

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: April 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Update on Request for Field Stone from Palo Corona Regional Park for Monument in Carmel-by-the Sea (Carmel)

PRESENTER: Rafael Payan, General Manager

REPORT: As was reported to the Board at the July 17, 2017 meeting, American Legion 512 (Legion) proposed to repair Carmel's monument in time for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, on November 11, 2018 (**ATTACHMENT 1**). The monument is in Carmel, within the median at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde Street.

The Board authorized MPRPD's General Manager to explore and pursue a barter between Carmel, the Legion and MPRPD as follows:

- MPRPD would provide field stone unearthed during a parking lot and park road improvement project. The stone is presently stockpiled at Palo Corona Regional Park. This stone would be used to repair the monument;
- The Legion would construct a park entrance sign for MPRPD. The sign would be located at the Palo Corona Regional Park - Rancho Canada Unit's entrance at the intersection of Carmel Valley and Rio roads.

Carmel's Mayor and City Manager recently met with MPRPD's General Manager. During and after that meeting, the Mayor and City Manager informed MPRPD's General Manager that Carmel continues to be eager to repair the monument but wants to work directly with MPRPD. The Legion will no longer participate in the monument's repair.

MPRPD is presently modifying the former Rancho Canada Golf Club's extant sign in lieu of constructing a new sign, as a new sign would require County permits and would not be completed in a timely manner.

Carmel continues to request MPRPD's consideration of the District providing the field stone necessary to repair the monument (**ATTACHMENT 2**). The barter that was previously proposed would no longer be relevant as Carmel would no longer be required to construct an entrance sign for Palo Corona Regional Park's entrance at Rancho Canada Unit.

Further, Carmel has greatly reduced the amount of field stone that will be required for the repairs thus, in the spirit of cooperation between governmental organizations, Staff recommends availing Carmel with the necessary field stone subject to MPRPD being visibly recognized in perpetuity at the monument site for this contribution. This will be accomplished by affixing a plaque to the monument in a reasonably visible location. MPRPD would also be recognized by Carmel in press releases, collateral information, dedication ceremonies and events related to this monument's repair.

As was previously reported, MPRPD will enter an agreement between Carmel and MPRPD with the conditions that no cost will be borne by MPRPD, and that MPRPD be held harmless including, but without limit to, the stone's and/or monument's structural failure, or any injury, property damage or loss of life associated with this monument.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: [July 17, 2017 Board Report](#)

Attachment 2: [Letter from Carmel to MPRPD](#)