

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: May 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Division Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: Ranger staff has been very busy preparing for the eventual opening of the Rancho Canada unit. These preparations and improvements include the removal of dead standing trees, trail construction, dilapidated building removal, sign installation, fence relocation and repairs, bridge repairs, park bench installation, etc. Rangers have also been making modifications to the Discovery Center and assisting admin and EECO staff with moving furniture and exhibits. There is still much more to do before the park is ready to open to the public. Public access will initially be limited to those areas that are identified for public use, along with the South Bank Trail, the front ranch to Inspiration Point and Animas Pond. Ranger staff has done a tremendous job of addressing the illegal trespassing that was occurring prior to MPRPD taking ownership of the property. The public has been very cooperative and understanding through this process.

Operations and Maintenance staff continue to work with Ranch Fence (contractor) to complete the 14-mile Palo Corona backcountry fence project. The project is in its final stages and will be utilized by MPRPD's grazing lessee immediately following completion.

Seasonal mowing and brushing has begun at all District parks and preserves. Again this year, the California Native Plant Society was invited to flag wildflowers of interest for preservation purposes.

The seasonal footbridges at Garland Ranch Regional Park have been installed, thanks to the help of the Gabilan Conservation Camp inmates.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only