

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: April 10, 2019

SUBJECT: March 2019 Summary

PRESENTER: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

REPORT: During the month of March the EECO Division completed

Volunteers:

The March volunteer enrichment was a potluck with a brief introductory presentation on birding by Volunteer Naturalist Rick Berg.

Volunteer, Donna Zahn, designed, fabricated and installed the “Monterey Formation” geology exhibit unveiled during the CA Wildlife Day celebration.

Volunteer, Scott Hennessy, continues to plant hundreds of natives on the north-west portion of the Ranch Cañada unit of Palo Corona Regional Park. A 100’x200’ site was scrapped of grass, to bare earth, and is being planted to showcase several habitats and create an insect pollinator site.

Please save the date: The volunteer recognition event is scheduled for Friday, June 14. More information forthcoming.

Community Outreach:

The second annual California Wildlife Day Celebration was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Palo Corona Regional Park from 10 am to 3 pm. The partnership event, sponsored by Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and MPRPD, drew nearly 850 people, received over 172 student submissions in the form of poetry, art, scientific posters or mixed media, and hosted 20 environmental organizations as exhibitors. The event was well received by the public and enhanced staff knowledge of hosting large-scale events.

The Spring/Summer *Let’s Go Outdoors!* guide was released the last week of March and mailed to 65,185 resident households, based on zip codes.

Environmental Education/Interpretation

Nearly 150 students from nine schools and/or youth organizations held programs at either Garland Ranch or Palo Corona regional parks.

The San Clemente Dam rebar sculpture was installed and finalized. It was re-dedicated at the CA Wildlife Day event.

New MPRPD land connectivity and Discovery Center signage was installed.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Please note that all of the above activities were accomplished with the support of each MPRPD staff member, volunteers and partnering organizations. Thank you for your support.