

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: June 7, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor
REVIEWED BY: Shuran Parker, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: Review and Approval of Resolution #2023-05, Designating the Outdoor Classroom Structure Project at Garland Ranch Regional Park as Exempt from CEQA Guidelines

SUMMARY:

Staff have embarked upon installing a prefabricated outdoor classroom at Garland Ranch Regional Park (GRRP). In consultation with legal counsel, we have determined that the project is exempt from CEQA guidelines and seeks Board approval to make the finding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with taking this action.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable

FUNDING BALANCE:

Not applicable

DISCUSSION:

Located at Garland Ranch Regional Park, the project consists of ramada/classroom structure to be located adjacent to the existing Visitor's Center and restrooms, in the native plant arboretum. The Ramada/Classroom will be an open-air structure space to accommodate 35-60 participants as a venue for on-site educational programs, check-in hub, and lunch area. Staff have consulted with our consultant Kasavan Architects and legal counsel who have determined that the project is exempt from CEQA guidelines. Later on tonight's agenda, staff are requesting approval to contract with Kasavan for Design and Construction Management services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully recommend that the Board approve Resolution #2023-05 (**ATTACHMENT 1**), approving the construction of the Garland Ranch Regional Park Ramada Project as it qualifies as a Class 3 and as a Class 4 Categorical Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Code of Regulations (CCR) CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 and that there are no exceptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines CCR Section 15300.2.

ATTACHMENT:

1. [Resolution 2023-05 Adopting the Project as a CEQA Exempt Project](#)