

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

DATE: December 11, 2019
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION: Cross Country Course Proposal (Whit Rambach, Carmel High School) Monterey County)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the Board receive the presentation and provide direction to Staff on how to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

FUNDING BALANCE:

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Whit Rambach – Carmel High School’s Head Cross Country Coach, Big Sur Marathon Foundation (BSMF) members, and MPRPD Staff have engaged in preliminary discussions on a possible partnership to establish a permanent cross country course at Palo Corona Regional Park’s Rancho Canada and Front Ranch units.

Mr. Rambach has polled several high school cross country coaches to gauge the level of interest of establishing a course at this park and has received positive support. BSMF is interested in investing resources to establish and possibly maintain the course.

Palo Corona Regional Park is a suitable site, offering flatlands, rolling hills, bridges spanning the Carmel River, and areas for athletes and spectators to gather. The proposed course will be designed for use by Monterey County’s high schools, colleges and universities, local running clubs, the general public, and for competitive meets. The facility will be designed as an international-style course with multiple 1K, 2K and 3K loops that can be configured for distances ranging from 1K to 10K. Concept designs will be presented to MPRPD’s Board for review and action at a future meeting.

As a pilot project, the Carmel High School Padres currently train at the Rancho Canada Unit twice per week, and the former East Golf Course is being evaluated for suitability.

ATTACHMENT:

Not Applicable