

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: November 13, 2019
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Carmel River Watershed Conservancy Outreach and Education Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve entering into an agreement with the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) and direct staff to execute said Memorandum of Understanding (**ATTACHMENT 1**) in substantially the form and content submitted for the purpose of CRWC Education and Outreach staff to access MPRPD properties for educational purposes and programming; implement Carmel River watershed tours and Let's Go Outdoors activities; and, plan and execute California Wildlife Day events on MPRPD lands.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) transportation (busing) support for underserved youth annually during the term of this agreement.

FUNDING SOURCE:

6791 – Grant Program

FUNDING BALANCE:

\$100,000

DISCUSSION:

MPRPD staff continues to collaborate with organizations “having a positive record of reaching underrepresented populations and invite them to expand their programs on MPRPD properties” as identified in the MPRPD 5-year Strategic Plan (2015-2020) goal of *Engaging People with Nature*. CRWC offers in-class instruction, coupled with site-based, hands-on environmental learning opportunities within MPRPD park lands for both young people and adults, with a specific focus on the Carmel River Watershed.

The MOU with CRWC serves as a forum to engage youth and adults in the outdoors on MPRPD lands through school-based programming, public *Let's Go Outdoors!* activities and special events. Our partnership with CRWC offers on-the-ground experiences, builds the MPRPD environmental education programs, and expands our community outreach as exemplified during the 2019 California Wildlife Day, our largest single-day event, reaching 850 participants.

MPPRD staff respectfully requests that the Board of Directors approve entering into a one-year MOU agreement with the CRWC in substantially the same form and content as submitted.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Memorandum of Understanding Between Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Carmel River Watershed Conservancy](#)