

CPRS District II
Recreation, Park and Leisure

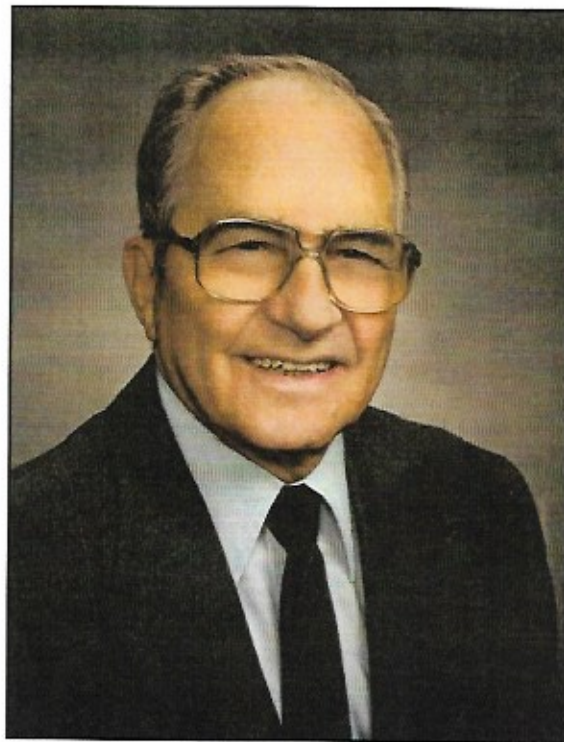
2007 Hall of Honor

Professional Category

William Pond

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



- First director of the Sacramento County Department of Parks and Recreation, 1959–1968.
- Developed the Sacramento County Service Area Concept; areas included Rio Linda, Elverta, Fruitridge, Orangevale, Foothill Farms, and Mission Cottage.
- Assisted the County Planning Department in developing a preliminary American River Parkway Plan, 1961, to include the recreation element of the General Plan "The American River Parkway."
- Outstanding vision and leadership in the transformation of the American River Parkway from dream to reality.
- Executive Director, National Recreation and Park Association, 1968–1972.
- Executive Director, Sacramento County Housing Authority, 1973.
- Agency Administrator, Sacramento County Community Development and Environmental Protection Agency, 1974.
- Acting Executive Director, North Highlands Recreation and Park District, 1984.
- Executive Director, Sacramento Junior Museum, 1985.
- Founding member of the American River Foundation.
- Chair, Sacramento City-County History and Science Commission.

CPRS District II
Hall of Honor Committee

Dear Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to submit the name of Mr. William B. Pond in nomination for recognition of his significant historical contributions within District II of the California Park and Recreation Society.

Mr. Pond's contributions to the profession on a local, state and national level are numerous; however, most notable is his contribution to the residents and community served by CPRS District II.

In eight short years, Mr. Pond, starting from ground zero, developed the Sacramento County Department of Parks and Recreation into a nationally recognized and respected professional organization. Those years also included the development of the American River Parkway Plan which has provided many hundreds of thousands of users the opportunity for quality recreation, enjoyment, pleasure, education, interpretation and observation of the beauty and serenity of the American River.

Mr. Pond's legacy is such that I am honored to sponsor him for this prestigious Hall of Honor award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick P. Fenwick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick P. Fenwick
Hall of Honor Executive Committee

-Leadership Positions Held

-Recreation Director	Renton, Washington Housing Auth. 1946
-Recreation Supervisor	Washington State Parks & Rec. Comm. 1949
-Director, Parks & Rec	Beaverton, Oregon Recreation & Park Dist 1954
-Director, Parks & Recreation	Sacramento County 1959-1968
-Executive Director	National Recreation & Park Assoc. 1968-1972
-Executive Director	Sacramento County Housing Authority 1973
-Agency Administrator	Sacramento County Community Development & Environmental Protection Agency 1974
-Acting Executive Director	North Highland Recreation & Park District 1984
-Executive Director	Sacramento Jr. Museum 1985

-Service to Public Outside Primary Responsibility

- Served on numerous church congregations as an Elder
- Sang in several choirs and chorus groups throughout his career
- Executive with the Boy Scouts
- Active in several square dance clubs throughout his career
- Active in P.T.A. when his children were in school
- Member of the National Association of County Officials
- Member of the National Recreation Association
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Junior Museum
- Founding member of the American River Foundation
- Served as chair for the Sacramento City-County History and Science Commission

-Awards and Honors

- Has received numerous citations, resolution and awards from Sacramento County, National Recreation Association, National Association of County officials.

-Professional Publications

- Has written a number of position papers with the N.R.P.A. which were presented to various federal and congressional agencies and committees regarding park, recreation and environmental issues.

-1959-1968 Development of the County Service Area Concept, for the purpose of creating an interim form of local government to provide recreation and park services to the residents in the unincorporated portion of the County of Sacramento

- During Bill's tenure, eight county service areas were created.
- Each had an advisory Board of Directors, budgets, programs and facilities.
- Areas included: Rio Linda (now Rio Linda, Elverta Recreation and Park District); Fruitridge (now part of Southgate Recreation and Park District); Orangevale (now the Orangevale Recreation and Park District); Foothill Farms (now part of the Sunrise Recreation and Park District); Mission Cottage (now the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District) and Nicholas.

-The Jewel of Accomplishments The American River Parkway

- 1959, hired as Director of County Parks & Recreation Department.
- 1961, Bill assisted the County Planning Department in developing a preliminary Parkway plan.
- Sacramento County was the first public agency, west of the Mississippi River to receive funds from the Federal Open Space Fund and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.
- 1967 County adopted an amendment to the recreation element of the General Plan - "The American River Parkway". This plan proposed a 12 square mile recreation and open space greenbelt along 30 miles of flood plain from the Sacramento River to the county line.
- By 1968, the American River Parkway was no longer just a promise but was rapidly becoming a reality. The county had acquired over 1270 acres of parkway lands, optioned over 200 acres for future purchases and numerous acres were made available for parkway use by easement, licenses and consent agreements. The Department had begun to develop recreational facilities and Ancil Hoffman, C.M. Goethe and Discovery parks.

**William "Bill" Pond
His Professional Recreation & Park Career**

**Nominated for Induction into the
CPRS District II Hall of Honor**

Professional Career	1949-1983	34 years
District II Involvement	1960-1968; 1973-1983	18 years

Significant Contributions:

- Professional Training, Education and Improvement
 - College degree from Whitworth College, Spokane Washington
 - Secondary teaching certification with emphasis in history, biology, physical education
 - CPRS, NRPA workshops, conferences, training seminars, 1960-1984
- Specific Projects or Programs Candidate Responsible for Accomplishing:
 - 1959-1968 Development of the Sacramento County Park & Recreation Department & Regional Park System
 - 1959, hired as Director of County Parks & Recreation Department.
 - 1st Director hired by Sacramento County.
 - No department existed at the time.
 - No staff available at the time.
 - No county park or open space lands existed.
 - Ordinance was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors with the primary purpose to develop a system of parks and recreation services to meet the needs of the citizens of Sacramento County.
 - Upon hire date, Mr. Pond was assigned a vehicle, and a \$25,000 budget (which included his salary), a small office with a chair and desk
 - Eight years later, in 1968, when Mr. Pond left Sacramento, the department had grown:

Budget:	General Fund	\$ 849,435
	County Service Area	\$ 230,165
	Dependent Park Dist.	<u>\$ 870,003</u>
		\$1,949,603

Full Time Employees	68
Number of Regional Parks and	
Open Space owned or access to:	2.400 acres
Number of County Service Areas:	8