

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: October 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Planning and Conservation Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: MPRPD Staff recently met with a group of representatives from agencies that would be involved in any effort to restore the Rancho Canada property to native floodplain. The meeting included representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Coastal Conservancy, California State University at Monterey Bay, and Trout Unlimited. The group spent 4 hours discussing ideas, walking the Carmel River channel, and determining a strategy to keep the process moving forward. It was agreed that agency representatives would submit a list of their agency's goals and objectives for the project to Jim Robins of Alnus Ecological, an environmental consulting firm from Oakland, California who was contracted by the State Coastal Conservancy to kickstart the floodplain restoration discussion.

Each agency representative expressed an interest in working on this project and the tremendous opportunity Rancho Canada provides to alleviate flooding along the Carmel River, provide for ecological diversity, and improve steelhead trout habitat.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only