

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: May 5, 2021
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Whilden, Legal Counsel
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Approval to Enter Agreement Between MPRPD and the Carmel Area Wastewater Department (CAWD) dedicating a Utility Easement at Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Canada Unit (RCU)

SUMMARY:

We respectfully request that the Board make a finding that this item 1) came to the attention of staff after posting of the agenda, and 2) be added to tonight's agenda, as Board action cannot wait.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize Staff to enter an agreement between CAWD and MPRPD for the purpose of dedicating a utility easement that will facilitate the construction of an up-graded sewer line that will benefit Carmel Valley's residents, businesses, the RCU's visitors and staff, and the RCU's function (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

This new sewer line will replace the extant sewer line, greatly increasing capacity and enhancing the utility's maintenance. The new sewer line will run from east to west, entering the park in proximity to the Quail Lodge's and Santa Lucia Conservancy's boundaries with MPRPD, across the RCU due south of the Discovery Center and Maintenance Building Complex, and exit the RCU at the park's western border at the proposed Rancho Canada Village Development (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

Time is of the essence. CAWD has respectfully requested MPRPD consider CAWD's request to establish this easement ASAP, thereby allowing CAWD to promptly begin construction of this important sewer line project. CAWD has entered an agreement with Granite Rock construction company to construct this project.

Staff respectfully requests MPRPD's Board authorize staff to enter this agreement as submitted or in its substantially similar form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable (This project is fully funded by CAWD.)

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

FUNDING BALANCE:

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION:

CAWD and MPRPD's respective Legal Counsels and staff have discussed the significance of this project and its dedicated utility easement in detail. Communication had included the project's public benefits, and the benefits that this project directly presents MPRPD's patrons and staff, and the District's concessionaire(s).

The proposed sewer line easement will provide the sewer line's under-ground route. The route has been carefully selected to ensure the sewer line has the proper "fall" to ensure the effective and efficient movement of solid and liquid wastes. This route is in proximity to the extant sewer line that also traverses the park. A man-hole service road will also be constructed, taking advantage of the sewer line's alignment wherever possible. This service road will also serve as a public trail, connecting several extant golf cart paths and other proposed trail routes including the proposed cross-country/fitness course. The sewer line's route shall be restored into native habitat, where required, as part of the RCU's already planned habitat restoration project. CAWD has authorized connection of the RCU's maintenance complex, public restrooms, MPRPD's headquarters and Discovery Center, and the banquet facilities to the new sewer line.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Draft Agreement](#)
2. [Sewer Alignment Map](#)