

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: April 11, 2018

SUBJECT: California Wildlife Day (CWD) Summary

PRESENTER: Jackie Nelson, Environmental Education Supervisor

REPORT: The inaugural California Wildlife Day Celebration was held under intermittent, rainy skies on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Garland Ranch Regional Park from 10 am to 3 pm.

More than 350 participants appreciated the festivities starting with opening presentations by CWD co-founder Lorin Letendre and Beverly Eyre, Linda Yamane's Rumsien Blessing, Senator Bill Monning, Assemblymember Mark Stone, Supervisor Mary Adams, and MPRPD Board President Kelly Sorenson. No one could match the heartfelt delight of listening to the student poetry, art and research paper presentations.

The day's events brought smiles to people's faces with so much to enjoy from wildlife sketching to live animal viewing (including a great-horned owl, peregrine falcon, red-tailed hawk and big brown bats) to free food and bicycle powered smoothies, walks, and arts and crafts (Attachment 1). The Visitor Center unveiled its newly installed exhibits at the designed and constructed by MPRPD volunteers.

If you missed this year, there is always next year's event.

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal fiscal impact with amounts to be determined. Co-sponsors are setting aside funds for this event.

FUNDING SOURCE: Funds are allocated in the MPRPD adopted budget FY2017-2018: Special Events-6354.

FUNDING BALANCE: TBD.

RECOMMENDATION: For your information.

Attachment 1: [California Wildlife Program](#)