



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Desert Recreation District receives 2017 Sustainability Award



Pictured in the center of the front row: Kevin Kalman, General Manager of Desert Recreation District, accepting the 2017 Sustainability Award along with two other recipients from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors 4<sup>th</sup> District

Indio, CA (May 10, 2017) – The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources selected Desert Recreation District as a recipient of its Sustainability Award for the 4<sup>th</sup> District; the award was presented at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 2, 2017.

The Sustainability Award is given to those agencies or businesses who exemplify the five R's: Reduce, Repair, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot. Desert Recreation District provides youth programs that encourage environmental responsibility, and has taken measures such as replacing light fixtures throughout District facilities to reduce overall energy consumption, utilizing drought tolerant landscape in all new and renovation projects, and replacing drinking fountains with combination fountains that incorporate water bottle filling stations which encourage the use of reusable bottles and lowering the number of plastic water bottles going to the landfill.

As noted by Hans Kernkamp, General Manager and Chief Engineer for Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, "Desert Recreation District is clearly committed to the concepts of sustainability and has been practicing them conscientiously and consistently."

### About Desert Recreation District

Desert Recreation District (DRD) provides quality recreation experiences to residents throughout the Greater Coachella Valley. DRD manages, maintains and assists in maintaining over 30 parks and recreation facilities; creates and delivers quality programs, services and classes; and, facilitates leisure opportunities through partnerships that encourage residents to engage in healthy lifestyles and wellness activities. DRD works with partners such as the City of Palm Desert to bring the annual Palm Desert Senior Games to the Coachella Valley, and with health care organizations such as Kaiser Permanente to fund scholarships for swim lessons. DRD is funded through tax dollars, special assessments, grants and nominal charges assigned to select classes and events. Over the last year, DRD offered over 2,800 classes and programs and more than 200 special events.

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