

CPRS District 2  
Recreation, Park and Leisure

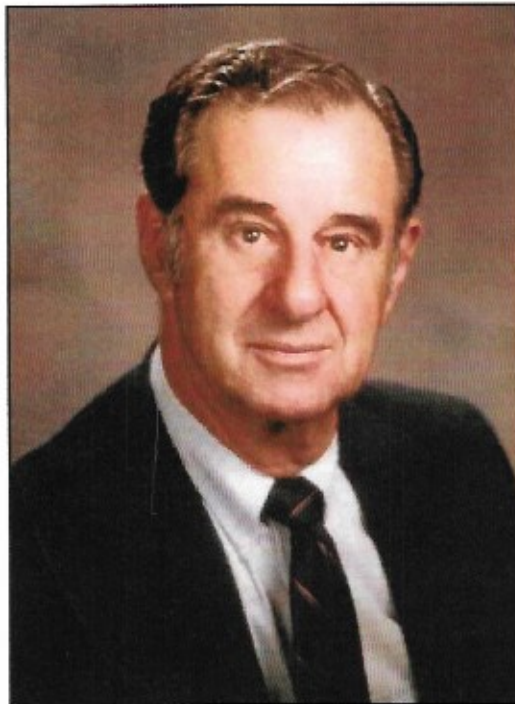
# 2010 Hall of Honor

Professional Category

## Paul M. Hagan

*POSTHUMOUS, FORMER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR,  
CORDOVA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT*

**In Recognition of Significant Achievement  
and Dedicated Service to the Profession**



- First Administrator of the Cordova Recreation and Park District
- Directed an aggressive acquisition and capital development program for the development of 21 recreation and park facilities in Rancho Cordova
- Developed the adoption of the joint use agreement with the local school district that served as a nation-wide model.
- Instrumental in bringing the National AAU Synchronized Swimming Championship to the Rancho Cordova area in 1966.
- Member of National Recreation and Park Association and California Parks and Recreation Society for over 20 years.
- CPRS State Fellowship Award in 1974, CPRS District II Professional Citation, 1966, 1973.
- Paul Harris Fellow recipient, Rotary International's highest award.
- Cordova Community Park named as Hagan Community Park on November 14, 1984 by the Cordova Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.
- Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, City of Willows, California

October 31, 2009

Debby Walker, Chair  
CPRS District 2 Hall of Honor Committee  
Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District  
3344 Mission Avenue  
Carmichael, CA 95608

Dear Debby:

It is an honor and a privilege to nominate Paul Hagan in the Professional Leadership Category for the CPRS District 2 Hall of Honor.

As you will see when you read his resume, he is immanently well qualified for recognition with the esteemed honorees that have preceded him. It was my pleasure to have worked with Paul for some 20 years and I still marvel at his many accomplishments.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information, although I have gleaned just about all of the information that is left about Paul at the District Office.

I would be delighted to present the award should he be selected.

Thank you and your Committee in advance for your consideration of this nomination.

Yours very truly,

  
Neil Orchard

## PAUL M. HAGAN

Paul M. Hagan was hired as the Cordova Recreation and Park District's first Administrator on September 15, 1960, and served in that capacity for over 25 years, retiring on July 31, 1985.

Born in Nowata, Oklahoma on August 14, 1918, Hagan served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, moving to California in the late 1940's. He eventually earned a degree in Education from San Francisco State College and then worked 10 years as a recreation director and school teacher in San Francisco and Willows, California, before accepting the Cordova post in 1960.

In Cordova, Hagan spearheaded an aggressive acquisition and capital development program that ultimately led to the development of 21 recreation and park facilities and the adoption of a joint use agreement with the local school District that has served as a model nation-wide.

Hagan was active in the Rancho Cordova community, serving as a member of the Rancho Cordova Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Cordova Community Council, Rancho Cordova Bicentennial Committee, Rancho Cordova Sports Club, USO and the American Red Cross.

A member of NRPA and CPRS for over 20 years, he held a CBPRP Certificate in Administration and chaired several committees for CPRS, including the California Board of Park and Recreation Personnel, Administrator's Section, Legislative Committee, Awards and Citations Committee and served on the CPRS Executive Committee during 1970-71.

He was honored by CPRS with a State Fellowship Award in 1974 and twice awarded the CPRS District II Professional Citation, in 1966 and 1973. He was a recipient of Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellow, and received the ultimate recognition for his contribution to the Rancho Cordova community when the District's Board of Directors renamed the District's beautiful 74 acre Cordova Community Park as Hagan Community Park on November 14, 1984.

Paul passed away on May 1, 1988, at age 69.

Nominee: Paul M. Hagan, Former District Administrator  
Cordova Recreation and Park District

Date of Birth: August 14, 1918  
Place of Birth: Nowata, Oklahoma  
Spouse: Mary L. "Dayo" Hagan  
Date of Employment: September 15, 1960 (the first Administrator of the District)  
Previous Position: Superintendent of Recreation & Parks, City of Willows, California  
Education: B, A. Degree in Education, San Francisco State College

Cordova Recreation & Park District Statistics (under Hagan's Administration)

The Agency: An Independent Special District, formed in 1958  
Population: 85,921  
Location: 90 square miles in Eastern Sacramento County (bounded by City of Sacramento, American River, Jackson Highway and El Dorado County)  
Park Facilities:  
6 Community Parks 132 acres  
12 Neighborhood Parks 31 acres  
2 Undeveloped Parks 11 acres  
Other Facilities:  
Cordova Golf Course (18 holes) 80 acres  
Cordova Public Shooting Center 74 acres  
Total Acreage: 328 acres

Professional Involvement:

Member, National Recreation and Park Association (over 20 years)  
Member, California Park and Recreation Society (over 20 years)  
California Board of Park and Recreation Personnel, Certificate in Administration, 1968  
Past Chair, California Board of Park and Recreation Personnel

#### Professional Involvement – con't

Past President, California Park and Recreation Society Administrator's Section

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society Legislative Committee

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society Awards and Citations Committee

Past District Director, California Park and Recreation Society, District II, 1961-62, 1963-64  
and 1973-74

Past Member, California Park and Recreation Society Executive Committee, 1970-71

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society, District II Scholarship Committee

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society, District II Awards & Citations Committee

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society, District II Legislative Committee

Past Chair, California Park and Recreation Society, District II By-Laws Committee

#### Professional Recognition:

California Park and Recreation Society, District II Professional Citation, 1966 & 1973

California Park and Recreation Society, State Fellowship, 1974

#### Community Involvement:

Past President, Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce

Past Chairman, Sacramento Chapter, American Red Cross

Past President, Rancho Cordova Chapter, United Service Organization

Past President, Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova

Past Member, Board of Directors, Cordova Community Council

#### Community Recognition:

Recipient, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary's Highest Award for "Service Above Self"

Cordova Community Park, the Cordova Recreation & Park District's first community park,  
a beautiful 74 acre site adjacent to Sacramento County's American River Parkway,  
renamed Hagan Community Park on November 14, 1984.