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The sculpture "Resonance" by J.D. Hansen is now on display near the Kimpton Rowan in downtown Palm Springs on April 23. PHOTOS BY JAY CALDERON/THE DESERT SUN

New bronze sculptures on display in downtown

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Two new sculptures have been added to downtown Palm Springs' ever-growing art scene. • "Resonance" and "Family Group," two bronze sculptures that reach around 10-feet-tall, have been installed in front of the Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs Hotel, giving passersby more artwork to take in and photo opportunities to capture.

Two new sculptures on loan in Palm Springs

The two sculptures were made by internationally recognized artist J.D. Hansen and are part of a temporary public art exhibition presented in collaboration with Grit Development and HOHMANN Fine Art.

The installation features "Resonance," a 10-foot-tall sculpture, and "Family Group," standing at 8 feet tall on its base and reaching approximately 10 feet in overall height. "Resonance" features two tall figures looking at each other and holding hands, aptly, right next to the "PS I Love You" art piece. "Family Group" brings together five figures who all seemingly start from the same base and expand upward to form their own body, much like a family lineage of sorts.

Before arriving in Palm Springs, these two works were featured in a curated temporary exhibition at the Four Seasons Hotel Firenze in Florence.

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The sculpture "Family Group" is currently being displayed near the Kimpton Rowan in downtown Palm Springs on April 23.

States propose Colorado River plan with sweeping water reductions

James Ward

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The Imperial Irrigation District, California's largest single user of Colorado River water, is backing a new plan by California, Nevada, and Arizona water managers that calls for deep cuts in irrigation use and expanded conservation efforts to help stabilize the river system through 2028.

The proposal — announced May 2 by California, Arizona and Nevada and now before the federal government — outlines potential savings of up to 3.2 million acre-feet over the next several years as drought, cli-

mate change and historically low runoff continue to strain the river and its major reservoirs.

"This is about making sure solutions work for the people who depend on this water every day," said IID Director for Division I, Alex Cardenas. "Imperial Valley agriculture feeds the nation, and any conservation efforts must be paired with real support, including funding, and appropriate consideration for the Salton Sea. We can be part of the solution, but it has to be done the right way."

IID leaders said the framework reflects urgency

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Airbnb could get more expensive, owners push back

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A small group of short-term rental owners have raised issues with Palm Springs' proposal to raise taxes on vacation stays within the city. The residents say the new 1% assessment unfairly targets people who will not see any benefit from the tax revenue, which will be set aside for convention center improvements.

Those residents have sought answers with city officials over how the tax — formally called an "assessment" — may be approved and what steps can be taken to stop it.

"We feel like we have tax creep, where there's a percentage here or a percentage there," said Shon Tomlin, who has owned a vacation rental in the Sunrise Park neighborhood since 2014. "With Airbnb, we can't do our settings so that Airbnb takes those taxes out the right way, so we end up paying it out of pocket."

Tomlin, who cofounded the Vacation Rental Owners and Neighbors of Palm Springs business group, is one of the owners who have questioned why a potential new city tax has not been brought forward without more transparency.

They say they were only informed of the city's plans in January and have had difficulty in finding answers since then.

Unlike larger hotels, vacation rental owners say they do not see much business from people coming to the city for business conventions. So some are wondering why they should be included in the assessment while other businesses that benefit from convention-goers, like restaurants, will see their taxes remain steady.

"I've talked to people on my street who are vacation rental owners, they didn't know about it until after I informed them in January," said Ryan Fisher, who owns a rental home himself. "I don't see anybody out there staking their claim that this is the best thing ever."

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