



REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Policy and Procedure Manual



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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) that employees of the District are charged with protecting the welfare of the public in areas under District jurisdiction; ensuring that public use of department facilities conforms to Department standards, and will enforce all applicable rules and regulations including, but not limited to: Department Rules and Regulations, County Ordinances, State Ordinances, Statutes, Codes, etc; and Federal Ordinances, Statutes, Codes, etc.

II. PURPOSE

To establish consistent guidelines for the enforcement of District rules and regulations by District employees:

III. PROCEDURE

A. RESPONSIBILITY

1. It is the District's intent to provide the public a pleasant experience in clean, safe and attractive parks. Behavior or conditions at parks that are not in the general public interest or do not conform to District standards for park usage will be addressed immediately.
2. It is the responsibility of each District employee to protect the welfare of the public and the property of the citizens of the County of Riverside. Any behavior or conditions not in the interest of the public or this Department, whether covered by specific ordinances or not, should be corrected by staff on site. The responsibility for determining what behavior or conditions are inappropriate rests with field staff, who are required to exercise their best judgment, based on District policy, to safeguard the public and to see that park use conforms to District standards.
3. When situations arise that are deemed by personnel on site to not be in



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the public interest or not to conform to the Department's standards for park usage, it is the responsibility of staff on duty to obtain compliance with the rules, regulations or standards being violated.

B. COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

1. Employees of the District do not issue citations or make arrests.
2. Employees of the District are to make every attempt through effective communications to obtain voluntary compliance. If voluntary compliance cannot be obtained, staff on duty is required to summon assistance from law enforcement or other appropriate authorities to obtain compliance when the situation is deemed sufficiently compelling.
3. When attempting to obtain voluntary compliance:
 - a. Advise the visitor he/she is violating a rule, regulation, standard, ordinance, etc.
 - b. If compliance is not obtained, advise the visitor that if the violation continues, he/she is subject to removal from the park, citation or arrest, as appropriate.
 - c. If compliance is not obtained, advise the visitor that you will summon law enforcement assistance if the violation continues.
 - d. If compliance is still not obtained, summon the appropriate law enforcement personnel.
 - e. In the event an individual is ejected from a park, or law enforcement is summoned, the incident shall be logged in a District Incident Report that shall be completed and submitted to the District Park Manager.

C. SUSPENSION OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY PRIVILEGES



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1. In extreme or repeated offenses requiring law enforcement assistance to remove non-compliant park users from any District Facility, a park user may be banned from entering any District Facility for up to twelve months. Upon return to a District Facility, if non-compliance is continued then the park user may be banned for another period up to eighteen months.
2. The suspension of park privileges and ultimate banning of non-compliant park users is to be approved by the appropriate Chief before implementation of ban.

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