

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: February 2, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Request for Proposals for Professional Services for Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan

SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking Board approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan and authorize staff to advertise for proposals on the ProcureNow site based on (**ATTACHMENT 1**). The purpose of the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan (FMFMP) is to identify wildfire hazard reduction strategies for Garland Ranch Regional Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Professional Service Agreement will be negotiated with the most qualified firm. Fee estimate: not to exceed \$100,000.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Board directive \$250,000 FY 2021-22

FUNDING BALANCE:

\$317,000

DISCUSSION:

In June 2021 the Board allocated \$250,000 in FY2021-22 Budget to address fire fuel concerns at Garland Ranch Regional Park (GRRP). The funds would be allocated to: A. short-term goals (fuel reduction projects this current season) and B. long-term projects (fire management plan) resulting in a sustainable fire management strategy at the GRRP.

To address the immediate concerns of the community, District staff met with CAL FIRE to discuss short-term recommendations for fuel mitigation and brought an inmate crew onsite to begin work on thinning the eucalyptus grove. The eucalyptus grove covers 11-acres and borders the Rancho Loop Trail, a 1.3-mile round trip recreational pedestrian trail that begins at the entrance of GRRP. District has also applied for a Coastal Conservancy Wildfire Resilience Grant Pre-Application which coincides with this timeline to assist in funding the eucalyptus grove removal and fuel mitigation strategic planning.

The purpose of the FMFMP will be to create a strategic roadmap addressing the challenge of making GRRP more fire-safe by identifying and managing fire risk in the wildland-urban interface. A successful FMFMP will improve the District's ability to prepare for wildland fires

by providing an opportunity to identify potential opportunities for fire hazard and fire fuel reduction, recommending best practices for fuel reduction treatments, and communicate with residents regarding park fuel mitigation strategies in consideration of District fiscal resources.

The intent of this RFP is to recruit and select a highly qualified consultant to prepare a 15-year FMFMP (2023-2038). The completed FMFMP shall align with the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 requirements for Wildfire Protection Plans. The FMFMP should outline all the required elements of an FMFMP including fuel treatment methods throughout the GRRP to reduce potential wildland fire. District desires a well-informed, strategic, and actionable plan with recommendations for short-and-long term fuel mitigation measures.

The RFP for the FMFMP is prepared and ready to be submitted to ProcureNow to solicit proposals. The District anticipates selection of a consultant by late February 2022, at the earliest. The selected consultant should expect to commence work on the project in April 2022, pending District's Board approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Request for Proposals substantially in the form attached and authorize staff to advertise for these services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan RFP](#)