



**Crystal Cove Conservancy Meeting and Fundraising Event**  
**Prop 68 Clean Water & Safe Parks Act**  
**March 12, 2018 5:30-7:00 p.m. Oasis Senior Center**

**NEWPORT COAST, CA, February 22, 2018** – Crystal Cove Conservancy will host an important information and fundraising event about California Proposition 68 and how it may impact our local community and the entire state of California.

**California Proposition 68 considers a \$4 billion parks and water bond, and includes \$200 million for preserving, protecting, and restoring existing state parks, including a pilot program to make coastal visits more affordable.**

In June, California voters will act on some of the most critical issues facing the state as they consider Proposition 68, which will help make California’s water supplies more secure, make needed investments in drought preparedness and ensure every California community has access to safe, quality parks. The measure will fund projects to ensure clean drinking water throughout California, protect communities from floods, safeguard our state’s oceans, rivers, lakes and streams and build new outdoor spaces in neighborhoods with the greatest need.

“The Parks and Water Bond allocates funds for important and much needed environmental protection and restoration projects throughout California. In Orange County, Crystal Cove could see the benefit of dollars to complete Crystal Cove State Parks’ Historic District and provide millions of families with full public access and affordable overnight accommodations steps from the sand and waves. Cottage revenue is reinvested back into Crystal Cove State Park for maintenance and for educational programs that inspire students to become effective environmental leaders” says Alix Hobbs, President and CEO of Crystal Cove Conservancy and Crystal Cove Beach Cottages.

[The California Clean Water & Safe Parks Act campaign](#), is being supported by a broad coalition of water experts, conservation groups, local government organizations and other business groups who all recognize the need to authorize critical investments in our state’s water and natural resources. Crystal Cove Conservancy has also endorsed this important proposition and has invited Alfredo Gonzalez from the Resources Legacy Fund to Orange County to speak about this important topic.

“An early investment and donation for Prop 68 represents a commitment to future generations. Crystal Cove Conservancy believes it is important to raise awareness by inviting residents from our community, other environmental organizations and community leaders to this open forum to learn more about this important proposition as they prepare to vote in June. Donations will be accepted at the event and should be made payable directly to Californians for Clean Water and Safe Parks, sponsored by Conservation Groups” says Crystal Cove Conservancy Founder and Vice President, Laura Davick.

Proposition 68 is supported by a wide range of stakeholders and organizations, including the Association of California Water Agencies, The Nature Conservancy, California Chamber of Commerce, League of California Cities, American Heart Association, California State Parks Foundation, Save the Redwoods League, Southern California Water Coalition, League of Women Voters of California, PolicyLink, TreePeople, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, The Wildlands Conservancy, Audubon California, Heal the Bay, Clean Water Action and many more. For more information on the initiative, please visit the [Prop 68 campaign](#) website, check out our fact sheet, endorse the measure, or explore the bond's investment priorities.

**Event details:** Monday, March 12, 2018, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Oasis Senior Center (Event Center), 801 Narcissus, Corona Del Mar. Please RSVP at [www.crystalcove.org/event/yeson68](http://www.crystalcove.org/event/yeson68) by Thursday, March 8. Refreshments will be served.

### **About Crystal Cove Conservancy**

Crystal Cove Conservancy is the nonprofit public benefit partner to Crystal Cove State Park, employing a social enterprise model to fund important preservation, education and conservation initiatives that will cultivate our planet's next generation of environmental stewards ensuring that Crystal Cove, and places like it, live on for generations. The Conservancy, formerly known as Crystal Cove Alliance, was founded in 1999 by Laura Davick to save Crystal Cove Historic District from being developed into a luxury resort property.

The Conservancy works in partnership with California State Parks to provide stewardship support for Crystal Cove's nearly 2,800 acres of public lands including: The Crystal Cove Historic District and beach cottages (a National Register of Historic Places site); 2,400 acres of pristine wilderness habitat and the unspoiled Moro Canyon watershed (a National Natural Landmark site); over three miles of rocky beach coastline and intertidal habitat; 400 acres of coastal bluff habitat; and special underwater and offshore areas including the Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area MPA. By being a stewardship partner for this Southern California jewel, the Conservancy has been uniquely positioned to develop a nationally recognized STEM education program that uses authentic field science and monitoring to immerse students and community members in the practice of conservation and open space management. For more information, visit [www.crystalcove.org](http://www.crystalcove.org).

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# CALIFORNIA PARKS AND WATER BOND

## JUNE 2018 BALLOT

In June, California voters will consider a **\$4 billion** parks and water bond. Legislators and the Governor worked together to craft the measure. It includes:

- **\$725 million** for local parks in underserved communities
- **\$443 million** for climate adaptation and resiliency, including connection of wildlife corridors
- **\$175 million** to protect and enhance coastal and ocean resources
- **\$285 million** for additional local and regional parks, including funding for every city and county
- **\$200 million** for preserving, protecting, and restoring existing state parks, including a pilot program to make coastal visits more affordable for low-income families
- **\$30 million** for better access to parks, waterways, and natural areas to encourage walking, bicycling, and active transportation
- **\$162 million** to enhance urban creeks and river parkways and remove dams
- **\$567 million** for acquisition and restoration of wildlife habitat, open space, urban greenways, and multi-benefit watershed projects
- **\$250 million** for safe drinking water projects for low-income communities
- **\$80 million** for treatment, remediation, and prevention of groundwater contamination
- **\$290 million** for groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, recycling, and other water investments that will help drought-proof communities
- **\$550 million** for flood protection
- **\$200 million** for projects to minimize air pollution and protect bird habitat at the Salton Sea in Imperial and Riverside counties

### California Parks and Water Bond Investments

