

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
STAFF REPORT**

**BOARD MEETING:** March 13, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Operations and Maintenance Division Update

**PRESENTER:** Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

**REPORT:** **TREE REMOVAL at PCRPD's RANCHO CANADA UNIT (RCU):** MPRPD has hired a tree service contractor to remove 36 dead but still-standing trees on the former east golf course. Removal has begun and should be completed by the end of February 2019, at which time Rangers will advance preparations toward opening additional portions of the RCU. The opening of the east golf course, for public use, may take place as early as mid-year or shortly thereafter.

**RCU's PARK ENTRANCE GATE KEYPAD PLANTER:** Rangers recently expanded the front entrance median to protect the new keypad. The extant planter's footprint was not large enough to encompass the recently installed keypad, potentially making it susceptible to vehicular damage.

**FLAGPOLE PLANTER:** Rangers demolished the concrete footing for the former west golf course kiosk and replaced it with a planter that will include decorative rocks, wood chips, shrubbery, and a lighted flagpole. The American flag will be displayed alongside a second flag showing MPRPD's logo.

**LANDSCAPER'S SHED:** Rangers completed installation of the 12' x 20' landscaper's shed. The shed sits atop the foundation constructed by Rangers, last month. MPRPD's landscape contractor will utilize this building to house lawn mowers, tools, and equipment. Rangers will eventually paint the structure to match the color of Rancho Canada's existing buildings.

**MULTI-AGENCY INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER (ICC) at the RCU:** One of the critical benefits MPRPD identified in pursuit of the RCU's acquisition was the opportunity to establish an ICC. The proposed ICC's facilities and infrastructure will serve as the region's primary staging area

when responding to natural and human-caused disasters. The proposed ICC was included in PCRP's General Development Plan.

O&M Staff has been working with Cal Fire on the ICC's initial planning stage and will continue doing so during the command center's subsequent design and construction phases. The ICC will be located immediately east and south of the RCU's maintenance complex and outdoor wedding venue.

By integrating the planning process with multiple emergency response organizations, the site may better support multi-jurisdictional efforts addressing wildfire, flood, landslide, tsunami, and other emergencies. Thus, the planning process shall include and integrate input from federal, state, county and municipal governments, and non-government organizations (NGOs) including, the American Red Cross, SPCA, and others. MPRPD also anticipates entering agreements with these governmental and NGOs for the site's use and its subsequent restoration to ensure the site is promptly returned to its pre-emergency condition.

**SWIFT-WATER RESCUE at RCU:** Cal Fire recently held a swift-water rescue techniques training session at the RCU along the Carmel River. During their initial exercise, the drill turned into an actual rescue when a dog was swept downstream by the river's swift current. Cal Fire managed to rescue the dog, then handed the dog to MPRPD's Rangers who reunited the pooch with its grateful owner. One month later, Rangers assisted Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Cal Fire, and a California Highway Patrol helicopter with locating and transporting two kayakers that were attempting to navigate the Carmel River from Hacienda Carmel to the Carmel River Lagoon. Both kayakers were separated from their boat along the RCU stretch of the river. One individual made it out by Bridge 4, while the other floated downstream eventually exiting the river at the Carmel Area Wastewater Treatment Plant. The boat remains lodged in the river channel upstream of Bridge 4.

**FEBRUARY STORM DAMAGE:** February brought high winds and heavy rains to the Central Coast. Downed trees were a common theme at all District properties, particularly the Palo Corona Regional Park backcountry, Garland Ranch Regional Park, and the District's Laidlaw-Apte property in the

Carmel Highlands. Rangers have been utilizing the breaks in-between storms to clear trails and keep parks open. As soon as possible, Rangers will begin assessing damage and start the cleanup process, which will likely take weeks, if not months.

Similar to two years ago, the District worked with various partners to construct a temporary sandbag retaining wall along the Carmel River levy in order to protect District assets and infrastructure at the Dedampierre ballfields from flooding. Neighbors along Paso Hondo were grateful, as the sandbag retaining wall provides an indirect benefit to their homes as well.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b>	N/A
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<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	For Information Only