10/1/2026
SUBJECT: Public Relations / Social Media COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

At the Fall Meeting, it was requested of me to come up with a “description” of our social media. As we already have a handbook listed in our policies and procedures. I started to look at an overview of the current social media usage and to come up with a “Content Coordination Plan”.

CSLSA Social Media Overview & Content Coordination Plan

Purpose

CSLSA’s social media presence serves as a centralized platform to:

- Promote surf lifesaving sport across California
- Highlight member chapters, athletes, and events
- Educate the public on ocean safety
- Strengthen visibility and alignment with USLA and national initiatives

Current State

- Primary platform: Instagram (most engagement and visibility)
 - Secondary handle: California Surf Lifesaving Sport
- Content is currently reactive and repost-driven, relying heavily on one administrator
- Limited structured input from committees, chapters, and event leaders

Opportunity: Content Submission Pipeline

- Simple, standardized submission process via Google Form
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNBY5IZZShm1uh-AitgiRMBqQUjwJsEkNX6zB4WBV-bUIK8A/viewform?usp=header>
- Committees and chapters submit:
 - Photos/videos
 - Captions or key details
 - Relevant tags/credits

Goal:

Reduce reliance on reposting and increase original, high-quality content



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Austin Trinkle, Committee Chair
DATE: October 8th, 2026
SUBJECT: **CSLSA SPECIAL AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT**

A. Awards approved at our last meeting and their status:

1. Christian Bennett, Nick Givens, Garret Winter – Ventura Harbor Patrol, rescue of a 40' trawler aground
 - Medal of Valor approved by CSLSA and USLA for Christian Bennett
 - Heroic Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA for Nick Givens and Garret Winter
 - Awards created and presented at today's meeting
2. Evan Lowe, Alexa Phillips, Mitchell Martin, Trent Cresap, J.M. – Coronado Lifeguards, Firefighters & US Navy SEAL for rescue of occupant from a vehicle in the water
 - Evan Lowe: Voted for CSLSA & USLA Medal of Valor
 - Mitchell Martin: Voted for CSLSA Public Safety MOV and USLA Heroic Act
 - JM: Voted for CSLSA Military MOV and USLA Heroic Act
 - Trent Cresap: Voted for CSLSA & USLA Meritorious Act
 - Alexa Phillips: Voted for CSLSA & USLA Meritorious Act
 - Awards not yet created
 - Award presentation delayed until Spring 2027 meeting in Oceanside

B. Invitations

- Mailed to award recipients and victims for Fall BOD meeting
- RSVP's collected

C. Media

- Notified PIO Sandler about awards
- Sent narratives

D. Newsletter

- Sent Newsletter updates of current awards to Ms. Gibson

E. Website Updates

- Sent website updates for the SAP pages to the CSLSA website committee
- Sent a list of Southwest region website updates for the USLA Heroic Act page of their website

F. Bylaw/Policy & Procedure Updates

- No updates

G. Future SAP Committee Budget

- Sidebar discussions with the Treasurer regarding how to sustainably fund SAP during high-volume submission years
- Considering requesting budget enhancement at the Fall BOD meeting to increase budget from \$500 to \$600 annually to account for frames, ink, postage, presentation boxes and shipping
- Additionally, considering requesting \$200 annually to account for extra lunches for awardees and their guests. Covers approximately 13 lunches.

H. USLA Heroic Acts Committee

- Attended USLA Heroic Act committee meetings
- Coordinated with Ms. Groh for west coast award production and distribution
- Coordinated with jeweler who hand-makes the MOV awards



California Surf Lifesaving Association

- Communicated with Ms. Groh regarding USLA website updates to add awardees to the perpetual list

I. Submissions Received for consideration at this meeting

1. Kemp Quackenbush – off-duty Firefighter
 - Submitted for Heroic Act Award for rescue of a young boy in 4-6' surf
 - Will be discussed and voted on in today's committee meeting
2. Eddie Bojorquez – non-lifeguard, Ground Maintenance Supervisor
 - Submitted for Heroic Act for rescue of a bather
 - Will be discussed and voted on in today's committee meeting
3. Beau Carlile – City of San Diego lifeguard
 - Submitted for Heroic Act for rescue of victim trapped in keyhole cave
 - Will be discussed and voted on in today's committee meeting
4. Gisele Halualani – CA State Parks
 - Submitted for Distinguished Honor Roll for spearheading Senate Concurrent Resolution 192
 - Submitted for USLA Award of Merit
 - Will be discussed and voted on in today's committee meeting
5. Life Membership application
 - Received one submission for proposed life membership
 - Will be discussed and voted on in today's committee meeting
6. Any other submissions received after October 1st, 2026 are not reported here will be discussed and voted on in today's Committee Meeting

J. Summers of Service

- No applications received

K. Attachments

- SAP Application forms



United States Lifesaving Association
California Surf Lifesaving Association – Southwest Region



Special Awards Application Form

Send completed applications to: **Special Awards**
Committee – awards@cslsa.org

Proposed Recipient:

Name: Kemp Quackenbush Phone: (602) 770-4952
Street Address: 21295 N 74th Ave E-Mail: kemp10david@gmail.com
Glendale AZ 85308 Note: for multiple recipients, use addendum on 3rd page
City State Zip Code

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Lifeguard

- USLA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
- Years of Service: _____
- Region: _____
- Chapter: _____ Agency: _____
- Title: _____

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Non-Lifeguard

- Has applicant received any formal rescue training? If Yes, please describe briefly:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Firefighter

Date of Action: Tuesday 03/17/2026 Time of Action: 3:30 ☐ AM ☒ PM
Day of Week Month Date Year

Category of Lifesaving Awards: (refer to attached Awards Definition and Mark the Submission Category)

- ☐ **USLA MEDAL OF VALOR** (Lifeguard Personnel Only)
- ☐ **CSLSA MEDAL OF VALOR** (Lifeguard, Public Safety Employees or Military Only)
- ☒ **HEROIC ACT** (Lifeguards and Non-Lifeguards)
- ☐ **NATIONAL LIFESAVING** (Lifesaving agencies or groups)
- ☐ **AWARD MERITORIOUS ACT** (Lifeguards and Non-Lifeguards)
- ☐ **AWARD AWARD OF MERIT** (Lifeguard Personnel Only)
- ☐ **LETTER OF COMMENDATION** (Non-Lifeguards Only)
- ☐ **SUMMERS OF SERVICE** (Lifeguard Personnel Only)

Incident Description:

Briefly describe the scene of the incident and its environment:

On March 17, 2026, at approximately 3:30 PM, Newport Beach was experiencing extreme hazards due to a 4 – 6 ft Southern Hemisphere swell combined with a Northwest groundswell. The area was just coming off a negative low tide, which made the surf significantly steeper and intensified the strength of the rip currents. These conditions were further complicated by 15 mph south winds driving water into the "danger triangle" rip current near the 48th Street jetty. The relatively warm 64-degree water during a heat wave with beach temperatures in the 80s, made the water inviting for the unknowing crowds of spring breakers. At that specific moment, no lifeguards were immediately on-scene or rescue equipment available to assist.

Describe the peril of the person(s) rescued:

The victim, a young boy unknown to the applicant, was caught in the powerful currents and swept into the "danger triangle" adjacent to the jetty. He faced imminent drowning or catastrophic impact against the sharp, slippery rocks as the combined swells created heavy, crashing surf. Without immediate intervention, the boy would have undoubtedly suffered a fatal or permanent injury.

Describe the actions taken by the applicant::

Upon identifying the life-threatening situation, Kemp Quackenbush took immediate action without hesitation to reach the boy. He navigated heavy, crashing surf and strong currents, maintaining his hold on the child even as the force of the swell repeatedly slammed him into the rocks. With a total disregard for his own safety, he managed to climb the boy up onto the rocks, successfully rescuing him from the water. Throughout the incident, he took full responsibility for the life in danger at significant personal risk despite having no rescue equipment or immediate backup.

Please attach additional pages as needed, news clippings, photos, video links, reports or any other materials to aide in describing this incident

Application Submitted by:

Name (Print Clearly): Andrew Matsuyama

Phone : (714) 526-1263

Region: Southwest

Chapter: Newport Beach Ocean Lifeguard Association

Signature: Andrew Matsuyama

Date: 04/14/2026

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| ☐ Initial Submission to Region received by: | Name: _____ | Date: _____ |
| ☐ Forwarded to USLA Committee by: | Name: _____ | Date: _____ |

Action Taken by Regional Committee

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| ☐ Approved for (category): _____ | Name: _____ | Date: _____ |
| ☐ Rejected | Name: _____ | Date: _____ |

Action Taken by National Committee

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| ☐ Rejected | Name: _____ | Date: _____ |

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| ☐ Award Created | ☐ Award Presented | Date: _____ |
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RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:



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California Surf Lifesaving Association
Awards & Special Presentations Committee
P.O. Box 366
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

VIA E-MAIL DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

awards@cslsa.org



United States Lifesaving Association
California Surf Lifesaving Association – Southwest Region



Special Awards Application Form

Send completed applications to: **Special Awards Committee – awards@cslsa.org**

Proposed Recipient:

Name: Eddie Bojorquez Phone: 858-581-7605

Street Address: 3775 Morena Blvd E-Mail: bojorqueze@sandiego.gov

San Diego CA 92117
City State Zip Code

Note: for multiple recipients, use addendum on 3rd page

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Lifeguard

- USLA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
- Years of Service: _____
- Region: _____
- Chapter: _____ Agency: _____
- Title: _____

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Non-Lifeguard

- Has applicant received any formal rescue training? If Yes, please describe briefly:

☐ Yes

☒ No

Date of Action: Thursday 05/14/2026
Day of Week Month Date Year

Time of Action: 7:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM

Category of Lifesaving Awards: (refer to attached Awards Definition and Mark the Submission Category)

- ☐ **USLA MEDAL OF VALOR** (Lifeguard Personnel Only)
- ☐ **CSLSA MEDAL OF VALOR** (Lifeguard, Public Safety Employees or Military Only)
- ☒ **HEROIC ACT** (Lifeguards and Non-Lifeguards)
- ☐ **NATIONAL LIFESAVING** (Lifesaving agencies or groups)
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- ☐ **SUMMERS OF SERVICE** (Lifeguard Personnel Only)

Incident Description:

Briefly describe the scene of the incident and its environment:

The incident occurred at Ventura Cove, a swimming area on the west side of Mission Bay. Mission Bay is an artificially constructed body of water which means that due to the dredging, there is an abrupt drop off around the bay. The water depth at a given tide will go from 3' to about 8' in the space of only a few feet. The primary cause of rescues in this location is non-swimmers being caught unaware and stepping off the ledge.

Describe the peril of the person(s) rescued:

The victim experienced some sort of episode in which he lost control of himself while in the water. This occurred near the drop off in Ventura Cove. If Eddie had not recognized the situation, stabilized the victim and extricated him from the water, the victim could have drowned.

Describe the actions taken by the applicant::

On the morning of May 14 at approx 7:00 AM, Eddie Bojorquez was on duty performing shoreline maintenance at Ventura Cove when he observed an individual in distress. The victim had entered the water to retrieve bait when he suddenly tensed up and began to struggle. Eddie immediately contacted San Diego Lifeguards and notified them of the incident. Recognizing the need for immediate action, Eddie parked his skip loader and entered the water. Eddie stabilized the individual in the 63 degree water and pulled him to safety. The man stated he had difficulty breathing. Lifeguards arrived on scene moments later along with a first responder and ambulance. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital for further evaluation. Upon completion of the incident, Eddie contacted his supervisor to see if he could go home and change clothes after his water rescue. Following this quick change, Eddie resumed his duties in maintaining a safe and clean park environment. Eddie is worthy of consideration for a Heroic Act. Eddie took decisive action in the course of his duties to assist a fellow citizen. He displayed quick thinking in contacting responders and initiating action to save a life. Eddie performed an effective risk assessment. He entered the aquatic environment with no rescue training and acted effectively to perform the rescue. He was immersed to approximately his waist in the bay as he completed the rescue. The depth allowed him to stabilize the individual and return him to the shoreline until lifeguards and EMS could arrive.

Please attach additional pages as needed, news clippings, photos, video links, reports or any other materials to aide in describing this incident

Application Submitted by:

Name (Print Clearly): Robert Brown Phone: 619 727 9529
Region: San Diego Chapter: San Diego
Signature:  Date: 07/06/2026

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☐ Initial Submission to Region received by: Name: _____ Date: _____
☐ Forwarded to USLA Committee by: Name: _____ Date: _____

Action Taken by Regional Committee

☐ Approved for (category): _____
☐ Rejected Name: _____ Date: _____

Action Taken by National Committee

☐ Approved for (category): _____
☐ Rejected Name: _____ Date: _____

☐ Award Created ☐ Award Presented Date: _____

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SAN DIEGO LIFEGUARD SERVICE - DISPATCH REPORT

TIME: 0708 DATE: 5-15-26 DISPATCHER: Rigby

SWIMMER BOATING CLIFF DIVING RIVER MEDICAL ENFORCEMENT OTHER

LOCATION: Venura Cove ADDRESS: 3209 Gleason rd.

CALL REPORTED AS: unknown problem

VICTIM DESCRIPTION: male hunched over fishing

RP NAME: Eddie RP CALL BACK: Vulcan Crew

RP LOCATION: _____

CALL ORIGIN: 911 ADMIN VHF SDPD METRO SDLG

FS # 26007263

_____ COMMAND, AT _____ HOURS

DEPARTMENT UNITS TIME DISPATCHED TIME AT SCENE TIME CLEAR

<u>LG / FD</u>	<u>ZHK</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0712</u>	<u>0720</u>
<u>LG / FD</u>	<u>MZO</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0713</u>	<u>0720</u>
<u>LG / FD</u>	<u>ELO</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0715</u>	<u>0720</u>
<u>LG / FD</u>				

COMMENTS: Eddie from the Vulcan Crew

reported a fisherman in distress in thigh
deep water. unknown problem

DISPOSITION: MZO to unknown destination AMA

RIVER, CLIFF, DIVE, BOATING ON BACK
LCC FTO'S 2024

0 side 200610
PW/PS-658



San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Service Awards Nomination Form

For detailed award descriptions, please refer to the Awards Policy
Operations Manual - SI 14.9 - Service Awards

Name(s) of Nominee(s):

Rank/Title: Division/Station & Shift:

If nominee is a citizen, include: Phone: Email:

Award Category:

(Please choose one award type per form; if nominating multiple people for various awards per same event, use separate forms.)

FS#: Short Description of Incident/Event:

Justification for Award (include specific actions, pertinent details, etc. Follow HIPAA guidelines and do not include patient name or treatment):

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Upon completion of the incident, Eddie contacted his supervisor to see if he could go home and change clothes after his water rescue. Following this quick change, Eddie resumed his duties in maintaining a safe and clean park environment.

Eddie is worthy of consideration for a Lifesaving Citation. Eddie took decisive action in the course of his duties to assist a fellow citizen. He displayed quick thinking in contacting responders and initiating action to save a life. Eddie performed an effective risk assessment. He entered the aquatic environment with no rescue training and acted effectively to perform the rescue. He was immersed to approximately his waist in the bay as he completed the rescue. The depth allowed him to stabilize the individual and return him to the shoreline until lifeguards and EMS could arrive.

Nominated by: Phone: Email:

Complete form and submit to SDFD Service Awards Committee at SDFDSAC@sandiego.gov, along with copy of Incident Report and other supporting documentation.

Incident Detail Report

Data Source: Data Warehouse
 Incident Status: Closed
 Incident number: FS26087263
 Case Numbers:
 Incident Date: 5/15/2026 07:07:27
 Report Generated: 5/16/2026 16:27:01

Incident Information

Incident Type:	1a Medical Aid 1a	Alarm Level:	1
Priority:	1a Level 1a Medical	Problem:	Unknown Problem (Man Down)(L1)
Determinant:		Agency:	Fire
Base Response#:	017315	Jurisdiction:	San Diego
Confirmation#:	05152026-0093730	Division:	Zone 3
Taken By:	M X M FD584	Battalion:	20 Central
Response Area:	20-BE-01	Response Plan:	1a BE Medical Aid
Disposition:	1-AMA-REL-DOS	Command Ch:	
Cancel Reason:		Primary TAC:	7E / 7F
Incident Status:	Closed	Secondary TAC:	
Certification:		Delay Reason (If any):	
Longitude:	117246505	Latitude:	32771564

Incident Location

Location Name:		County:	San Diego
Address:	3209 Gleason Rd	Location Type:	
Apartment:		Cross Street:	WEST MISSION BAY DR/UNNAMED ST
Building:	SDC-1968	Map Reference:	
City, State, Zip:	SAN DIEGO CA 92109		

Call Receipt

Caller Name:		Call Back Phone:	
Method Received:	Lifeguards	Caller Location:	
Caller Type:		Caller Location Phone:	
Caller Address:		Caller Apartment:	
Caller Building:		Caller County:	
Caller City, State, Zip:			

Time Stamps

Description	Date	Time	User	Elapsed Times Description	Time
Phone Pickup	5/15/2026	07:07:27			
1st Key Stroke	5/15/2026	07:07:27		Received to In Queue	00:00:52
In Waiting Queue	5/15/2026	07:08:19		Call Taking	00:03:39
Call Taking Complete	5/15/2026	07:11:06	M X M FD584	In Queue to 1st Assign	00:00:01
1st Unit Assigned	5/15/2026	07:08:20		Call Received to 1st Assign	00:00:53
1st Unit Enroute	5/15/2026	07:08:26		Assigned to 1st Enroute	00:00:06.9
1st Unit Arrived	5/15/2026	07:13:01		Enroute to 1st Arrived	00:04:34.0
Closed	5/15/2026	07:59:00	Mobile1	Incident Duration	00:51:33

Resources Assigned

Unit	Primary Flag	Assigned	Disposition	Enroute	Staged	Arrived	At Patient	Delay Avail	Complete	Odm, Enroute	Odm, Arrived	Cancel Reason
M20	Y	07:08:20	1-AMA-REL- DOS	07:08:26		07:13:01			07:59:00			
LCCNOT	N	07:08:20	5- CANCELLED						07:09:27			
E20	N	07:08:31	1-AMA-REL- DOS	07:09:24		07:15:03			07:39:16			
LG4L	N	07:11:34	5- CANCELLED	07:11:42					07:19:59			

Personnel Assigned

Unit	Name
M20	Daniel Medina (DM6014) - EMT; Chris_Lee_PM (CL5689) - Paramedic
LCCNOT	LG CREW (LG CREW) - Administration
E20	James Buckley (304293) - Engineer; Andrew_Larner (309579) - Firefighter; Jonathan_Frichtel (088169) - Captain; Skylar_Duran_PM (305390) - Firefighter/Paramedic

Caution Notes

Notes	Type	Priority
PD RADIO CHANNELS - ZONE 37 NOR D1	Region	Medium
SCRIPPS LA JOLLA TRAUMA CATCHMENT AREA	Region	Low

Pre-Scheduled Information

No Pre-Scheduled Information

Transports

No Transports Information

Transport Legs



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Send completed applications to: **Special Awards Committee – awards@cslsa.org**

Proposed Recipient:

Name: Beau Carlile Phone: 1(805)233-0452
Street Address: 4680 Otomi ave E-Mail: BCarlile@sandiego.gov
San Diego CA 92117
City State Zip Code
Note: for additional nominees use Additional Nominee Form



Lifeguard

- USLA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
- Years of Service: 7
- Region: San Diego
- Chapter: _____ Agency: San Diego City Lifeguards
- Title: Lifeguard II



Non-Lifeguard

- Has applicant received any formal rescue training? If Yes, please describe briefly:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Action: 17 6 2026 Time of Action: 0900 ☒ AM ☐ PM
Day of Week Month Date Year

Category of Lifesaving Awards: (refer to attached Awards Definition and Mark the Submission Category)

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Incident Description:

Briefly describe the scene of the incident and its environment:

I am writing to recommend Lifeguard I Beau Carlile for recognition for his actions during a rescue in the La Jolla Cove region.

At approximately 0930 hours, Lifeguard Dispatch received a 911 call reporting people yelling for help from one of the caves near La Jolla Cove. As 3SAM, I responded and La Jolla shores launched there rescue water craft with Beau Carlile as crew. Upon arriving on scene and coordinating resources I witnessed challenging ocean conditions, including significant surge and large southwest sets impacting the cave system.

Describe the peril of the person(s) rescued:

During the incident, it was determined that a victim had been washed into a small keyhole cave adjacent to the main entrance of White Lady Cave. The cave entrance was approximately four feet in diameter and extended roughly twenty feet into the cliff face. Due to the surf conditions, the cave would completely fill with water as waves passed through, creating an extremely hazardous environment for both the victim and rescuers.

Describe the actions taken by the applicant::

Upon arrival on scene aboard the RWC, Beau Carlile quickly assessed the situation and, without hesitation, entered the water equipped only with a helmet and fins. Recognizing the urgency of the situation and the limited survivability of a trapped victim inside the cave, Carlile swam directly into the confined opening. He entered a completely dark, flooded cave system with minimal equipment, exposing himself to significant personal risk from surge, impact

Please attach additional pages as needed, news clippings, photos, video links, reports or any other materials to aide in describing this incident

Application Submitted by:

Name (Print Clearly): Tristan Sullaway Phone : 858-525-3528
Region: City of San Diego Chapter: _____
Signature: _____ Date: 9/13/26

**** FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY****

☐ Initial Submission to Region received by: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
☐ Forwarded to USLA Committee by: _____ Name: Ryan Sanders Date: _____

Action Taken by Regional Committee

☐ Approved for (category): _____
☐ Rejected Name: William Poli Date: _____

Action Taken by National Committee

☐ Approved for (category): _____
☐ Rejected Name: _____ Date: _____

☐ Award Created ☐ Award Presented Date: _____

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CSLSA Additional Nominee Form

Submit additional forms as necessary to accommodate ALL rescuers

Name: Dan Lorch
Address: 821 1/2 Ensenada Ct.
San Diego
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: 1(805)233-0452
Email: DPLorch@sandiego.gov
Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I

Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown
Years of service: 13
Region: San Diego
Chapter: _____
Agency: San Diego City Lifeguards
Title: Lifeguard II

Name: Ryan Sanders
Address: 3224 Westcliffe Place
San Diego CA 92106
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: 6188840466
Email: RMSanders@sandiego.gov
Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I

Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown
Years of service: 7
Region: City of San Diego
Chapter: _____
Agency: San Diego City Lifeguards
Title: Lifeguard I

Name: William Poli
Address: 5011 Northaven Ave
San Diego CA 92106
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: 6197735324
Email: WPoli@sandiego.gov
Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I

Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown
Years of service: 4
Region: _____
Chapter: _____
Agency: San Diego City Lifeguards
Title: Lifeguard I

Name: _____
Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I

Lifeguard: ☐yes ☐no ☐unknown
Years of service: _____
Region: _____
Chapter: _____
Agency: _____
Title: _____



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Special Awards Application Form

Send completed applications to: **Special Awards Committee – awards@cslsa.org**

Proposed Recipient:

Name: Gisele Halualani Phone: 310-663-2436
Street Address: 9000 Pacific Coast Highway E-Mail: gmhalualani@gmail.com
Malibu CA 90265
City State Zip Code

Note: for additional nominees use Additional Nominee Form



Lifeguard

- USLA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
- Years of Service: 3
- Region: Southwest
- Chapter: _____ Agency: CA State Parks
- Title: Lifeguard 1



Non-Lifeguard

- Has applicant received any formal rescue training? If Yes, please describe briefly:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Action: _____
Day of Week Month Date Year

Time of Action: _____ ☒ AM ☐ PM

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Incident Description:

Briefly describe the scene of the incident and its environment:

I am proud to nominate Gisele Halualani for her exceptional dedication and leadership in the co-authoring and successful passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 192, the formal recognition of professional open-water lifeguards as first responders. For over a year, Gisele worked tirelessly alongside State Senators, lifeguard associations, attorneys, and lobbyists to make this historic resolution a reality. She committed hundreds of hours to meetings, communication efforts, and extensive public outreach to highlight the fact that lifeguards—despite their critical role in public safety—were not formally recognized as first responders.

Describe the peril of the person(s) rescued:

Describe the actions taken by the applicant::

Please attach additional pages as needed, news clippings, photos, video links, reports or any other materials to aide in describing this incident

Application Submitted by:

Name (Print Clearly): David C. Wilson Phone : 760-978-7108
Region: Southwest Chapter: CA State Parks
Signature: _____ Date: 09/18/2026

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☐ Initial Submission to Region received by: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
☐ Forwarded to USLA Committee by: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Action Taken by Regional Committee

☐ Approved for (category): _____
☐ Rejected Name: _____ Date: _____

Action Taken by National Committee

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Submit additional forms as necessary to accommodate ALL rescuers

Name: _____ Address: _____ Malibu City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: 310-663-2436 Email: _____ Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I	Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown Years of service: _____ Region: Southwest Chapter: _____ Agency: CA State Parks Title: Lifeguard 1
Name: _____ Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I	Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown Years of service: _____ Region: Southwest Chapter: CA State Parks Agency: _____ Title: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I	Lifeguard: ☒yes ☐no ☐unknown Years of service: _____ Region: _____ Chapter: _____ Agency: _____ Title: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Nominated for: Meritorious Act (lifeguard + I	Lifeguard: ☐yes ☐no ☐unknown Years of service: _____ Region: _____ Chapter: _____ Agency: _____ Title: _____



California Surf Lifesaving Association

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Himes Website Committee Chair
DATE: 10-01-2026
SUBJECT: WEBSITE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Website Committee Summer Report

Over the summer, the Website Committee completed the following activities:

- Added upcoming lifeguard events and competitions to the CSLSA.org Website Calendar/Events page to keep members informed of important activities and dates.
- Worked with the Awards Committee to update the website by removing previous award recipients and adding the new award winners.
- Monitored the general info@cslsa.org email account and forwarded relevant inquiries and information to the President for follow-up.
- Continued to monitor the website and assist with updates and information as needed.

Steve Himes
Website Committee Chair

ARTICLE VIII
EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1 - Definition

The Officers of the CSLSA shall be...

SECTION 2 - Nominations for Office

Any member in good standing of CSLSA may be nominated for...

SECTION 3 - Election or Appointment of Officers

- A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Delegates shall be elected by the Board of Directors in odd numbered years at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Election shall be by **individual Delegate** secret ballot and a majority of votes cast shall elect. In the event that only one individual is nominated for an office, a motion shall be made to elect said individual by affirmation