



Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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RivCoParks Earns National Accreditation for its Commitment to People, Parks, Places & Programs

November 20, 2019 – Jurupa Valley, CA – Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) is honored to announce that the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPAA) and the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) has once again recognized our commitment to providing quality programs and services for all to enjoy. This is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community.

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As part of the process, RivCoParks has demonstrated compliance with 151 recognized standards and shown documentation for all required policies and procedures. A CAPRA evaluation team personally visited a number of RivCoParks sites and reviewed the accuracy of our written documentation through demonstrated actions and physical operations. RivCoParks met all 151 standards (100%).

RivCoParks Director & General Manager Scott Bangle stated, "As an accredited agency, we work hard to constantly review our policies and operations to ensure we are meeting the highest national standards. We track and report our accomplishments in an annual report to demonstrate our on-going compliance and must go through the full re-accreditation process every five years. It's tough work, but it's worth it to ensure we are doing our very best for the people we serve."

This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

Bangle added, "The true work to achieve accreditation and be in compliance is done every day by RivCoParks staff and volunteers. Without each and every person working together within policy and delivering the programs and services we say we do, we could not have achieved this prestigious recognition."



About the National Recreation and Park Association

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have access to parks and recreation for health, conservation and social equity. Through its network of 60,000 recreation and park professionals and advocates, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org. For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit www.parksandrecreation.org

About The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. www.rivcoparks.org