

Desert Recreation District Announces Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration of the Mecca Sports Park.

INDIO, CA – October 23, 2023 - The Desert Recreation District (DRD), The Riverside County Facilities Management Department, and Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez are thrilled to announce the Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting celebration of the Mecca Sports Park, a momentous event to mark a significant milestone in the commitment to providing outstanding recreational opportunities for our community made possible with Prop 68, Statewide Park Grant.

The Mecca Sports Park located at 91-391 Avenue 66 in Mecca will officially open its doors to the public on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM featuring guest speakers, tours, sports demonstrations, games, food and refreshments, entertainment, and much more.

The Mecca Sports Park, a symbol of community unity and progress, is a premier destination for sports enthusiasts of all ages. This facility is designed to offer a wide range of recreational opportunities, including multipurpose fields, a lighted walking path, a splash pad, multiple playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, workout stations, a kiosko, and much more! With its stunning landscape and modern amenities, the Mecca Sports Park is set to become a hub for health, wellness, and community building.

"I am absolutely thrilled to welcome everyone to the grand opening of the Mecca Sports Park. a place where dreams will come to life and where memories will be made. This facility is more than just a park; it's a testament to the spirit and unity of our community. We can't wait to share the joy, excitement, and endless opportunities this park will bring to all of you. Let's come together and celebrate the future of sports and recreation in Mecca!" - Kevin Kalman, General Manager

The DRD's Mecca Community Center will be the central point of contact for programming and activities at the Mecca Sports Park. Residents can reach out to the Mecca Community Center by visiting our website at MyRecreationDistrict.com or by calling (760) 396-0257. Park information from Riverside County can also be obtained by contacting Veronica Casper at VCasper@rivco.org

About Desert Recreation District

<u>Desert Recreation District</u> (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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