

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: March 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: **RCU EAST SIDE OPENING:** Ranger Staff recently completed replacing the deteriorated handrailing along Bridge 1 at Rancho Canada (see photo). This was a critical step toward eventually opening the RCU east side to public access. Bridge 1 links to other areas of the park that are separated by the Carmel River, thus allowing for a loop trail system by allowing the public to utilize both Bridges 1 and 4.

RCU ENTRY AREA IMPROVEMENTS: Several improvements are planned for the entrance area at Rancho Canada. These include construction of additional split-rail fencing, vegetation clearing, slope grading for proper drainage, boulder placement, and planting of native trees and shrubs. It would help tremendously if mother nature provided some rainfall, however, the long-term forecast looks dry.

DEDAMPIERRE BALLFIELDS: The announcer's booth at Dedampierre ballfields will receive a new roof just in time for opening day, which is scheduled for March 7th. The District contracted with Coastal Roofing to complete this project. Additional improvements including new fencing along the foul lines are scheduled for later this year.

SEASONAL FOOTBRIDGES: Ranger Staff recently completed repairs to the seasonal footbridges that were damaged during this season's first and only significant storm. Seasonal footbridges will be installed with assistance from the Gabilan Inmate Crews this Spring.

REDWOOD TREE DOWN: A very large redwood tree fell in the Palo Corona backcountry (see photo) along Seneca Creek, partially blocking and damaging the road. Ranger Staff is currently assessing the tree and options for its removal and repair of the road.

CAL FIRE PILE BURNING: Cal Fire crews continue to burn piles with assistance from the California National Guard in the Palo Corona backcountry as part of the Fuel Break Project (see photos). Conditions will dictate how long these burns will last, but more than likely, Cal Fire will have to cease pile burning operations very soon due to dry conditions. Cal Fire will continue to address brush piles and road damage that was caused by the project.

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



