

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

- BOARD MEETING:** May 8, 2019
- SUBJECT:** **Volunteer Recognition Dinner (Save the Date)
Friday, June 14, 2019**
- PRESENTER:** Debbie Wyatt, Environmental Education Coordinator-Volunteers
- REPORT:** Please join us as we honor the work of the MPRPD volunteers who support MPRPD's mission. This year, the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019. This event will be held in the "Fiesta room" from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
- Annually, the MPRPD Volunteer Naturalists contribute over 4,500 hours of service in the areas of visitor's services, trail maintenance and condition reports; environmental education; park interpretation; community outreach and special projects.
- Highlights of this year's accomplishments include the following items, just to name a few:
- Staffing the new Discovery Center at Palo Corona Regional Park and the Visitor Center at Garland Ranch Regional Park;
 - Creating the Geology and Native American exhibits at the Discovery Center;
 - Guided hikes and trail monitoring in Marina Dunes and Frog Pond Wetland preserves as well as Garland Ranch and Palo Corona regional parks;
 - Planning, organizing, and staffing the annual Wildflower Show and California Wildlife Day events;
 - Maintenance of the Garland Ranch Regional Park arboretum and native plant garden;
- FISCAL IMPACT:** TBD
- FUNDING SOURCE:** Funds were allocated in the FY 2018-2019 Environmental Education and Community Outreach budget account code 6356 "Docent/Volunteer Program."

FUNDING BALANCE: Current funding balance for account #6356 is \$5,339.11 as of April 8, 2019. \$3,500 is budgeted annually for the recognition event.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Directors are respectfully invited to join this annual recognition event. Please contact Debbie Wyatt by email at wyatt@mprpd.org for more information or to RSVP.