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Desert Recreation District Receives \$500,000 Grant from Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz for Oasis Community Center and Shade Structures

Indio, CA – The Desert Recreation District is thrilled to announce it has been awarded a generous grant of \$500,000 from Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. This significant contribution will be directed towards the development of the Oasis Community Center and shade structures.

Situated in the heart of Oasis on Avenue 76th between Pierce and Harrison Streets, the Oasis Community Center is set to become the first public community center in Oasis. This pioneering facility is part of Phase II of the ambitious 14-acre Project, designed to substantially expand and enhance the area's recreational amenities.

The Oasis Community Center encompasses several key developments aimed at enriching the community's gathering and recreational experience. These include the creation of new green spaces, walking trails, a multipurpose community center that can also serve the community as a cooling and disaster center, and much more, providing community engagement, education, safety, and recreation. The addition of shade structures will ensure comfortable and accessible outdoor spaces, allowing community members to enjoy the park's amenities even in the warmer months.

"The funding from Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz is such a gift for the community of Oasis," said Kevin Kalman, General Manager of the Desert Recreation District. "Not only will it enable us to move forward on the Oasis project, but it also signifies the beginning of a new chapter for Oasis, where accessible community spaces are a priority."

This initiative has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of local leaders, community members, and the unwavering support of Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. "I am thrilled that all of the Community Projects I advocated for were successfully chosen to be funded! Communities across every corner of my district from San Jacinto to Imperial Valley will benefit from these projects. The impact across my district will be profound, ranging from expanding a shelter for farmworkers, increasing mental health services, and repairing outdated bridges and roads. In championing these projects, I fought for funding that will improve the daily lives of my constituents by making their commutes safer, water cleaner, and environment healthier," said Dr. Ruiz.

The Desert Recreation District extends its deepest gratitude to Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz and all those who have supported this project.

About Desert Recreation District

[Desert Recreation District \(DRD\)](#) 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 43 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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