

# ANNOUNCEMENT



## Local Champions Recognized by California Parks & Recreation Society



*Pictured (L to R): Ben Guitron; DRD Board Members, Joanne Gilbert and Francisco Duran; Judy May; Board Chair, Rudy Acosta  
Not pictured: Jaime Bikis, President, Coachella Valley Community Trust*

Indio, CA (June 10, 2015) – The Desert Recreation District is pleased to announce that the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) District 11 has recognized several community partners.

Professional Services - Ben Guitron, Indio Police Department

Professional Services - Judy May, Incight

Community Champion -Coachella Valley Community Trust, Jaime Bikis, President

The CPRS Award recipients were recognized at last week's Board of Directors meeting. It is with the support of our community partners that allows the Desert Recreation District to offer the wide range of activities, programs and events to resident of the Coachella Valley.

### **The Desert Recreation District**

*The 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 support and encourage residents to engage in healthy lifestyles and wellness activities. DRD hosts special programs such as Adaptive Sports for those with disabilities, events such as the Senior Games and partners with health care organizations such as Kaiser Permanente who has provided grant monies for swimming lesson scholarships and junior lifeguard classes. DRD is funded through tax dollars, special assessments, grants and nominal charges assigned to select classes and events. Over the last year, DRD hosted over 2,400 classes and programs and more than 100 special events.*

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