

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: April 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: **FEBRUARY STORM DAMAGE:** Rangers have been working to repair damage caused by high winds and heavy rains during the month of February. Downed trees blocking access roads were the priority, along with repairs to cattle fencing. An inmate crew spent a week just clearing downed trees on District roads and trails. As of March 29, all trails at Garland Ranch Regional Park have been cleared and reopened. There is still significant road work to be completed in the Palo Corona backcountry once the soil dries out a bit. The half-dozen mature pine trees that uprooted at the District's Laidlaw-Apte property will also be removed by a tree service contractor and the area restored in the coming months.

The sandbag retaining wall along the Carmel River levy will be decommissioned in the coming months and the seasonal footbridge installed in its place, along with all other seasonal footbridges and crossings.

PARKING LOTS/ROLLER: Ranger staff has already been using the newly-purchased Vibratory Roller/Compactor to repair pothole-ridden parking lots and access roads at Garland Ranch Regional Park and Dampierre ballfields. This new equipment will allow staff to complete projects more economically and in-house.

SPRING MOWING/BRUSHING: With Spring upon us, Rangers are preparing for a busy mowing and brushing season. The heavy rains we have experienced this winter mean a very busy and extended growing season for invasive weeds, grasses, and encroaching vegetation.

CWD EVENT PREP/STATUE: Rangers recently assisted with preparations for the California Wildlife Day event at Palo Corona Regional Park, one of which was installation of the rebar sculpture adjacent to the entrance pond. Our inmate

crew took a break from clearing downed trees to set the statue and roll the large decorative boulders into place.

BEST HIKING TRAILS IN MONTEREY COUNTY: Once again, the hiking trails at Garland Ranch Regional Park were chosen as the best in Monterey County. Please see the March 28th edition of Monterey County Weekly for a complete listing of all “Best Of” winners.

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