

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: November 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Division Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: **PALO CORONA FUEL REDUCTION:** Rangers staff has been working with Cal Fire to determine a treatment for the recently mowed fuelbreaks in the Palo Corona backcountry. A sterile mix of native grasses and barley will be spread to prevent the regeneration of invasive weeds and promote grazing. Hopefully, this treatment will maintain the fuelbreaks long-term and restore areas of grassland that have been lost to invasive plants.

FROG POND TRAIL WORK: Rangers recently completed reconstruction of 3 puncheon creek crossings at the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve. The existing puncheons were sagging, rotten, and in need of replacement. The new puncheons are constructed of redwood timber, galvanized hardware, and are ADA compliant. Ramp approaches to each puncheon were constructed using rock that was harvested on-site and decomposed granite purchased from a local vendor.

CLUBHOUSE SEWAGE LEAK: The age of the Rancho Canada clubhouse is beginning to become apparent. On two occasions, sewage began to leak from the aged, brittle, corroded cast-iron pipe under the building. Rangers worked with Poe's plumbing and Peninsula Septic Tank Service to expose and replace the deteriorated sections of drain line with 3" ABS pipe, which is the current industry standard. More sections are likely compromised and will eventually need replacement.

PALO CORONA MOWING CONTRACT: Now that Board approval has been given, the Palo Corona mowing contract will be administered and coordinated by Operations and Maintenance staff. Rangers will work with Ventana Forestry on scheduling and logistics, while volunteer Scott Henessey will flag small, native trees and shrubs for avoidance.

SEASONAL O&M STAFF: Interviews for seasonal Operations and Maintenance staff were recently conducted. One Seasonal Ranger and One Park Aide were selected from a small pool of qualified candidates, and recently completed their background checks, screening, and physical examination. The next step is for these individuals to sign a contract with the District for temporary employment, at which point they can begin work, which will likely happen sometime during the months of November or December.

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