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Desert Recreation District Opens North Shore Beach & Yacht Club to Support Train Derailment Response Efforts

NORTH SHORE, Calif., March 20, 2026, In response to the recent train derailment near the Salton Sea and North Shore area, Desert Recreation District is making the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club available to support first responders, train crew members, and recovery teams working in the area. According to local reports, the derailment happened near Highway 111 and Parkside Drive on March 18. Highway 111 has since reopened.

The North Shore Beach & Yacht Club will serve as a cooling center and support site, offering restrooms, drinking water, and a place for response personnel to rest during the current regional heat advisory. Local weather reporting shows a heat advisory remains in effect through Friday evening, March 20, adding urgency to the need for cooling and hydration support for crews working prolonged hours outdoors.

“Our hearts are with everyone impacted by this derailment, and we are grateful for the first responders, train crew, and recovery teams working under extremely difficult conditions,” said Dr. Gabriel Martin, General Manager of Desert Recreation District. “The North Shore Beach & Yacht Club is here to serve as a place of relief and support, with access to water, restrooms, and cooling space for those on the front lines of this response.”

Facility Information

North Shore Beach & Yacht Club: 99 155 Sea View Drive. North Shore, CA 92254 (760) 393 0602

Available for first responders:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

From 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., a phone number will be posted on the door for access assistance.

Saturday and Sunday, Closed

Desert Recreation District remains committed to supporting the North Shore community and emergency personnel during this response effort.

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