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About CRPA

Since its founding in 1875, part of the California Rifle & Pistol Association's (CRPA) mission has been to promote the shooting sports and to defend the right to keep and bear arms. That includes helping to keep ranges thriving.

The CRPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) membership and donor-supported organization. CRPA is the official state association for the NRA. CRPA employs staff in Fullerton and Sacramento, works with thousands of volunteers across the state, and is controlled by an independent Board of Directors. All dues and donations to CRPA are used specifically to benefit California gun owners through CRPA programs.

If you would like to speak with CRPA about how we can assist your range, please call (800) 305-2772, or email us at sbarrett@crpa.org

Sponsored & Sanctioned Matches

CRPA has been hosting recreational and competitive matches for decades. These events provide a forum to teach members and the public about firearms, gun law politics, and how they can have fun and get more engaged in the shooting sports.

CRPA helps ranges put on more events, and helps make these events more successful. The CRPA News team might even cover your event! Contact CRPA for more info!



Earn Member Commissions

If you support CRPA and NRA, we need your range to join our member recruiting effort. CRPA pays recruiters commissions for recruiting CRPA members, and offers several programs for ranges to join the fight for the Second Amendment in California.

We need members and visitors of your range to be engaged. No one can defend against the tidal wave of regulations and manipulated public opinion on their own. All shooters need to stand together to protect ranges and the Second Amendment in California. That is part of the CRPA mission.

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California Range Assistance Program

Shooting ranges in California face many challenges. The CRPA/NRA range assistance team of lawyers, experts, range designers, noise consultants, and environmental consultants are standing by to help your range. The CRPA and NRA California “Range Shield” Range Assistance Program helps ranges continue to operate and thrive.

To participate in the shooting sports, people must have access to shooting ranges and training. Too many California ranges are being forced to close due to issues that could have been avoided.

The times and the laws have changed. Range operators must stay up to date, must be aware of the threats to their operations, and must remain knowledgeable about resources and assistance available to proactively address challenges. The CRPA/NRA range assistance team can assess your operation and its vulnerabilities, and offer practical advice that could save your range.

Make sure that your range is in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and has best practices in place by scheduling a free range assessment visit.



Let CRPA Promote Your Range

CRPA can help promote programs and events at your range, and often co-sponsors matches with qualified ranges. CRPA has an Events Calendar that lists all kinds of shooting events, competitions, classes, club association meetings, and other Second Amendment events across California. CRPA also has staff available to speak at meetings and events to update your members and the public about all of the legal and legislative developments in California.

CRPA can provide materials to your range to keep patrons and members informed, and to encourage CRPA and NRA membership. Let's turn the weekend “plinker” at the local range into a strong and informed voice for the Second Amendment.

Prepare ESP & Environmental BMPs

California ranges need help from the environmental lawyers and consultants on the CRPA/NRA range protection team. California ranges face increased environmental regulation and enforcement of California's hyper-technical environmental laws. Range owners and operators need to be aware of potential civil and criminal liability for environmental contamination and for exposing individuals to certain substances—particularly, but not exclusively—lead. Storm water run-off and lead reclamation processes at outdoor ranges are particularly hot topics.

Having an effective environmental law compliance program in place is a must. Having a regularly scheduled lead recycling plan and an Environmental Stewardship Plan (ESP), a Best Management Practices (BMP), in place helps protect a range. The CRPA/NRA team can help you develop an ESP, update your existing ESP, and institute BMP.

The CRPA/NRA team can also help you understand the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) “Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges,” to help you draft BMPs for your range.

Gun ranges may be exempt from certain laws regulating the recycling of lead ammunition, and regulating the management of soils that contain elevated levels of lead as required by the federal Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). But RCRA exemptions may only apply to active shooting ranges that have best management practices (BMP's) in place. Make sure you have an ESP and BMPs.

California state laws have additional requirements, and may not recognize the federal RCRA/ESP exemptions.

Environmental attacks on ranges are well-coordinated and well-funded. Extremist supporters of neo-environmental organizations and NIMBY groups use junk science to demonize ranges. Ranges must be vigilant and proactive! The CRPA team can help!

Lease Negotiation Advice

Ranges on leased land are particularly vulnerable. Do not wait until the lease is up for renewal to begin the lease extension process—the sooner the better. For starters, any capital improvements you make to the site should be used to negotiate a lease extension, before you make the improvement. Ask us how!

Forms, Waivers & Signage

The CRPA/NRA team can help ranges make sure that signage, waivers, releases, indemnification agreements, insurance certificates, and all forms used at ranges are up-to-date. We can provide template forms and signs.



Noise Management

As residential development encroaches on range properties, noise complaints from NIMBY groups are increasingly common. The CRPA and NRA were instrumental in passing legislation that protects ranges against many noise complaints. California Civil Code § 3482.1 immunizes shooting ranges from private nuisance actions based on noise, and from changes or amendments to noise ordinances. The law does not, however, exempt shooting ranges from complying with municipal zoning ordinances/codes, or with some land use regulations. The CRPA/NRA team includes acoustics experts who can help you understand noise restrictions and how to address noise complaints.

Insurance Coverage Issues

Your range's most valuable asset may be its old and/or current insurance policies. This is especially true if your range has been around for a while. *Historical insurance policies can literally be worth millions of dollars to your range.* Ranges should compile a complete historical insurance policy reference file. If you are missing older policies, ask your broker or the insurance company for copies for each missing year, even if you no longer use the company or the broker. Doing this now will make protecting your range much easier.

Asset Protection Strategies

Many ranges have corporate governance issues and outdated corporate documents that can create potential liability for the range, and even its officers and directors. The CRPA range protection team can advise your range about potential corporate and director liability and corporate governance issues. We help ranges develop an asset protection plan, and can review your lease or title documents, articles of incorporation, bylaws, etc. There are ways to structure these documents to maximize protection for range operators, officers, and directors. There are also ways to incorporate, or revise bylaws to minimize the potential liability of directors, officers, and members.