

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: August 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Trail Runs

PRESENTER: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

REPORT: The Carmel Valley Kiwanis Fiesta Mountain Run coincides with the annual Carmel Valley Fiesta Days held on the first weekend in August. This year, the August 4, 2019 event celebrates the 10th anniversary at Garland Ranch Regional Park.

The Fiesta Mountain Run draws approximately 125-150 registrants. The proceeds are distributed to high school scholarships and approximately 20 non-profit organizations in the Valley. Much of it supports children's activities such as 4-H, Scouts, sports programs; and, community organizations like Cachagua Community Center, Monterey County Free Libraries-Carmel Valley and Carmel Valley History Society.

Requests for Trail Runs are submitted through the MPRPD Special Use Permit (SUP) application process. Staff has received SUP applications for practice runs and meets from local high schools and colleges. Monterey Peninsula College expressed interest in hosting a women's and men's regional trail run for up to five schools (100 runners), in October 2019, at Garland Ranch Regional Park.

Runs are one venue to get the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts on the trails and into open spaces. Expanding networking opportunities and reaching a more diverse audience. MPRPD is poised to offer trail and cross-country runs at its parks.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not Applicable.

FUNDING SOURCE: Not Applicable.

FUNDING BALANCE: Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Only.