

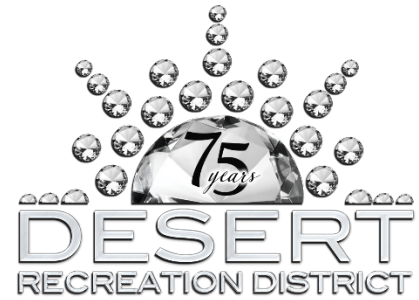
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Desert Recreation District Announces Dr. Gabriel Martin as New General Manager

INDIO, Calif., - Desert Recreation District (DRD) today announced the appointment of Dr. Gabriel Martin as General Manager, leading the agency's mission to provide high-quality parks, programs, and services for residents across the Coachella Valley.

Gabriel Martin, whose career has centered on service to residents, strengthening community partnerships, and building inclusive programs and places that bring people together. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with parks and community services teams, overseeing cross-department initiatives, facilities planning, and partnerships to expand access to safe, high-quality recreation. He brings a proven track record of leading teams and collaborating with city, county, nonprofit, and private partners to enhance quality of life across diverse communities.

"On behalf of the entire Board and our dedicated staff, we're thrilled to welcome Dr. Gabriel Martin to the District," said Lindsay Woods, Interim General Manager. "Gabriel brings a community first mindset and proven public service leadership. We're excited to welcome him to build on DRD's momentum and continue delivering safe, accessible, and high-quality recreation opportunities across the Coachella Valley."

"I'm honored that the Board of Directors has selected me as the next General Manager," said Dr. Gabriel Martin. "I'm very excited to serve the residents of the Coachella Valley."

Gabriel's first day at Desert Recreation District will be Monday, September 15, 2025. "Welcome to the DRD family, Gabriel," said Woods.

About

[Desert Recreation District](#) (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering 1,887 square miles and serving over 432,000 residents across the greater Coachella Valley. Our mission is to work closely with municipalities to ensure that every community, regardless of economic status, has access to quality recreation services. DRD manages and maintains more than 49 parks and recreation facilities, offering a wide range of programs, services, and classes designed to enrich the lives of our residents. We believe in the power of partnerships, collaborating with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to create opportunities for leisure, fitness, and community engagement. Our work is dedicated to promoting physical health, relaxation, and revitalization; fostering strong families and supporting individuals with disabilities; and enhancing the overall vibrancy of our community. By contributing to healthier lifestyles, a sense of belonging, and increased tourism, DRD plays an essential role in the economic and social well-being of the region. To find out more, visit MyRecreationDistrict.com