

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
STAFF REPORT**

**BOARD MEETING:** September 11, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Operations and Maintenance Division Update**

**PRESENTER:** Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

**REPORT:** **CAL FIRE FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT:** Cal Fire has begun work on the portion of the Palo Corona-White Rock fuelbreak project that is located on Park District property. Equipment contractors, Cal Fire engine crews, and members of the California National Guard are working hard to complete this project by the Governor's proposed deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ranger staff is working alongside these crews to ensure that sensitive species and habitats are protected. Accumulated brush is being piled in strategic areas for eventual pile burning, which is to be scheduled for a later date (winter). This project will provide a critical fuelbreak to keep wildfire from spreading into the communities of Carmel, Carmel Highlands, and Carmel Valley.

The Cal Fire fuelbreak project along Palo Colorado Road in Big Sur is also underway. This project borders the District's Mill Creek Redwood Preserve and will provide critical fuelbreaks to the Palo Colorado community where 57 homes burned during the Soberanes Fire. Cal Fire will be brushing Long Ridge and along Palo Colorado Road to Bottcher's Gap. No sensitive species or habitat exist at this project site however, MPRPD Rangers are monitoring this project for any reportable damage to roads or infrastructure.

**CACHAGUA WATER SYSTEM:** The Park District and the Carmel Unified School District are working together improve the water system at the Cachagua Community Center. As the landowners, MPRPD will fund the project. CUSD, as the lessee, will oversee the bidding process, contracting, and installation of the new equipment. MPRPD and CUSD are working together to finalize an agreement to underwrite the cost of the improvements and for the long-term maintenance of the system. The new water system will provide potable water to the Cachagua Community Center, park and extant residence. The pre-bid site inspection was completed on

August 21<sup>st</sup>. The bid opening is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A  
**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A  
**FUNDING BALANCE:** N/A  
**RECOMMENDATION:** For Information Only