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### Plan Your Park Open House at Palo Corona Regional Park

Carmel CA, July 2, 2021 – Let's Go Outdoors! The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPPRD) is seeking public input at an in-person "Plan Your Park: Your Nature Space – Your Plan" open house to identify and discuss amenities that you would like offered at the Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Canada Unit. This free event will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel California, 93923.

The Rancho Canada Unit, which is the gateway to the 4,800-acre Palo Corona Regional Park, provides a rare opportunity to restore the former Rancho Canada Golf Club into native habitat and reestablish wildlife corridors. Various amenities including a children's nature-based playground, a fence enclosed off-leash dog park, an outdoor classroom with a wildlife-viewing platform, multi-use paths, and an amphitheater are planned.

MPPRD's General Development Plan incorporated public input to transform the former golf course into a nature-based park. The open house will provide a walking tour of the Rancho Canada Unit, offering the community the opportunity to share their recommendations and obtain first-hand knowledge of several proposed site improvements and amenities. "We want to hear people's preferences and encourage public participation to help us design the park," Jackie Nelson, MPPRD's Environmental Education Supervisor, stated. Designed to blend into the natural environment, each park element is planned with inclusivity for visitors of all abilities.

"Palo Corona Regional Park will be a park for everyone seeking a nature-based experience," said Rafael Payan, MPPRD's General Manager. Payan added, "Palo Corona Regional Park offers 4,800-acres of open space managed by MPPRD. The Rancho Canada Unit is presently the primary launch point to the entire park and is MPPRD's main location for administration, operations, and other services for our park visitors."

For more information or to complete an online survey, visit the MPPRD website at: [www.mprpd.org](http://www.mprpd.org). Or follow us on social media - #Plan Your Park.

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### ***About the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District***

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPPRD) has been preserving and protecting parks and open space since 1972. MPPRD is committed to being an inspirational, inclusive, respected, sustainable, and valued open space district that collaborates with and serves the community and its conservation needs through interconnected open spaces, public parks, education, and advocacy for the entire community. For more information on the MPPRD and its mission, vision, and open spaces, please call 831.372-3196 or visit [www.mprpd.org](http://www.mprpd.org).