

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: June 7, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor
REVIEW BY: Shuran Parker, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

SUMMARY:

Staff respectfully requests the Board consider entering into an agreement with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (PGMNH) for the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding with Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) in substantially the form and content submitted for facility use, programming coordination, and outreach support (ATTACHMENT1).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$5,000 annually

FUNDING SOURCE:

6791 Grant Program (MPRPD Transportation Grant Program through the Community Foundation of Monterey County)

FUNDING BALANCE:

\$50,000 at the time of this report

DISCUSSION:

MPRPD is committed to providing more accessible programming and outreach to District residents. The updated Memorandum of Understanding agreement with PGMNH allows both entities to mutually promote academic success and outdoor, educational experiences for school-aged youth and the public, within our community.

MPRPD and the PGMNH have worked closely over the years with such programs as the Watershed Explorers (now known as Watershed Guardians) funded by the NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) grant from 2014-2019. Our collaborative relationships have continued to grow and in 2019 we entered the first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to mutually promote academic success and educational outdoor experiences for school-aged youth within our community.

Currently, PGMNH utilizes MPRPD lands for Watershed Guardians serving students in grades 6-12, the Junior Naturalist Club and Junior Conservationist Club designed for grades 3-5; California Naturalists geared for adults. As a partnering organization, PGMNH will be eligible to apply for transportation grant awards up to \$5,000.

This updated agreement enhances each organization's capabilities develop more accessible programming and outreach to a broad and more diverse audience. The MOU includes the use of MPRPD parks and facilities for PGMNH along with outreach and programmatic opportunities hosted by both parties at each other's locations through June 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, and direct staff to execute said Memorandum of Understanding to continue the valuable programmatic and outreach partnership between MPRPD and PGMNH for programming and outreach to the public.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [MOU Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History \(PGMNH\) and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District \(MPRPD\)](#)