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Asilomar State Beach & Conference Grounds Brings Back Native Plants!

The Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds, in partnership with Return of the Natives, are bringing back native plants to the Asilomar Dunes Natural Preserve. **On Saturday March 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** volunteers will be out in the Asilomar Dunes Natural Preserve planting over 1,000 native plants. The volunteer effort has been organized by Return of the Natives, which is a sponsored program of California State University at Monterey Bay. The native plants have been grown by State Parks staff from native seeds collected at Asilomar over the past year.

“Our effort to increase the number of species and restore natural densities of plants in the dunes will help ensure long term health of this restored dune ecosystem,” said Cyndi Dawson, Environmental Scientist at Asilomar.

Asilomar’s dunes were designated a Natural Preserve in 2005, giving it one of the highest levels of protection in the State Parks System. Natural Preserves are distinct areas of outstanding natural or scientific significance. The restoration of Asilomar’s dunes was begun by visionary State Parks Staff in 1984 with the goal of creating a pre-European influence, self-sustaining ecosystem. From restoration to preservation, Asilomar’s sand dunes represent the largest, most ecologically intact dune ecosystem in Pacific Grove, and are one of the best examples of successful dune restoration along the West Coast.

If you would like to join the event this Saturday please meet at 10:00 a.m. on the deck of the Hearst Social Hall located within the Asilomar Conference Grounds at 800 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

For more information on Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds

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