

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
DIVISION REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: September 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Environmental Education/Community Outreach Update

PRESENTER: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

REPORT: **Palo Corona Regional Park Grand Opening
Friday, September 28, 2018 | 2:00 PM–6:00 PM**
Spread the word... The Trust for Public Land, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, the Santa Lucia Conservancy, and Trout Unlimited invite you to celebrate the official grand opening and land dedication of the new addition to Palo Corona Regional Park (PCRP). Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy guided hikes, and activities. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This is a free event and all are welcomed.

Education and Outreach

In the Month of August 16, Let's Go Outdoors! activities were held reaching nearly 175 participants. Programs include: Falconry: Speed, Stealth, and Smarts; Front Country Leadership Training; History of Carmel Valley; Laguna Grande Birding Walk; Mindful Meditation in the Park; Nature Night Hikes; Perseid Meteor Shower; Walk with a Vet; Walk with the Docs and more.

Volunteer Program

Staff interviewed two new volunteers and oriented four volunteers to staff the PCRP-Discovery Center (DC). Gary Tate gave a talk on the "History of Garland Ranch Regional Park" at the monthly volunteer enrichment meeting.

Interpretation and Exhibits

Staff continues to enhance interpretive exhibits in the PCRP-DC. Staff met with the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, Big Sur Land Trust, Trout Unlimited, and volunteers for exhibit development proposals.

EECO and Ranger staff are working together with Sign Works on The Trust for Public Land's signage that will be installed for the September 28th dedication event.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Directors and your guests are respectfully invited to join the dedication ceremony.