

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

DATE: April 10, 2019
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Cooperative Agreement/License with Cal Fire

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Cooperative Agreement/License with Cal Fire for roadside fuels reduction and maintenance projects at Palo Corona Regional Park

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUND BALANCE: N/A

DISCUSSION:

Since the Soberanes Fire staff has been working with Cal Fire to determine a strategy to help both agencies accomplish their mission and protect District assets in the event of another Soberanes-scale incident. During Soberanes, Cal Fire identified the backcountry of Palo Corona Regional Park as an ideal location for a fuelbreak to prevent wildfire from spreading into the communities of Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, and beyond. Staff is asking the Board to approve the Cooperative Agreement/License (**ATTACHMENT 1**) that would allow Cal Fire to open and maintain emergency ingress/egress in the event of an emergency as well as create defensible space for future potential wildfires. This would be a very beneficial project for the community in terms of wildfire protection, and it would come at no cost to the District. Palo Corona Regional Park is a critical link to this project, which extends well beyond Park District boundaries (**ATTACHMENT 2**). Cal Fire will be conducting an environmental analysis to ensure that areas identified as habitat for threatened and endangered species is not impacted. MPRPD staff will continue to work with Cal Fire and other fire authorities to proactively address wildfire preparedness on District lands.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Cooperative Agreement/License \(Form 719\)](#)
2. [Project Map](#)