



International Dark-Sky Association

"... to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies"

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Borrego Springs Dark Sky Community Task Force
c/o Betsy Knaak
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Dear Ms. Knaak,

It is with great pleasure that the International Dark-Sky Association awards the International Dark Sky Community designation to the Village of Borrego Springs.

As only the second community in the world to have been awarded this designation it is quite a feat for the Village. The community wide support for the designation is unprecedented and will ensure a lasting commitment to the preservation of the night environment and sky. The IDA greatly anticipates future collaborations as Anza-Borrego Desert State Park undergoes the International Dark Sky Park process.

All awardees of the International Dark Sky Places (Communities, Parks, and Reserves) are required to undergo periodic updates to ensure the preservation of the nighttime environment. The IDSP task force requests such an update in two years, August of 2011. The review will guarantee that new projects have been constructed under the current lighting and energy codes. Thus, we recommend complete documentation of any new developments to confirm that they conform to the San Diego County Lighting Code and Title 24 standards. This documentation must include actual documents and reviews done by county agencies, with site plans, fixture lists, and energy density calculations. We also strongly recommend that you make an effort to amend the lighting code to cap unshielded lights.

Again, we congratulate you on your success in becoming the second International Dark Sky Community. We look forward to the future and helping promote Borrego Springs' phenomenal night time environment and dedication to its preservation.

Sincerely,

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