

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
STAFF REPORT**

**BOARD MEETING:** June 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildflower Show Event Summary**

**PRESENTER:** Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

**REPORT:** The 19th annual Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Wildflower Show was held on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Garland Ranch Regional Park Visitor Center. This late season showcase of flowers draws more than 700 visitors over the two-day event.

What started in 1999 with a Volunteer Naturalist, Gordon Williams, collecting and displaying 20 flowers from Garland Ranch Regional Park now represents a diverse collection of wildflowers, trees and ferns of MPRPD's parks and open spaces. This year more than 200 plant species were on display from Garland Ranch Regional Park, Frog Pond Wetland Preserve, Marina Dunes Preserve and Palo Corona Regional Park. Volunteers organized this dedicated team which contributed hundreds of hours preparing for the event by attending wildflower identification hikes, scouting, recording, collecting, displaying and interpreting the flora. They elicited additional support from the California Native Plant Society members who assisted in plant identification.

This event is the longest, continually running annual event that MPRPD organizes. The show's success is attributed to staffs' commitment, especially Environmental Education, and Operations & Maintenance personnel, and our volunteers, making the event increasingly successful, improving on the previous year's success.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$1,100 was spent on supplies and advertisement (Carmel Pine Cone and Monterey Herald).

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Funds were allocated in the FY 2017-2018 budget accounts code 6356 Docent/Volunteer Program and code 6326 Advertising.

**FUNDING BALANCE:** Not Applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff appreciates the Board of Directors support of the work and accomplishments by the MPRPD Volunteer Naturalists and staff.