

Proposed Amendment to Council Policy 200-5

The following amendment to Council Policy 200-5 is proposed to support the Museum's American Association of Museums (AAM) reaccreditation. The proposed changes reflect AAM guidelines, previous AAM recommendations, the proposed new Museum Mission, and the removal of the Museum Director position.

I.

Throughout:

Wherever the phrase "Museum Director" is used within Resolution 200-5, "Museum Director and/or Manager" is substituted.

II.

Item 2:

Replace "The Museum shall be accredited by the American Association of Museums" with "The Museum shall continue to seek accreditation by the American Association of Museums."

III.

Item 3:

Replace this section with the proposed Mission.

Currently, this section reads:

The Museum's mission is to preserve, study, exhibit, and interpret the natural history and aboriginal inhabitants of Monterey County, with special emphasis on the Monterey Peninsula region, and to preserve, study, exhibit, and interpret other natural history and aboriginal collections as resources permit. The Primary purpose of these activities is the education of the public, both local residents and visitors, both children and adults. A corollary function of the Museum is to advise the City of Pacific Grove and other public agencies on matters of facts, principles, and issues regarding natural history. Secondarily, the Museum supports original science through its collections and staff.

The proposed Mission is:

To Inspire Discovery, Wonder, and Stewardship of our Natural World.

The Museum does this by:

- Emphasizing the unique and diverse natural and cultural history of the California Central Coast, while maintaining a global perspective;
- Preserving the heritage of Pacific Grove and the Museum;
- Managing collections for research, education, and as a continuous record of the changing world for future generations;

- Serving as a resource center for the regional scientific and educational communities;
- Providing dynamic leadership in natural history, conservation, and environmental education through exhibits and educational programs, striving to make this outreach relevant to all the people of the California Central Coast;
- Fostering cooperative efforts in natural history research and education throughout our region.

IV.

Item 4A:

Replace “Natural history of Monterey County” with “Natural history of the California Central Coast”

V.

Item 4A4:

Add at the end of the paragraph “All proceeds from the sale of a deaccessioned collection item(s) must be used to acquire new item(s) for the Museum collection.”

VI.

Item 4B:

Replace “natural history of Monterey County” with “natural history of the California Central Coast”