

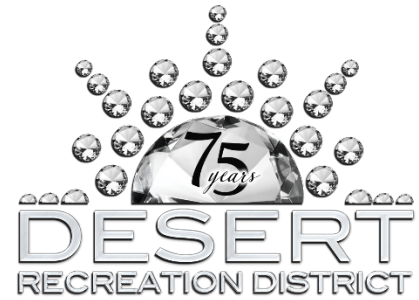
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American Red Cross Concludes Operations at Palm Desert Community Center; Gymnasium to Reopen August 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Indio, CA — The Desert Recreation District (DRD) announces that the American Red Cross will conclude its evacuation operations and services at the Palm Desert Community Center (43900 San Pablo Ave., Palm Desert) today at 1:00 p.m.

DRD extends sincere thanks to the American Red Cross, Riverside County Animal Services, the City of Palm Desert, and our dedicated DRD staff for their tireless efforts and compassion during our community's time of need.

While we look forward to welcoming back our gymnasium users, this area of our facility will remain closed until 2:00 pm today to allow our team to clean, sanitize, and prepare to welcome back our scheduled programs and gymnasium users.

Lindsay Woods, Interim General Manager of Desert Recreation District, said, "We are grateful to have been able to serve our community during the Rosa Fire emergency and will always be ready to assist when needed. Our partnerships, our dedicated team, and our community's support are what make us strong in times of challenge."

For more Information on the Rosa Fire and official updates on evacuation orders, road closures, and containment status related to the Rosa Fire, please visit:

- www.rvcfire.org
- www.rivcoready.org/ActiveEvents
- Follow [@CALFIRERRU](https://twitter.com/CALFIRERRU) on X (Twitter) for real-time updates.

The Desert Recreation District remains committed to supporting the Coachella Valley through recreation, wellness, and community services, and to being a trusted resource in times of both celebration and crisis.

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