

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

BOARD MEETING: August 8, 2018

SUBJECT: Operations and Maintenance Division Update

PRESENTER: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger

REPORT: Ranger staff were very busy preparing for the Palo Corona Regional Park Rancho Canada Unit's soft-opening. Staff installed additional chain-link fencing to create the "super-highway" corridor (parking lot to Front Ranch), installing garbage and recycle receptacles, mutt-mitt dispensers, picnic tables, portable restrooms, surveillance cameras, bike racks, etc., and, adding or relocating signage. Rangers mowed the former greens and fairways, cart path edges, connector trails, and removed dead/downed trees within areas accessible under Phase I. Ranger staff assisted with Discovery Center improvements and installed interpretive exhibits. An estimated 1,000 visitors attended the Saturday, July 28, 2018 soft-opening. Additional counters will be installed to obtain accurate numbers. Comments received from our visitors were very positive. Ranger staff will focus on patrol and enforcement functions.

A significant homeless encampment was recently discovered at the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve near General Jim Moore Blvd. Disaster Kleenup Specialists was hired by the District to remove and dispose of all abandoned items. Del Rey Oaks Police Department has agreed to monitor the site to prevent reestablishment of the camp.

At the July Board meeting, Mr. Bruce Dormody reported discovering a large marijuana production on his property (at San Clemente Rancho, adjacent to San Clemente Open Space. Reports that marijuana growers accessed the site from MPRPD property have not been verified. Please see [attached article from the July 20, 2018 Carmel Pine Cone](#).

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

FUNDING BALANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only