

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2026-02
March 4, 2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATIONAL USE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MASTER
GARDENERS AND FINDING ITS ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (or the "District") owns and operates a 3,600-acre property known as Garland Ranch Regional Park located at 700 W Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924 (GRRP), governed under Public Resources Code § 5500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is authorized by Public Resources Code § 5541 to improve and maintain District parklands and facilities; and

WHEREAS, District staff has identified the maintenance at the native plant garden and arboretum be consistent with the Garland Ranch Regional Park Master Plan through its removal of exotic plant species and replacement with native plant species; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to implement these projects in partnership with the University of California Master Gardeners of Monterey County volunteers; and

WHEREAS, prior to approving the Project the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public resources Code Section 21000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the District has evaluated the project under (CEQA) and determined it qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Guidelines § 15304(b)(d)), which outlines that: (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping and (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production. This exemption shall apply to the activities within the designated work area outlined in the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 4 categorical exemption (section 15304(b)(d)).

WHEREAS, the District has determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions found within CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the whole of the administrative record, which is maintained at the District's administrative offices located at 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND CERTIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Findings: The Board finds that the above recitals are true and correct and represent the independent judgment of the District.
2. CEQA Determination: The Board finds the Project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15304(b)(d) and that none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions set forth in Section 15300.2 apply, and no further environmental review for the Project is required under CEQA.
3. Project Approval: The Board hereby approves the activities associated with the execution of the Maintenance And Educational Use Memorandum Of Understanding With The University Of California Master Gardeners and authorizes its immediate implementation.
4. Authorization: The General Manager or their designee is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Monterey County Clerk for the project areas.
5. Facility Maintenance: The Board hereby designates the work area as defined in the MOU as District facilities and authorizes staff to perform recurring facility maintenance as a standard administrative and operational function.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, this 4th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Lee, Markham, Potter and Raskoff

NOES: none

ABSENT: Director Covell

ATTEST:



Monta Potter, President
Board of Directors



Kathleen Lee, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors