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An artist's rendering of the CdM fire station and library.

## Crystal Cove Conservancy Hosts Prop 68 Meeting

Crystal Cove Conservancy will host an important information and fundraising event about California Proposition 68, the Clean Water & Safe Parks Act, and how it may impact our local community and the entire state of California, on March 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at OASIS Senior Center.

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.

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.

"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," says Alix Hobbs, President and CEO of Crystal Cove Conservancy and Crystal Cove Beach Cottages. "Cottage revenue is reinvested back into Crystal Cove State Park for maintenance and for educational programs that inspire students to become effective environmental leaders."

OASIS Senior Center is at 801 Narcissus in Corona del Mar.

Please RSVP to the event by visiting the website at [Crystalcove.org/event/yeson68](http://Crystalcove.org/event/yeson68).

## Mayor Duffy Wakes Up Newport

BY VICTORIA KERTZ | NB INDY

Mayor Marshall "Duffy" Duffield began his presentation to the attendees of the monthly Wake Up! Newport series hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday morning with a confession.

"I don't really like this room that much," he said of the Friends Room at the Newport Beach Public Library Central Branch. Four years ago, he explained, he nervously spoke at a city council election forum and was

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## 'Fibrary' Back on Track, \$8M in Contracts Awarded

BY SARA HALL | NB INDY

Bookworms and firefighters may be sharing space in Corona del Mar as early as summer 2019, following a Newport Beach City Council decision this week.

Council members unanimously agreed to move forward with the on-again, off-again CdM library branch and fire station combo project dubbed "fibrary" at their meeting Tuesday.

They voted 7 to 0 to approve the construction contract and several supporting agreements for the project located on Marigold Avenue off

Pacific Coast Highway.

The community "persistently and passionately" fought for the library and fire station project, said Councilwoman Diane Dixon.

"It's the perfect example of your voice being heard," Dixon said.

Karen Carlson longtime Corona del Mar resident and frequent visitor to the CdM library said she was one of the passionate citizens who fought for the project.

"This is a wonderful example of how a community can pull together and have a wonderful result that

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