

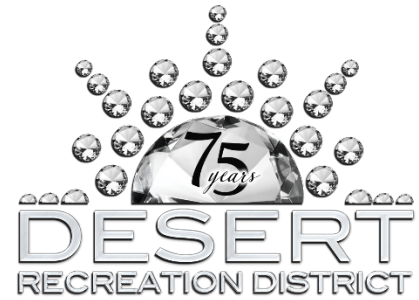
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Desert Recreation District's Scott Sear Honored with CSDA's Ralph Heim Exceptional Public Outreach & Advocacy Award

INDIO, Calif., - The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has presented Scott Sear, Public Information and Legislative Affairs Officer for the Desert Recreation District (DRD), with the Ralph Heim Exceptional Public Outreach & Advocacy Award at its 2025 Annual Conference.

This award is one of CSDA's highest individual honors, recognizing exemplary public outreach and legislative advocacy on behalf of special districts across California.

"It is such an honor to receive this prestigious award from CSDA," said Scott Sear. "This recognition would not be possible without the incredible team behind me, the continued support of our Board of Directors, and the dedication of every team member at DRD. I am truly grateful to be surrounded by such talented and passionate people."



Lindsay Woods, DRD's Interim General Manager, praised Sear's dedication: *"Scott's ability to build meaningful connections with legislators, stakeholders, and the public has left a lasting impression. This award is a well-earned acknowledgment of his outstanding contributions. His achievement also reinforces why DRD continues to be a leader among special districts, setting the standard through excellence, innovation, and service."*

The Ralph Heim Award is named in honor of a respected advocate for special districts and is presented to individuals who demonstrate exceptional skill and commitment in advancing legislative outreach and community engagement.

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