

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: October 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: **RCU EAST SIDE OPENING:** Rangers continue to make preparations in order to open the east side of the Rancho Canada Unit to public access. Dead trees have been felled and removed, grass and debris has been removed from trail corridors, connector trails have been surfaced with wood chips, and access points have been identified. The next step is signage, after which we will be very close to being able to open.

PROJECT A: O&M Staff recently help facilitate a Design Charette in conjunction with Ten Over Studio architects to provide stakeholders an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and make recommendations associated with Project A. In attendance were members of the dog park advocacy group (Mullally's and Leve), Cal Fire's facilities team, Director of Operations for the SPCA for Monterey County, members of Ten Over Studio's team, the District's capital improvements consultant, and District Staff. Items discussed included the dog park, ranger offices, overflow parking lot, modular restroom, and the incident command staging area. It was a very productive session that will help Ten Over Studio move forward with final design and cost estimates, which will be presented to the Board at a later date.

CAL FIRE FUEL REDUCTION AT PCRFP: Cal Fire's fuel reduction project at Palo Corona Regional Park has been moving swiftly since the Governor imposed a new deadline of December 31, 2019. Ranger Staff worked directly with Cal Fire equipment contractors to identify and avoid sensitive species and habitat. The District also received a substantial amount of beneficial mowing along overgrown roads and areas where invasive weeds were prevalent. The mechanized equipment portion of the project is complete, however, Ranger Staff continues to work with Cal Fire and California National Guard hand crews to address areas that were inaccessible to mechanized equipment. Eventually,

Cal Fire will return to burn the debris piles left behind by the project.

FROG POND ANNUAL BRUSHING: The annual channel clearing and trail brushing at Frog Pond Wetland Preserve has begun. Rangers work with inmate crews to clear overgrown vegetation from within the drainage canal paralleling Highway 218 to avoid problems over winter. At the same time, crews will remove overgrown brush and vegetation from the trail corridor and pond floor.

WINTER PREP: With rainfall looming, Ranger Staff is beginning to prepare buildings, facilities, and trails for the first storms of the year. Gutters are being cleared, drain dips reestablished, and culverts checked and cleaned. This will continue throughout the winter and after each significant storm.

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