

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Desert Recreation District Announces Program Cancellations and Facility Assessment Following Tropical Storm Hilary

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Indio, California (August 21, 2023) – In response to the recent impact of Tropical Storm Hilary, the Desert Recreation District (DRD) regrets to announce the cancellation of all regular programs, classes, and activities scheduled for today, Monday, August 21, 2023. The safety of our community members remains our top priority.

Due to the aftermath of Tropical Storm Hilary, which hit our region yesterday, our facilities have potentially been affected. Our dedicated team is diligently assessing any damages to ensure a safe environment for all patrons. While regular programs are canceled for the day, the Emergency Cooling Centers located at our Thermal, Mecca, and North Shore will remain operational and accessible as needed.

We understand the importance of our programs and services to the community, and we apologize for any inconvenience caused by these cancellations. Our focus at this time is to swiftly evaluate and address any issues arising from the storm's impact.

Further updates regarding the resumption of normal operations and programs will be communicated through our official communication channels, including our website and social media platforms.

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## \*\*About Desert Recreation District (DRD)\*\*

<u>Desert Recreation District</u> (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering 1,865 square miles and serving more than 380,000 residents throughout the greater Coachella Valley in part by working with municipalities in a collective effort to assure equitable service delivery to every community regardless of economic means. DRD manages, maintains, and assists in maintaining more than 30 parks and recreation facilities; we create and deliver quality programs, services, and classes; and we facilitate leisure opportunities through partnerships with public, private, and not-for-profit agencies as we strive to ensure members of the public receive personal benefits such as physical fitness, relaxation, and revitalization; social benefits in the form of stronger and healthier families and enriching the lives for persons with disabilities, and economic benefits through more productive and healthier citizens and increased tourism.

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