MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: March 4, 2020 TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rafael Payan, General Manager

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION: Development of Palo Corona Regional Park

Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Plan (Tom Gandesbery,

California State Coastal Conservancy)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Board receive this report and presentation. Presentations are informational only, and no formal Board action will be taken.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable

FUNDING BALANCE:

Not applicable

DISCUSSION:

The presentation will highlight the benefits of a potential partnership between the California State Coastal Conservancy and MPRPD. The summary will provide information for the proposed Habitat Restoration Enhancement Plan and its implementation.

The project's objective is to restore the Carmel River Corridor located within the Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Canada Unit. Specifically, this project will restore the natural floodplain and other river features, enhancing habitat complexity that will benefit fish, amphibians and other wildlife. Secondary benefits will be the enhancement of public access to the river for wildlife viewing, education, and passive recreation.

ATTACHMENT:

1. <u>State Coastal Conservancy Project Summary for the proposed Riparian Restoration of</u> the Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Cañada Unit