



## MEDIA RELEASE



### **Desert Recreation District Deepens Partnership with The City of Indio to Elevate Park Experiences**

Indio, CA – The Desert Recreation District (DRD) is thrilled to announce the expansion of its partnership with the City of Indio marking a significant milestone in our shared commitment to creating a safe, enjoyable, and engaging park environment for the entire community. Starting November 15, 2023, DRD will provide park supervision and custodial services for Indio's 13 parks and open spaces, reaffirming our dedication to nurturing positive community interactions.

This expanded partnership introduces a new DRD Indio Parks team, a dedicated team of individuals who will play a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and satisfaction of park visitors.

Kevin Kalman, General Manager of Desert Recreation District, expressed his enthusiasm for this partnership, stating, "Our partnership with the City of Indio is a significant leap forward in our ongoing mission to create vibrant, thriving communities through recreational opportunities. We are excited to care for the city's 13 beautiful open spaces and provide a safe and welcoming environment for all "

Mayor Oscar Ortiz also expressed his excitement for this partnership: "We are thrilled to announce this dynamic partnership with Desert Recreation District that will revitalize Indio's parks," said Mayor Oscar Ortiz. "This collaboration symbolizes our commitment to creating vibrant and accessible green spaces for all residents. Together, we look forward to enhancing the beauty and recreational opportunities our parks provide, fostering a healthier and more connected community."

DRD Park Attendants will be responsible for a diverse set of tasks, including monitoring park activities to promote responsible usage, providing essential assistance during emergencies, fostering positive interactions among DRD staff, the City staff, the Indio Police Department (IPD), and the community, preserving the parks by maintaining clean and well-stocked restrooms, reporting maintenance needs, incidents of vandalism, and other issues to the relevant City departments for prompt resolution.

DRD's Indio Community Center will be organizing and managing a wide array of recreational programs, activities, and events at all of Indio's parks. Visit [MyRecreationDistrict.com](http://MyRecreationDistrict.com) or call (760) 347-4263

A community celebration is also in the works for mid-December 2023. This will be a day filled with fun activities, food, and music for all to celebrate that these public spaces are cherished, respected, and well-maintained for generations to come.

#### **About Desert Recreation District**

*[Desert Recreation District](#) (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering 1,865 square miles and serving more than 380,000 residents throughout the greater Coachella Valley in part by working with municipalities in a collective effort to assure equitable service delivery to every community regardless of economic means. DRD manages, maintains, and assists in maintaining more than 30 parks and recreation facilities; we create and deliver quality programs, services, and classes; and we facilitate leisure opportunities through partnerships with public, private, and not-for-profit agencies as we strive to ensure members of the public receive personal benefits such as physical fitness, relaxation, and revitalization; social benefits in the form of stronger and healthier families and enriching the lives for persons with disabilities, and economic benefits through more productive and healthier citizens and increased tourism.*

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