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Civic Leaders Honored for Contributions

Indio, CA (January 29, 2013) – On Thursday, January 24, over 80 family, friends and colleagues joined the Desert Recreation District in honoring Civic Leaders who passed away over the last 18 months. Amid grey skies and a few raindrops, the recognition ceremony celebrated the significant contributions by individuals committed to developing an infrastructure that allows for a quality of life that promises to continue for generations.

Remembered for her interest in providing for golf and recreation, Mary Hyman was recognized by Glenn Miller, Mayor of Indio and Executive Director of The First Tee.

Former City Manager, Tom Genovese was recognized by La Quinta Mayor, Don Adolph for his introspective approach in developing and implementing sound plans for the City of La Quinta.

Former Councilman, Staff Sniff was also recognized by Mayor Adolph. Adolph affectionately described their mutual respect as they sometimes agreed to disagree, and subsequently move on to continue building the community.

Desert Recreation District's General Manager, Kevin Kalman, recognized Mike Schuler for his vision in developing "nothing but dirt and sand" into the many walking and hiking trails that see thousands of pedestrian steps each year.

With a heart for children, especially those in financial need, Lucia Moran was remembered by Quinton Egson, Chief Professional Officer for the Boys & Girls Club of the Coachella Valley for her spirit in reaching out and connecting to improve recreational amenities available to families.

Ensuring our water supply for the immediate and future generations, Steve Robbins was described as living and breathing water during his tenure at the Coachella Valley Water District. Acting General Manager, Jim Barrett described Steve's passion and drive to make certain that the water supply for the residents and agriculture in the Valley was secure.

Memorial plaques were unveiled in the Rose Garden at the La Quinta Community Park commemorating the memory and commitment of these Civic Leaders.

NOTE: Additional photos available upon request.

About Desert Recreation District

The Desert Recreation District supports communities throughout the Coachella Valley by partnering with them to encourage healthy lifestyles, wellness activities and positive out-of-school programs. The District maintains quality park and recreation facilities and trails, initiates and delivers programs and services, and facilitates leisure opportunities for residents of all ages. Programs vary by community. For more information contact DRD at www.MyRecreationDistrict.com or 760-347-3484.