

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Environmental Education and Community Outreach Update

PRESENTER: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

REPORT:

Education

Twenty-five California State University Monterey Bay Environmental Interpretation and Outreach (ENSTU 349S) students were led on an interpretive methods and exhibit design process tour of the Palo Corona Regional Park (PCRP) Discovery Center.

The United Way of Monterey County staff retreat was held at the PCRP. Staff participated in an educational exhibit-based scavenger hunt in the Discovery Center and interpretive walk along the trails. Many United Way team members have never been to the site, and stated “they plan to come back to hike and explore more.”

Cottages of Carmel assisted living and memory care residents went on safari during a “create-a-class” Exploration Palo Corona driving tour. Tall tales were told as many had been to the “Old Fish Ranch” or watched the landscape change from dairy times to today. Excitement from the views at Inspiration Point was had by all as they saw their home at the “Cottages.”

Exhibit work continues with plans to expand the geology exhibit and install the pedestal for the rebar sculpture.

Outreach

The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and MPRPD continue to plan for the 2019 California Wildlife Day. This second annual event is to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 10 am-3 pm at PCRP. Please mark your calendar.

Improvements to the PCRP Discovery Center continue including new electrical connections, lighting, re-caulking windows and roofing to name a few.

Volunteer/Stewardship

Three new volunteer naturalists have joined the District to assist at the Garland Ranch Regional Park Visitor Center and Palo Corona Regional Park Discovery Center.

The butterfly garden habitat restoration volunteer project consists of six volunteers working on rewilding both the west and east courses. Four are new MPRPD volunteers. The attached Re-wilding Planting Report by Scott Hennessy provides a summary of plantings for 2018 (Attachment 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:	Not Applicable.
FUNDING SOURCE:	Not Applicable.
FUNDING BALANCE:	Not Applicable.
RECOMMENDATION:	Informational Only.
ATTACHMENTS:	Re-wilding Planting Report