

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** December 7, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jake Smith, Planning & Conservation Program Manager  
**REVIEWED BY:** Rafael Payan, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation – Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project  
65% Design Overview

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**SUMMARY:**

The Rancho Canada Floodplain Restoration Project (Project) seeks to restore a nearly 1-mile-long section of the Carmel River located on the Rancho Canada Unit of Palo Corona Regional Park. Once constructed, the Project will enable the Carmel River to more frequently fan out over its historic floodplain, supporting regeneration of a larger, and healthier, riparian forest that will benefit rare and threatened species, while also providing a suite of co-benefits like flood risk attenuation, groundwater recharge, and new opportunities for environmental education and interpretation.

Planning for the Project began formally in early 2020 in partnership with The California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy), which has provided additional funding and staff time to help oversee the restoration design process in consultation with a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of river restoration experts, wildlife and natural resource agency representatives, and conservation organizations.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District's Board last received a presentation on the Project concept on March 4, 2020, and the Project's 30% designs were shared for public comment during a virtual community meeting on March 9, 2022. The Project design team will provide an update on the Project's status and an overview of the Project's 65% designs that are currently under review by the TAC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this report.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Not applicable

**FUNDING BALANCE:**

Not applicable

**DISCUSSION:**

Members of the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project design team will provide a presentation on the Project's status and an overview of the Project's 65% designs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff asks the Board to receive and file the report.