AGENDA ITEM NO. 8-B

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
MID-MONTH STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING:	**October 7, 2026**
SUBJECT:	**Monthly Staff Report**
PRESENTER:	**Eric Morgan, General Manager** Eric S. Morgan
REPORT:	**The following briefly summarizes some of the key tasks and projects the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Staff undertook from mid-August through mid-September 2026, in addition to performing MPRPD's regular business**.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

1. **Recruitment**
   Staff are evaluating applications for the special uses coordinator position and will be interviewing the most qualified candidates in early October. Staff are hoping to make a selection for this position in mid-October with a starting date as soon as early November. This position plans, coordinates, and administers the District's recreation special use permits, leases, and licenses for park facilities, open space areas, and recreational activities; reviews and processes permit applications, issues permits and licenses, collects fees, and ensures compliance with District policies, insurance requirements, and applicable laws; coordinates use schedules with operations, planning, and finance staff; provides customer service to the public, event organizers, and commercial users; maintains records and tracks revenue; and performs related work as required. The position description is here https://www.mprpd.org/files/8a7362d5f/SpecialUsesCoordinator_0526.pdf).

2. **Training**
   Staff participated in the following training: Government Finance Officers Association 4-Day Best Practices Training; This training consisted of a 4-Day series covering Treasury Services, Cooperative Agreements, Procurement and Purchasing Policies & FEMA eligibility costs for Natural Disasters.

3. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Park Foundation**
   The General Manager and staff are exploring different models used between park agencies and 501(c)(3) Foundations/Friends Groups in furthering collaborative goals. On September 10, the District Finance Manager registered with the National Association of Park Foundations (NAPF) and has begun a training cycle

on *“Establishing and Sustaining a Philanthropic Partner for Local Park Systems”.* In addition to this training, the General Manager recently met with John Mott who was formerly the Program Manager for Cooperating Associations for the California Department of Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Mott has provided some valuable foundational information about the partner programs with the State Park system, and he is an officer with the new 501(c)(3) Foundation that has been formed to support Fort Ord Dunes State Park that is currently under construction.

In addition to this familiarization, the General Manager is engaging with the East Bay Regional Park District that has a long-established Foundation and will be meeting with the General Manager and Regional Park Foundation in October. The Regional Parks Foundation began in 1969 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit created by the District to accept a land donation from Kaiser Sand and Gravel that the District itself could not receive under the company’s bylaws. For decades it functioned as a closely integrated supporting organization, relying heavily on District-provided staff, systems, and infrastructure—including an Executive Director paid as a District employee—to raise private funds for parkland acquisition, youth programs, universal access, environmental stewardship, and recreational opportunities.

Today the Foundation is deliberately shifting toward full operational independence. Under a new Memorandum of Understanding and its 2026–2030 strategic plan, it is establishing its own HR, payroll, and technology systems, hiring dedicated fundraising staff, and redesigning its membership model away from parking-pass administration toward pure philanthropy. The goal is to become a stronger, more agile partner that can scale multimillion-dollar campaigns and community engagement while maintaining a clear complementary relationship with the District.

4. District Financials

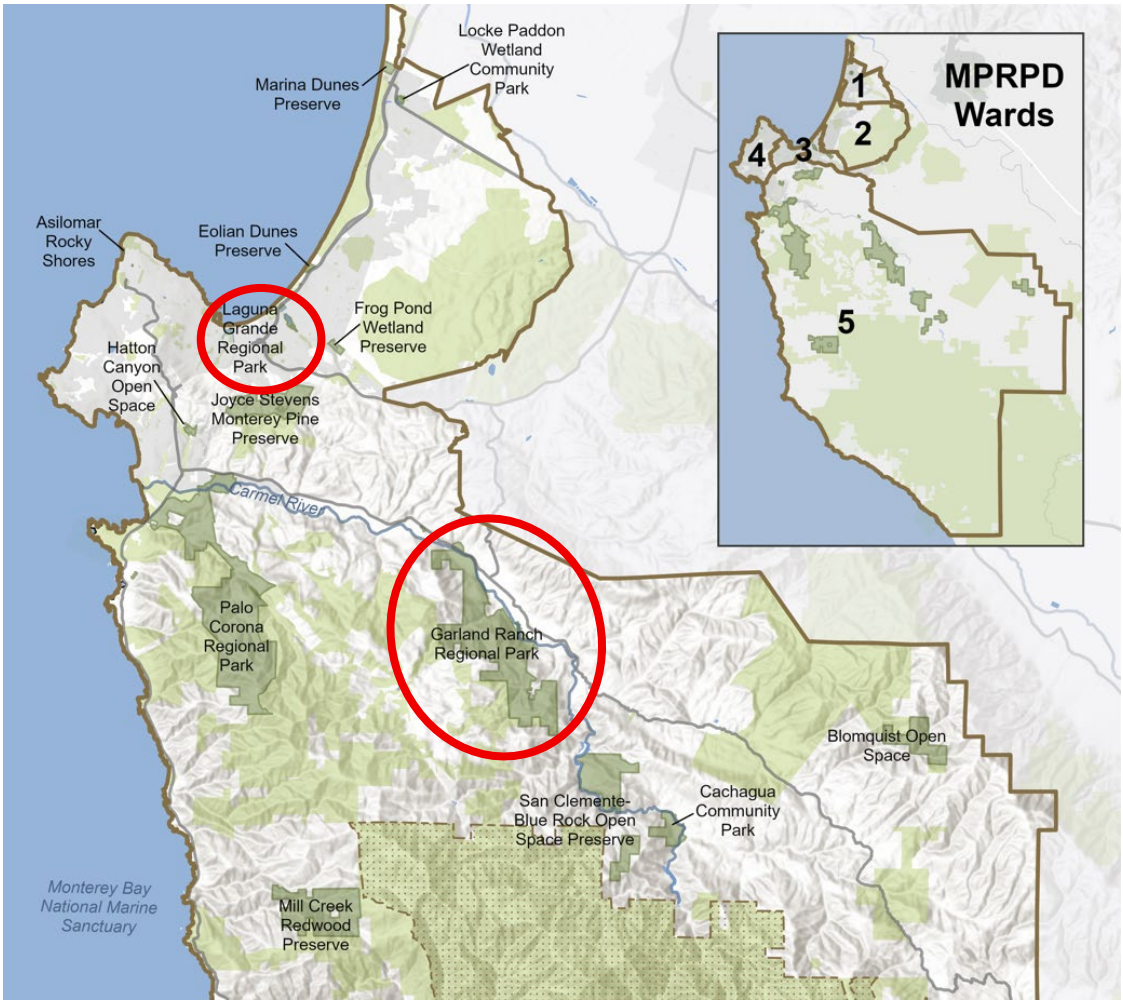
Staff are in the final stages of completing the FY 2024–25 financial audit report. One remaining item involved a FEMA-funded project that continued into subsequent fiscal years. With the project now complete, the District can close it out and clear the related revenue liability recorded while the grant activity remained open. This adjustment will ensure the financial statements accurately reflect the final FEMA reimbursement amounts.

5. Data Analytics

To better serve District residents, MPRPD staff continue to use a location-analytics platform that uses anonymized mobile device data to estimate foot traffic, dwell time, visitor origins, and movement patterns at real-world places. Staff have been using this tool throughout the year to generate ward profiles showing where residents choose to recreate outdoors and park profiles showing who is using various MPRPD park units, where they are from, how they are getting to those

parks, and when they visit. The goal of this new initiative is to better understand our MPRPD customers and the residents we serve in hopes of improving our product delivery – our product being “your parks.”

This month, we compare the audience profiles of our two most popular regional parks - Laguna Grande Regional Park versus Garland Ranch Regional Park. To generate this comparison, visitor use data was aggregated between August 2022 to August 2026. Assumptions were made by comparing demographic projections associated with the zip codes of the visitors to the parks.



The potential visitor markets surrounding Laguna Grande Park are substantially younger than those surrounding Garland Ranch Regional Park. Laguna Grande’s median age ranges from 29 to 36 years across the 30%, 50%, and 70% visit-market zones, compared with 37 to 43 years for Garland Ranch. Laguna Grande also has higher proportions of Gen Alpha, Gen Z, and Millennials, while Garland Ranch has higher proportions of Baby Boomers and higher proportions of Generation X.

The ethnic composition also differs substantially. Hispanic or Latino residents account for 82% of the potential market in Laguna Grande's 30%-of-visits zone, declining to 67% and 52% in the 50% and 70% zones. Garland Ranch has a more mixed ethnic profile: White residents account for half of the closer market zones, while Hispanic or Latino residents represent one-third in those zones.

Household income and educational attainment show another clear difference. Garland Ranch's surrounding potential market has higher average household incomes, ranging from $134,000 to $160,000, compared with $97,000 to $114,000 around Laguna Grande. Garland also has higher shares of residents with bachelor's and advanced degrees, while Laguna Grande has higher concentrations with elementary or high-school-level educational attainment.

Housing characteristics reinforce these differences. Garland Ranch's surrounding market has higher owner-occupancy rates and higher median values for owner-occupied homes, ranging from $800,000 to $1.2 million. Laguna Grande has higher renter occupancy and lower median owner-occupied home values, ranging from $600,000 to $800,000. Overall, the data indicates distinct demographic, socioeconomic, and housing characteristics in the communities comprising the two parks' potential visitor markets.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is committed to serving every District resident irrespective of where they reside with equal care and dedication. We are honored to provide these parks for all who live within our boundaries and for the many visitors who join us from beyond.

6. **Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park**

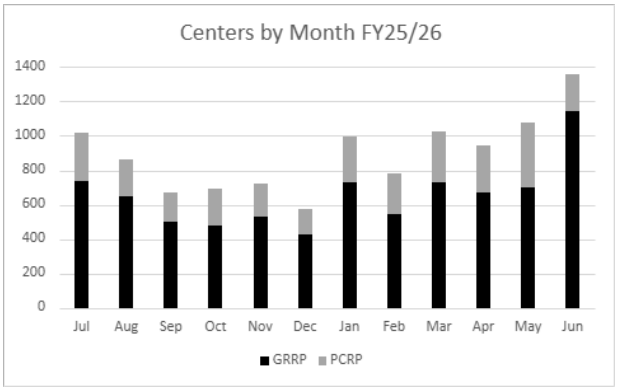
General Manager joined the District Procurement and Contract Technician, Planning and Conservation Program Manager, as well as the Engineer for the City of Marina on a site visit to Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park to familiarize consultants with the two requests for proposals (RFP's) for wetland planning, CEQA and permitting (**scope 1** – located here) and terrestrial conceptual master planning (**scope 2** – located here). Proposals were due to the District for both scopes on October 5, 2026 and staff expect to bring a contract for award to the Board on November 4, 2026. The City of Marina has their own request for proposals for design of the Asian American Garden for plug into the District Conceptual Master Plan in one or more alternatives. The City will also be accepting proposals for that scope of work until October 5, 2026. Staff continue to negotiate with the City on the cost share arrangement for the scope 1 workload and expect to bring that to the Board for approval with the proposed award on November 4, 2026.

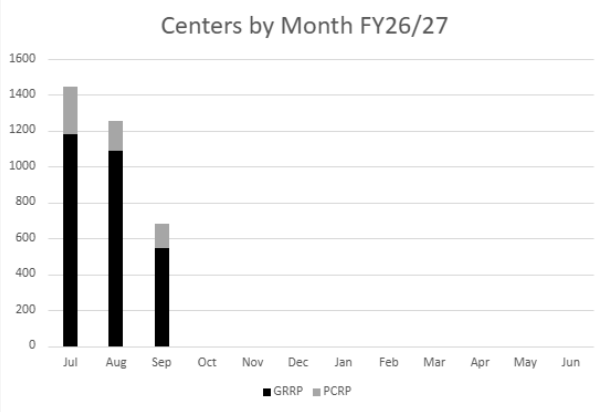
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

1. Community Outreach

a. Visitor and Discovery Center Totals

Recording of visitor contacts at the Palo Corona Discovery Center (DC) and the Garland Ranch Visitor Center (VC) is ongoing. We have maintained extended visitation days since April 2024. The DC is open Friday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From June 15, 2026 to September 30, 2026 the VC is open 7 days a week, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





b. Social Media Posts

Facebook stats	@MPRegionalParkDistrict @PaloCoronaRegionalPark @garlandranchregionalpark	
Followers on Sep 15	9,057	+61 from last month
Total Impressions	40,916	+6.6% from last month
Top 3 posts	Aug 21: Phase 1 Recovery	15,561 impressions 932 engagements
	Aug 20: Operations and Maintenance	2,899 impressions 162 engagements
	Aug 19: Flint Knapping	6,347 impressions 149 engagements
Instagram stats	@mprpd_lgo	
Followers on Sep 15	2,435	+140 from last month
Total Impressions	25,155	+63% from last month
Top 3 posts	Aug 30: Dune Habitat	1,515 impressions 161 engagements

	Aug 20: Lunar Eclipse Viewing	2,320 impressions 113 engagements
	Aug 21: Phase 1 Recovery	938 impressions 59 engagements

c. ENewsletter

Staff worked with public relations consultants Spoke to produce the monthly e-News and posts highlighting MPRPD division achievements. The August eNews featured: goat grazing, California Conservation Corps, and summer 2026 outreach highlights. The eNews also included a wonders of wildlife article and a variety of upcoming events and announcements.

d. Wild Wednesdays at the Marina Library

Staff began another season of tabling at the Marina Monterey County Free Library (MCFL), made possible by our MOU, during their monthly Wild Wednesday event. Staff informed visitors about *Let's Go Outdoors!* programs and led them through an interactive activity exploring how birds' feeding habits shape their beaks. Approximately 17 contacts were made, mostly with children under 8 and their families. MPRPD and the Marina Library will continue this program until October, when we will take a break for the winter holidays.

e. Science Saturdays at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Staff supported the Pacific Grove Museum's Science Saturday event by providing an outreach table and activity. With the "Unique Habitats" theme, staff engaged over 100 people in a habitat matching game where participants matched native specimens to their habitats using their physical traits and observational skills.

f. Nature Fiesta at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve (ESR)

Staff tabled at ESR's Nature Fiesta community event to help celebrate California Biodiversity Day and Latino Conservation Week! Over 250 contacts were made with families from across Monterey Bay, from Carmel to Watsonville. Staff engaged with families through a wildlife matching game where they educated them on how adaptation helps different plants and animals survive in various native habitats. This event was a first for MPRPD, and we are excited to be welcomed back next year!



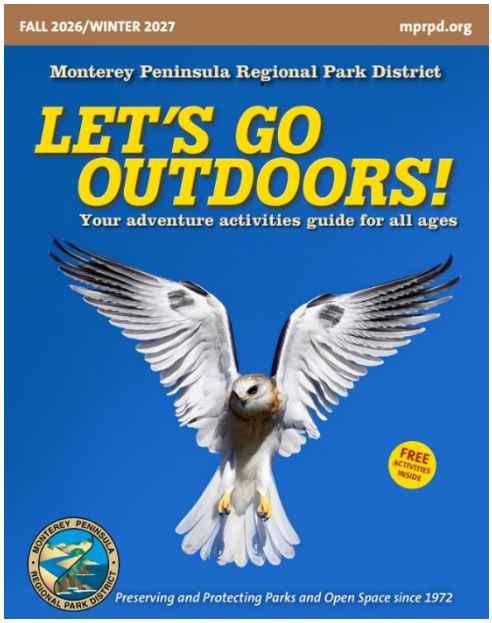
Staff interacting with a family at Nature Fiesta

2. Education

a. K-12 Education Programs

None for this reporting period.

b. Let's Go Outdoors!



The Spring/Summer 2026 programs have served around 100 participants during this reporting period. Programs featured: Farm Discovery: Family Farm Field Trips, Beginning Birding at Laguna Grande, and Night Hikes.

The Fall 2026/Winter 2027 LGO! Guide was delivered to resident mailboxes the week of September 21st. It includes 97 sessions with 39 unique offerings through MPRPD's registration site, plus 18 community organization events and other free offerings.

Cover for the Fall 26/Winter 27 LGO! Guide

3. Volunteers

a. Education Outreach Volunteers

Volunteer Jackie Nelson led an interpretive walk at Locke Paddon Wetland Community Park for 20 CSUMB students who were enrolled in the

Certificate of Interpretive Guiding (CIG) program. This tour included techniques on effective interpretation, and guest presenter, Bruce Delgado, who shared the history and active projects happening at the Oak Woodland Community Garden.

b. LGO! Program Volunteers

Volunteers led or facilitated the following LGO! Programs and hikes: Beginning Birding Laguna Grande, Night Hike, Flintknapping- Making Stone Tools, Birding by Bird School Project, Vista Lobos Ocean Views, Steinbeck Views, Bird Walk, Solar System Stroll.

Leaders and facilitators were Mary Dainton, Rick Berg, Steve Ibrahim, Eric Hartwell, Blake Bufford, Kathy Simpson, Toni McDaniel, Sharon Osgood, Jennifer Smith, Jean Perkins, and Bruce Merchant.

c. Visitor and Discovery Center Volunteers

Eric Hartwell, Laurie Benner, Jon Benner, Tony Amarante, Barbara Barret, Rebecca Law, Tim Wilson, Amelia Craig, Marikay LeValley, Jordan Goldman, Shannon Mandel, Kathy Simpson, Reese McDonald, Meagan Morales, James Folliard, Patty Armstrong, Deb Kramer, and Mark Laycox greeted and guided visitors at the Garland Visitor Center and Palo Corona Discovery Center.

d. New Volunteers

Staff oriented four (4) potential new volunteers. Three (3) new volunteers, Alejandro Beltran, and bird experts Rita Caratello and Don Roberson, joined the MPRPD team during this reporting period. Rita and Don spent their first shift viewing the rare Gray Catbird on the Southbank trail.

4. Partnerships and Training

a. AHA Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

EECO Staff coordinated two days of cross-divisional CPR and First Aid training. Three EECO staff, two Admin staff, one Ranger, and twenty-four volunteers attended an 8-hour training session provided by CJPIA in the Discovery Center.

b. Monterey Bay Environmental Educators (MBEE) Network

Staff attended a quarterly networking group with other Environmental Educators from around Monterey Bay. This group's purpose is to increase environmental literacy of students by fostering collaboration, and building capacity to provide equitable, culturally relevant, and inspiring learning experiences in nature. The goals for this year are (1) Develop shared understanding of our network members goals and programs, and

(2) Collaborate to leverage our strengths and amplify our work across the region.

MPRPD is represented as a leader in this network and works to guide this group collaboratively with other leaders from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Ventana Wildlife Society, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, and Coastal Watershed Council.

c. MOU University of California Master Gardeners at the Garland Arboretum

Staff are actively working with volunteers from the UC Master Gardener group to update substantive changes to the MOU document. No UC Master Gardener programs or projects have started since the March 2026 approval by the board due to these changes proposed by the UC Regents.

5. Special Use Permits (SUP) & MOU Events

a. Santa Catalina School (SUP)

Santa Catalina School staff led 70 students on a guided hike and brown bag lunch at Garland Ranch Regional Park on August 20 and 29 as part of their annual permit.

b. CSUMB Freshwater Ecology Course (SUP)

CSUMB professor Dr. John Olson visited Garland Ranch Regional Park and Palo Corona Regional Park with 20 Freshwater Ecology students to practice protocols for stream health assessment in the Carmel River.

c. Facility and Resource Protection Acknowledgment - New tool for informal, organized groups

Staff developed and is utilizing an acknowledgement form for user groups who are informal, organized groups that utilize park spaces according to the applicable rules and regulations.

This form is a two-way communication tool for MPRPD staff to communicate important rules, safety information, and potential closures to informal groups and for group users to engage with a deeper understanding of the sensitivity of park resources. This tool was developed in response to the interim permit fee policy and to remove access barriers to groups of around 20, who are not part of a business, school, non-profit, government agency, or other formally recognized group. There is no fee associated with this form, and it is not a mechanism for reservations.

Our first visitor to use this form was a repeat, annual permittee who hosted the “Wunderwoman Walk” at Palo Corona Regional Park for a group of 20 for a celebration of life picnic and walk.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DIVISION

1. **Electric UTV Test Drive**
   Ranger staff recently had the opportunity to test drive an electric Utility Vehicle (UTV) on Garland Park trails. This E-UTV is manufactured by Boson Motors, an India-based company with a distribution plant in Madera, CA. Ranger staff was impressed with the capability and power-delivery of this E-UTV, however, the dimensions of this vehicle would make it difficult to maneuver along some of Garland’s steeper, narrower trails.

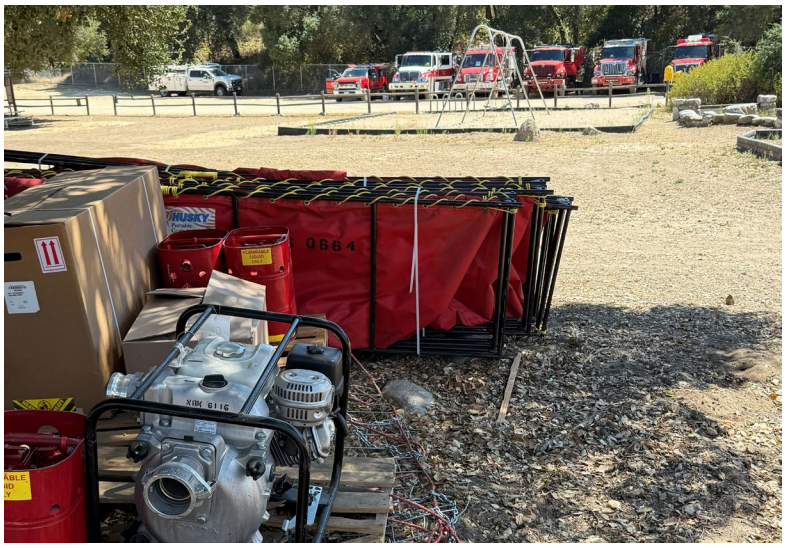


2. **FORTAG Project Update**
   TAMC’s contractor Graniterock recently paved the segment of the FORTAG trail that crosses underneath Highway 218, including the area where a bike rack will be installed on MPRPD property. Project management staff from TAMC have reported that Segment 1 is nearly complete, however, the anticipated reopening date of the Frog Pond was recently pushed back due to construction delays. The Frog Pond is now scheduled to open in early November, assuming there are no further delays. Ranger staff has continued to patrol the Frog Pond throughout the construction closure to monitor for illegal activity and took steps toward reopening by bringing in a Gabilan Crew to begin brushing back heavily overgrown trails.



3. **Timber Fire Update**
   As of September 28, the Timber Fire was at 88% contained. Ranger staff continue to coordinate with Timber Fire officials to provide guidance, support, and oversight of suppression repair efforts on District property. Most recently, Ranger staff met with the suppression repair lead from Cal Fire to walk the fuel break along Blue Rock Ridge, which is nearly complete. P&C staff provided map resources to help Cal Fire identify property boundaries while working on District property. Cal Fire and the United States Forest Service continue to occupy a portion of the Cachagua Community Park for purposes of filling water tenders.





4. PG&E Encroachment

Ranger staff continues to investigate unauthorized brush clearing along Hitchcock Loop Trail at the Kahn Ranch Addition of Garland Ranch Regional Park. Upon further investigation, it was found to be a result of a PG&E subcontractor seeking to gain access to adjacent private property to replace an existing service pole. Ranger staff identified and contacted the party responsible and requested an onsite meeting to determine appropriate remediation of the impacted area, which P&C staff graciously attended. Ranger staff will continue to monitor the area until the subcontractor completes the required remediation on District property.



5. Ranger Staff Update



MPRPD Ranger Jared Martens recently submitted his resignation to the District, effective October 16, 2026. Jared served the District for almost 5 years, contributing significantly to The District's mission and the Operation and Maintenance Division's success. He has accepted a park maintenance position in Northern Oregon, where he will be closer to his family. He will be missed.

Happy Trails, Jared!

6. GRRP Ranger Station Deck

Ranger staff continue to make progress on replacing the deck around the Garland Ranch Regional Park Ranger Station. The amount of rot discovered after removing the existing deck boards was not anticipated but will require replacing a substantial number of joists also.



7. Enforcement

Ranger staff recently dealt with multiple enforcement incidents:

1. A concerned citizen contacted Ranger staff to report a woman who appeared in distress. Ranger staff responded, contacted the woman, and decided to request Monterey County Sheriff's Office support, as the woman appeared to be suffering from mental illness. Ultimately, the woman called a friend to come pick her (and her vehicle) up.



2. Ranger staff discovered vehicle vandalism along the property boundary at Marina Dunes Preserve. It appears a vehicle struck the corral-board fence and the No Parking sign overnight and fled. Ranger staff repaired the fence and replaced the sign; however, no suspect has been identified.



3. Ranger staff recently discovered unauthorized grading at deDampierre Park along the property boundary with Paso Hondo

residences. Rangers identified the party responsible for the unauthorized grading and will be issuing the property owner a Violation Notice. In addition, the homeowner will be required to remediate the area of impact to avoid citation and fine. Ranger staff will then monitor the area and work with the homeowner to oversee rehabilitation of the area.



8. The deDampierre FEMA Project Completed

The District has completed all FEMA-related projects to address flood damage suffered in January 2023. The delays were related to the District taking the time to determine if CDFW would require the District to obtain a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, which was not required by CDFW. The District contracted with Coastal Paving and Grading to haul, spread, water, and compact approximately 375 cubic yards of Class 2 aggregate, which took 4 days to complete. Ranger Hatton Vandervort served as the onsite project manager, in cooperation with Damian Bye, contract specialist, and the P&C Division who provided biological monitoring for this project.



PLANNING & CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION

1. **Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) Project Portfolio:** Staff continued implementation planning for projects authorized under the Emergency Proclamation Project (EPP) framework. Activities during this reporting period included filing Notice of Exemption documentation with the State Clearinghouse, conducting cultural resource records searches and mapping in support of Tribal consultation requirements, and completing pre-project biological surveys at Laguna Grande, Frog Pond, and the Animas Unit of Palo Corona Regional Park. Staff also met with California Natural Resources Agency representatives regarding EPP compliance requirements and project implementation timelines and coordinated with CAL FIRE Registered Professional Foresters regarding review of several forest health and fuel reduction projects. In support of future implementation efforts, staff-initiated preparation of FY 2026-2027 California Conservation Corps Proposition 4 funded crew requests for EPP-related projects.
2. **Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park Wetland and Upland Planning RFPs:** Staff are supporting the Wetland and Upland Planning RFP process in coordination with the General Manager and procurement staff.
3. **Marina Dunes Preserve**
    a. **Western Snowy Plover Management:** Staff continue advancing an agreement with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services to implement targeted predator management in support of western snowy plover nesting and overwintering success at Marina Dunes Preserve, working in coordination with Point Blue Conservation Science and USFWS. Staff also attended the Western Snowy Plover Recovery Unit 4 end-of-season meeting with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California State Parks, and Point Blue Conservation Science. Discussions focused on regional management activities, monitoring results, and recovery priorities for the Monterey Bay breeding population.
4. **Palo Corona Regional Park**
    a. **Timber Fire CAL FIRE Incident Coordination:** Following the outbreak of the Timber Fire in the Big Sur area in early August, staff have been working with the Field Ops Division to review and response to fire agency requests to use District Facilities and advise on how Fire agencies repair district lands that were cleared for fire access and fuel break purposes.
    b. **Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project:** See Report 13C-Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Phase 2 Construction Progress for more details.
    c. **Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) Monitoring and Compliance:** PCM staff are now working with the consultant team at Denise Duffy & Associates to prepare our annual SHA monitoring and compliance report to share with USFWS in November. Staff would like to provide an overview and update on the HAS to the Board in the January or February 2027 Board meetings.

d. **Conservation Grazing Program:** As of drafting this report staff are completing final legal and procurement review of the revised conservation grazing lease RFP. Staff continued management of the Palo Corona Regional Park Conservation Grazing Program. Activities included coordination of the 2026 Residual Dry Matter (RDM) monitoring effort, review and execution of consultant service orders, preparation for upcoming field monitoring activities, and monitoring of grassland health.

e. **Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan:** Staff continued implementation of the daft Rancho Cañada LEHCP pending USFWS approval. Activities during this reporting period focused on staff training, operational integration, development of implementation procedures, and coordination regarding future use of the permit framework. Staff developed and delivered training materials for Operations and EECO staff covering permit coverage, avoidance and minimization measures, habitat management requirements, and distinctions between the LEHCP and the District's existing Safe Harbor Agreement. Additional effort was devoted to integrating permit requirements into project planning, maintenance activities, contractor coordination, and Special Use Permit review processes. PCM staff also supported O&M mowing operations around Pond 6 at Palo Corona Regional Park by providing wildlife monitoring for California red-legged frog (CRLF) and southwestern pond turtle (SWPT) in accordance with interim LEHCP avoidance and minimization measures. Staff further coordinated Monterey County contractor access for culvert inspection, cleaning, and improvement activities along Carmel Valley Road while implementing protective measures to prevent impacts to nearby CRLF breeding habitat.

5. **Garland Ranch Regional Park:**

    a. **De Dampierre Parking Lot Repair:** PCM staff provided pre-construction biological clearance surveys and monitoring support for the O&M parking lot resurfacing project at De Dampierre Ballfields within Garland Ranch Regional Park. Staff also continued coordination with consultants, partner agencies, and internal departments regarding environmental compliance, habitat management, species conservation, and project implementation activities throughout the District.

    b. **Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project (Eucalyptus Thinning & Removal):** Staff continue to advance the State Coastal Conservancy-funded eucalyptus removal effort at Garland Ranch Regional Park. The temporary stream crossing design is at the 30% level and is being used as the basis for engaging the regulatory agencies and the development of permit applications. Staff will provide a more detailed update to the Board once feedback is received from the permitting agencies and the design direction reflects those agencies' initial input.

6. **Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Preserve**

    a. **Roadside Fuels Reduction:** See the Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP update for portfolio-wide details.

7. **Laguna Grande Regional Park:**

    a. Understory Thinning EPP Project: See the Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP update for portfolio-wide details. Staff are also working with staff in the City of Monterey and Seaside to provide an update on the status and next steps for EPP project implementation at Laguna Grande Regional Park.

8. **Special Use Permit Coordination:**
   Staff continued administration of the District's Special Use Permit Program, including permit review, permit holder communications, permit amendments, and coordination of access for research, conservation, and monitoring activities. Work during this reporting period focused on integrating LEHCP requirements into permit administration procedures at RCU and supporting multiple wildlife research and conservation partnerships throughout the District. Staff coordinated access and approvals for ongoing wildlife research and conservation projects throughout the preserve, including support for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife bobcat population study and issuance of a Special Use Permit to Ventana Wildlife Society to reactivate of the historic condor feeding station in the Palo Corona backcountry.



Golden Eagles at the Condor feeding station at Palo Corona Regional Park.

9. USFWS Recovery Permits

Both Resource Conservation Specialists, Josh Carpenter and Jacqueline Brenton, received federal Section 10(a)(1)(A) Recovery Permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, allowing District staff to independently conduct surveys and sampling for California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander in support of ongoing conservation and recovery efforts across District Parks. Confirmation of corresponding California Department of Fish and Wildlife permit authorizations remains pending. These permits represent a major accomplishment and milestone, whereby permitted staff can now provide great in-house support and oversight of the Districts Safe Harbor Agreement and Low-effect Habitat Conservation Plan, and management of these species throughout District parks.

10. GIS and Data Management

Staff continued development and maintenance of the District's GIS resources, enterprise spatial databases, and data collection applications. Activities included development of connected ArcGIS Field Maps and Survey123 workflows to improve field data collection, public reporting, and staff data management capabilities. Staff also supported ongoing management of hosted feature layers, permitting resources, natural resource datasets, archaeological databases, and other geospatial tools that support District operations and conservation programs.