

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: **FEBRUARY STORM DAMAGE:** The damage caused by high winds and heavy rains during the month of February has been repaired using a combination of inmate crews, contractors, and Ranger staff. The half-dozen mature pine trees that uprooted at the District's Laidlaw-Apte property have been removed and the area restored. Roads and parking lots have been cleared and graded (with the exception of Los Compadre property). The sandbag retaining wall along the Carmel River levy has been decommissioned and the seasonal footbridges installed.

SPRING MOWING/BRUSHING: The seasonal mowing and brushing of District trails and open spaces is in full swing. Rangers and crews are working daily to keep trails clear of poison oak and tick-infested vegetation. Given the record-setting rainfall received during the month of May, many trails and open spaces will require additional mowing/brushing. Again this year, Ranger staff is working with members of the California Native Plant Society to identify and protect Wildflowers of Interest.

FIRE FUELS MITIGATION PROJECT: The recent agreement the District entered into with Cal Fire that authorizes fire fuel reduction on District property has been ongoing. Staff from Cal Fire, Department of Fish and Wildlife, MPRPD, and contracted biologists have been busy conducting an environmental analysis of the project to ensure protection of sensitive species and habitats. Once work begins, District staff will be on-site to ensure compliance and protection of these identified populations.

RANGER TRABUCCO RETIREMENT: As you may already know, Ranger Ray Trabucco has officially retired from the District after 15 years of service. Ray will continue to stay involved with the District and has mentioned an interest in

volunteering to do trail work. Thank you for your service Ray!

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only