

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

**DATE:** April 5, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jake Smith, Planning & Conservation Program Manager  
**REVIEWED BY:** Rafael Payan, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Review and Approval of Supplemental Agreement to FORTAG Master Agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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**SUMMARY:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize and direct the General Manager to execute the Supplemental Agreement to the FORTAG Master Agreement with the TAMC to outline MPRPD's operational and maintenance obligations for FORTAG's Canyon Del Rey / State Route 218 trail segment that will pass through MPRPD property.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of these commitments is difficult to estimate but are expected to result in a relatively minor increase in MPRPD's maintenance and operations requirements for Frog Pond Wetland Preserve.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

NA

**FUNDING BALANCE:**

NA

**BACKGROUND:**

The Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project is planned as a 28-mile network of multi-modal trails that connect parks and greenspaces in the cities of Monterey, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, and unincorporated areas to the Fort Ord National Monument. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is the lead agency for the FORTAG project, which completed its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in June 2020 and two EIR addendums for the Canyon Del Rey / State Route 218 Segment (CDR Segment) in January 2023. TAMC has secured over \$30M in funding for the FORTAG project via 2016's Measure X and a grant from the California State Transportation Commission and is prepared to begin construction of the CDR Segment by early 2024, completing construction of the segment within a year.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) has a long history of supporting FORTAG. In October 2017, MPRPD adopted a resolution approving TAMC as the FORTAG project's lead agency, adopting the FORTAG trail alignment and integrating it into plans for MPRPD's Frog Pond Wetland Preserve (**ATTACHMENT 1**). In February 2020, MPRPD held a public study session focused on the FORTAG project, including

presentations from TAMC and FORTAG proponents. In June 2020, MPRPD entered into the FORTAG Master Agreement with TAMC and other underlying jurisdictions to accept and incorporate FORTAG into MPRPD's underlying property planning and management activities and to cooperate and assist TAMC with realizing the vision of FORTAG (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff at MPRPD and TAMC wish to enter into a supplemental agreement to the FORTAG master agreement to outline MPRPD's responsibilities for site maintenance and patrol activities for portions of the CDR Segment that pass through MPRPD's Property (**ATTACHMENT 3**). These activities generally include installing dog waste facilities (e.g. "mutt mitt stations"), collecting litter, maintaining trail fencing and signage, and coordinating with other jurisdiction on trail patrol and enforcement efforts. These commitments are generally consistent with MPRPD's current park maintenance activities and staff expect a relatively minor increase in MPRPD staff time and financial commitments for Frog Pond Wetland Preserve, currently the only MPRPD property crossed by the CDR segment.

**ACTION:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize and direct the General Manager to execute the Supplemental Agreement to FORTAG Master Agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (**ATTACHMENT 3**), substantially as to form.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution Supporting Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway](#)
2. [FORTAG Master Agreement](#)
3. [Supplemental Agreement to FORTAG Master Agreement Canyon Del Rey / State Route 218 Segment](#)