

Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Laura Schmidt; Rosemary Menard
Subject: FW: approach for people at the River St. Garage

FYI, current thoughts...

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>; Mark Dettle <mdettle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Bonnie Lipscomb <blipscomb@cityofsantacruz.com>; Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: approach for people at the River St. Garage

Hi,

Thoughts are to move people from River St. Garage to Depot Park South tomorrow until Monday. Monday, we'd move them to the City Hall parking lot (with the solar panels). People could stay there during the closure, but we'll need to find alternative location(s) before we open up on 1/3.

I emailed Robert to see if we can get anyone into the Armory – ideally tomorrow but if not, later this week.

We also want to move people out of the Benchlands, though that's of course a taller order.

Megan, per our conversation with Chris last night, can we see if we can get 1220 River set up next week? While this will be later, we should move on the Rincon Park (triangle location) soon too.

Larry, has The Salvation Army indicated that they'd be able to start by 1/15, or are they still pushing for 2/1?

Bonnie is going to reach out to the Seaside Co. to see if we have any possibilities on their parking lots, but it's not likely that we'll have any temporary or on-going options.

Any other updates?

Thanks,

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From: Mark Dettle
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Rosemary Menard; Bonnie Lipscomb; Lee Butler; Laura Schmidt; Tony Elliot
Subject: The task perforce us is to find a location for the people 25-50
Attachments: The task perforce us is to find a location for the people 50.docx

Julia Wood

From: Mark Dettle
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Rosemary Menard; Laura Schmidt
Cc: Tony Elliot; Bonnie Lipscomb; Lee Butler
Subject: Fwd: short Term Plan to relocate the people in River Front Garage.

The plan is to move the people in the garage at 3 pm to the Depot park parking areas. Details will be discussed at the 1 pm Encamped Assessment team meeting.

I just returned from the garage and there are 25 tents and lots of materials.











There was parking available on the Ground floor 34 spaces and 134 spaces on the 3 rd floor

We will have assigned spaces and vehicles to move people and materials
(Sent from my iPhone)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: December 14, 2021 at 3:33:03 PM PST
To: Mark Dettle <mdettle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bonnie Lipscomb <blipscomb@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: short Term Plan to relocate the people in River Front Garage.

Hi all,

I spoke with Megan and here is her suggestion in the context of the proposal to move people to Depot Park:

- Allow the encampment assessment team (EAT) to evaluate logistics at their 1:00pm meeting on Wednesday prior to moving people from the garage to Depot Park.
- Move people from the garage to Depot at approx. 3:00pm tomorrow (12/15)
 - Parks/PW would need to provide trucks to help people move stuff

Megan will visit the garage this afternoon to get an idea on the numbers of people still there. She did comment that if we steer people toward Depot, they are likely to just go back to the benchlands.

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From: Mark Dettle
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Bonnie Lipscomb <blipscomb@cityofsantacruz.com>; Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: short Term Plan to relocate the people in River Front Garage.

We also discussed the parking lot next to the library, but Bonnie felt that would be seen by the people against the mixed use project as the city trying to degrade the library. We also discussed the lot behind the Catalyst and Brian felt that lot had problems with having homeless there as it is much closer to residential.

Mark R. Dettle
Director of Public Works
City of Santa Cruz
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On Dec 14, 2021, at 10:24 AM, Mark Dettle <mdettle@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Thanks for meeting this morning. Please review and provide comments

The task perforce us is to find a location for the people 50-60 people that were moved to the River Front Garage from the flooded areas along the San Lorenzo River. The goal is move these people tomorrow, Wednesday December 15th. Unfortunately, 1220 River Street and the Golf Lands are not available right now. 1220 is physically ready, but the the selection of those to participate is not completed and because it is a self managed camp, the personal dynamics are critical to the success of the camp. Lee and staff will work to open this camp as soon as Next Week. This may not include any of those currently in the River Street Garage. GolfLands operation by Salvation Army may not be ready until Feb 1st. So we have to find some short term alternatives.

1) First Action is to see how many beds are available at the Armory and move those willing to those beds. Lee and Larry have this responsibility.

Assuming this will not house all of the people

2) the next action would be to move the remaining people to the parking area at Depot Park. Parking area on the ocean side. This area does have access to restrooms.

As an alternative location,

3) during the Holiday Closure, most of the parking at City Hall Parking area under the solar panels will not be used and an area could be located to house some people. This would only be available until Jan 1st and would have to be vacated before the employees return.

4) another potential site is Delaveaga park, will require transportation and may be a better safe sleeping site for RVs (Lee) but could work in the short term until Golf Lands is open and operational.

5) Bonnie asked the question about the River Street Shelter small cabins that could house 10-20 people. These are currently on Housing Matters Campus, but are vacant and have been vacant for 6 months. Housing Matters will not be happy

having new people on their campus. I do not understand why this shelter is not being used if the city owns it. It will takes some supervision.

This is the latest update 12/14/21 10:24 am

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Julia Wood

From: Joyce Blaschke
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Joyce Blaschke
Subject: Santa Cruz Police Offers Store Security Evaluations and Practical Tips for Preventing "Smash-and-Grab" Robberies | MEDIA RELEASE
Attachments: Santa Cruz Police Offers Store Security Evaluations and Tips for Preventing "Smash-and-Grab" _ Media Release .pdf

With the increase of "Smash-and-Grab" robberies nationwide, many in our community understandably are feeling anxious and concerned. Santa Cruz Police Department offers store security evaluations for local retailers and tips to deter "Smash-and-Grab" crime. See the attached SCPD media release.

Joyce Blaschke

Community & Media Relations | Volunteer Program Director | Social Media Manager

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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:09 PM
Subject: Update on Benchlands and River St. Garage

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing with an update on the emergency support operation due to the flooding of the Benchlands.

River Street Garage Move to Depot Park

- With flooding still a risk especially in the south section of the benchlands, the group at the parking garage will not be able to return to San Lorenzo Park.
- The unhoused residents taking shelter in the River Street Garage are being noticed to move at 8 a.m. tomorrow (12/16) to the south parking lot at Depot Park. City staff will assist with the transportation of both people and their belongings.
- At the new location, the area will be cordoned off from the rest of the parking lot. Campers will be given one parking stall for their belongings and will be required to keep their area tidy.
- Hygiene stations and portable toilets will be provided.
- The County's COVID testing site will remain at Depot Park Freight Building/mobile testing site. Access will remain available through the parking lot to the testing site.
- SCPD will be routinely and actively patrolling the park.
- Individuals are expected to remain there through at least January and possibly longer as new shelter spaces open up at 1220 River St. and the Armory.

Other News

- Four individuals were placed in shelter beds at the Armory.
- The Homelessness Response is accelerating its work to stand up the Transitional Community Camp at 1220 River next week. Infrastructure is being moved into place while camp staff is working to vet and select the individuals who will be invited to participate in the camp.
- One hundred fifty or more people remain in the Benchlands. Per direction of the City Manager and supported by Parks & Rec, upper San Lorenzo Park is not a permissible location for the benchlands camp to relocate. SCPD is actively enforcing this area to ensure new camps are not established in the upper park area.
- Fire contacted Benchland campers today to make them aware of expected storms next week. They will continue outreach.
- Given the persistence of rain in the forecast, staff is also in contact with the County about a possible indoor shelter location.

We will share additional operational details as they come available.

I also wanted to let you know that the flooding of the camp has received considerable media attention. In addition to the typical local media channels (Sentinel, Lookout Local, Santa Cruz Local, KSBW, KION, KAZU), we have also received inquiries or appeared in Boing Boing, which led to a story in SF Gate yesterday, the LA Times (front page photo), Associated Press, The Guardian and KTVU.

Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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J. Elizabeth Smith (she/her)

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Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Chris Berry
Cc: Rosemary Menard
Subject: upcoming rain events

Hi Chris,

With the upcoming rain forecasts, I wanted to check in with you regarding your thoughts on potential flooding, particularly in the Benchlands (north and south) and behind the cemetery. The weather.com forecasts show only ½ inch tonight, then a ¼ Monday day, ½ Monday night, possibly over an inch on Tuesday, and ¼ inch on Tuesday night. These totals aren't near what we saw in the storm earlier this week, but I still would like your take on whether you think any of the Benchlands areas are at risk. Fire was down in the south Benchlands area today advising people to move to the more central area of the Benchlands, just south of the ped bridge, but that was late afternoon and I don't have a report of how many left/remained. Police were out telling people to leave the area behind the cemetery, but again, no reports yet on how many remained/left.

Thanks,

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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Rosemary Menard; Laura Schmidt
Subject: FW: Updates for move to Depot Park

I shared this sentiment with Lee, but I also want to share it with you two. Another storm is coming. I think we need to consider evacuating the Benchlands and providing an alternate location.

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:16 AM

I hesitate to ask the question, but I must. What is our threshold for evacuating the Benchlands? It seems as though from a humanitarian and environmental perspective, we have surpassed that already.

From: Tim Shields <tshields@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Filipina Warren <fwarren@cityofsantacruz.com>; Heather Sawyer <hsawyer@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Steve Gomez <sgomez@cityofsantacruz.com>; Cassie Bronson <cbronson@abc-law.com>; Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>; Jenna Wilson <jwilson@cityofsantacruz.com>; Reina Romero <rromero@cityofsantacruz.com>; Brandon Lima <BLima@cityofsantacruz.com>; Jose Garcia PD <jgarcia@cityofsantacruz.com>; Brian Borguno <bborguno@cityofsantacruz.com>; Chris Berry <cberry@cityofsantacruz.com>; Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>; Daniel Gutgesell <dgutgesell@cityofsantacruz.com>; Mark Dettle <mdettle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Rachel Kaufman <rkaufman@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: Updates for move to Depot Park

All,

Paul Horvat spoke to the NWS yesterday and here is the latest information:

“I spoke to Brian Garcia about the potential for another storm system to impact our area next Monday December 20. While it is early, and I preface early to make a prediction, Brian said there is a 30% chance the system will hit our area hard. Which means a 70% chance it won't. I suggest that you monitor the event daily. The NWS will send out alerts as soon as they have an idea on what we may expect.”

We can discuss this at today's meeting.

Tim Shields

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Subject: RE: Updates for move to Depot Park

FYI, attached are the updates/talking points that Elizabeth sent to the Council.

From: Lee Butler

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Subject: Re: Updates for move to Depot Park

Good Morning!

Heather, if they're from RFG, we can let them stay at Depot. We will need to have someone at both ends. Megan is going to be at the garage. She's helping pick up the van now. She's coordinating with Chris and/or Jer for the Depot intake.

Thanks for the updates, Filipina.

Go team!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2021, at 8:02 AM, Filipina Warren <fwarren@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

I just left a message with Jessi to check on availability of tents and get a count.

Yes – Mike L is moving 4 water barriers and as many barricades as possible to Depot Park. ETA is around 830am to set up.

Filipina Warren
Public Works Operations Manager
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Hours: Monday – Thursday 7am-4:30, Friday 7am-3:30pm and off every other Friday

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Great, I know of at least 3 folks who have asked.

A dumpster will be dropped at RFG (River Front Garage) on the ground floor, levee side this morning and a dumpster will be dropped in Lot 25 (Depot) too.

Mike (Traffic Maintenance) is collecting some barriers we can get our hands on and delivering to Lot 25 this morning.

I was just in Lot 25 and folks are already showing up. These are folks I recognize from RFG. Do they need to return to RFG or can we work both locations and keep an update by phone or occupancy?

Thanks
Heather

From: Rachel Kaufman <rkaufman@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Subject: Re: Updates for move to Depot Park

Good morning all - Before purchasing tents you can check with Jessi Bond at the Civic. She mentioned they may have tents at the Civic from the shelter.

Rachel

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2021, at 12:36 AM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi,

Hopefully the last one from me tonight! Megan pointed out and it's worth sharing that participants will need to agree to the rules before we move all of their gear to Depot Park.

Thanks all,
Lee

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:00 AM
To: Megan Bunch; Larry Imwalle
Cc: Heather Sawyer; Cassie Bronson; Elizabeth Smith; Jenna Wilson; Reina Romero; Brandon Lima; Jose Garcia PD; Brian Borguno; Chris Berry; Travis Beck; Daniel Gutgesell; Filipina Warren; Tim Shields; Steve Gomez; Mark Dettle; Rachel Kaufman
Subject: RE: Updates for move to Depot Park

Thanks, Megan. Let's get a report from United Site Services in the morning, and if they can't deliver early tomorrow, whatever the team wants to do to have restrooms available is fine.

I've attached the participation agreement document that each camper will need to sign. This document can be amended by the City at any point, so if any of you are experiencing issues with the rules not working for what we're trying to achieve/maintain, we can update them accordingly.

At our 3:00 check-in tomorrow, we'll need to talk through an enforcement plan for the rules.

Thanks everyone,
Lee

From: Megan Bunch
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 10:23 PM
To: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
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Subject: RE: Updates for move to Depot Park

The units we moved from Benchlands to River Garage are in horrible shape and, to my knowledge, have not been serviced in the last couple of days. They will not be suitable for transport to Depot. I suggest using the brick and mortar restrooms in the short term.

Megan

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:47 PM
To: Larry Imwalle
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Subject: RE: Updates for move to Depot Park

Thanks for these updates, Larry. I believe our Parks team moved the porta-potties to the River St. Garage. We could move those again, or we could see about opening the bathrooms at Depot Park to bridge the gap. I'm thinking the Parks crew will prefer the former if United Site Services can't deliver tomorrow.

Thanks,
Lee

From: Larry Imwalle
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:41 PM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Heather Sawyer; Cassie Bronson; Elizabeth Smith; Megan Bunch; Jenna Wilson; Reina Romero; Brandon Lima; Jose Garcia PD; Brian Borguno; Chris Berry; Travis Beck; Daniel Gutgesell; Filipina Warren; Tim Shields; Steve Gomez; Mark Dettle; Rachel Kaufman
Subject: Re: Updates for move to Depot Park

Hi everyone,

Thank you for the updates on Depot Park. My updates include:

I contacted United Site Services to deliver new (rather than relocating) 3 porto's & hand washing stations to the Depot Park site. They said that they can deliver Friday. I replied that we need them on site tomorrow, and asked what option a we have to make that happen. I have not heard back yet. So, at the moment, we need solution for tomorrow if United Site Services can't deliver until Friday. Thoughts on options?

Transportation for people from River Front garage to Depot South is lined up. We have a van from PW (thank you Filipina & Lily!), and David our driver. We will pick up around 800a and be at River Front by 830a.

Thank you all for all your efforts!

Best,

Larry
Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2021, at 8:16 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Thanks for this update, Heather, and thanks to all for your quick work on pulling this together!

Here are some responses to your questions:

- *Family* - Yes, with 6 people, let's figure out the best way to provide a larger space for them.
- *Tents* - Cassie prepared a draft set of rules that participants must agree to. That allows people can use their own tents. We did not say anything about the city providing tents or requiring that people reside in city-issued tents, as has been the case in some other locations. I biked through this evening and counted about 36 tents in the garage – though not all of them were in good shape. If someone shows up at the Depot Park and doesn't have a tent, then we can purchase one from Costco or Outdoor World. I think we should be judicious about how we get this news out, as many of the tents appeared to be fine.
- *Belongings* - Yes, we will want to be clear about space constraints and rules. The draft speaks to tidiness and also states: "Participant shall keep all of their belongings within the area assigned by the City. The exterior of each site must be kept reasonably clean and free of excess belongings and refuse. **No more than 1 bicycle is permitted per participant.**" We'll get the final doc out to everyone ASAP. (One pending issue is remaining.)

Let's stay in communication for any questions/issues.

Thanks,

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Subject: Updates for move

Good Evening Folks

- Filipina and I met out at Lot 25/Depot and marked out the area we will be using. Spaces to be kept empty/clear are noted with pink X's. We even marked out tent areas in the middle. There may be some adjustments, but it is a great start. We were getting rained on after a bit and wet ground doesn't care for the marking paint, but it worked. My crew brought out barricades/caution tape and closed up the perimeter to the area. It gets windy out there right now, so we had to use sandbags to keep the barricades upright. Filipina's crew will work on getting whatever they have on hand as far as more solid barricades/k rails tomorrow morning.
- I'm trying to put together a spreadsheet and map out the area asap. I may have it completed tonight or finish it up when I return tomorrow morning and send it out to all of you.
- Still need to d
- We plan to put the portos and dumpster in the spaces next to the sandpile. I'm hoping it can all fit in that space, at least the portos and I can find another spot for the dumpster. I'll reach out to sanitation first thing, Daniel!
- Jenna met up with Chris at River Front with the notifications and I followed up after Lot 25 prep. They gave out 42 notifications. Some folks were on board and others not happy about moving around again.

Some questions from folks in River Front:

- Becky asked about space since there are 6 of them in her family, Aunt, 3 yr old, 11 yr old, 15 yr old and one looks about 18. I don't see why we wouldn't give the family two of the spaces, especially since some will have only one person in a space.
- Michael Miller's tent was destroyed in the storm. Will there be tents for those who don't currently have one?
- Some still have stuff at San Lo and plan on running over there tomorrow to get anything of value. Definitely need to make sure they know not everything can go.

There were more folks there than yesterday afternoon and it definitely needs a good pressure washing already. Lots of trash, but we'll get that taken care of tomorrow. Some folks keep lighting small fires and at least one dog wandered off this evening and folks were on the first floor

chasing it around. One of business owners notified our parking attendant that one of her employees had her car broken into on the 3rd floor today. PD was being notified to create a police report, our usual process.

Kind Regards,

Heather Sawyer

Heather Sawyer, Superintendent of Parking Services

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Julia Wood

From: Rosemary Menard
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Laura Schmidt
Subject: Re: FW: Updates for move to Depot Park

We have a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss this matter.

I think we also have to be realistic about what we're going to be able to do related to relocating people, as some will undoubtedly refuse to move.

Rosemary

On Dec 16, 2021 11:39 AM, Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:
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Best,

Larry
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- Still need to d
- We plan to put the portos and dumpster in the spaces next to the sandpile. I'm hoping it can all fit in that space, at least the portos and I can find another spot for the dumpster. I'll reach out to sanitation first thing, Daniel!
- Jenna met up with Chris at River Front with the notifications and I followed up after Lot 25 prep. They gave out 42 notifications. Some folks were on board and others not happy about moving around again.

Some questions from folks in River Front:

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- Michael Miller's tent was destroyed in the storm. Will there be tents for those who don't currently have one?
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Rosemary

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Julia Wood

From: Rosemary Menard
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: FW: Updates for move to Depot Park

Just sent you the invite.

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: FW: Updates for move to Depot Park

Would it make sense for me to also attend?

From: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: FW: Updates for move to Depot Park

We have a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss this matter.

I think we also have to be realistic about what we're going to be able to do related to relocating people, as some will undoubtedly refuse to move.

Rosemary

On Dec 16, 2021 11:39 AM, Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:
I shared this sentiment with Lee, but I also want to share it with you two. Another storm is coming. I think we need to consider evacuating the Benchlands and providing an alternate location.

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:16 AM

I hesitate to ask the question, but I must. What is our threshold for evacuating the Benchlands? It seems as though from a humanitarian and environmental perspective, we have surpassed that already.

From: Tim Shields <tshields@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Filipina Warren <fwarren@cityofsantacruz.com>; Heather Sawyer <hsawyer@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <Limwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Steve Gomez <sgomez@cityofsantacruz.com>; Cassie Bronson <cbronson@abc-law.com>; Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>; Jenna Wilson <jwilson@cityofsantacruz.com>; Reina Romero <rromero@cityofsantacruz.com>; Brandon Lima <BLima@cityofsantacruz.com>; Jose Garcia PD <jgarcia@cityofsantacruz.com>; Brian Borguno <bborguno@cityofsantacruz.com>; Chris Berry <cberry@cityofsantacruz.com>; Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>; Daniel Gutgesell

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All,

Paul Horvat spoke to the NWS yesterday and here is the latest information:

“I spoke to Brian Garcia about the potential for another storm system to impact our area next Monday December 20. While it is early, and I preface early to make a prediction, Brian said there is a 30% chance the system will hit our area hard. Which means a 70% chance it won't. I suggest that you monitor the event daily. The NWS will send out alerts as soon as they have an idea on what we may expect.”

We can discuss this at today's meeting.

Tim Shields

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FYI, attached are the updates/talking points that Elizabeth sent to the Council.

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Good Morning!

Heather, if they're from RFG, we can let them stay at Depot. We will need to have someone at both ends. Megan is going to be at the garage. She's helping pick up the van now. She's coordinating with Chris and/or Jer for the Depot intake.

Thanks for the updates, Filipina.

Go team!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2021, at 8:02 AM, Filipina Warren <fwarren@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

I just left a message with Jessi to check on availability of tents and get a count.

Yes – Mike L is moving 4 water barriers and as many barricades as possible to Depot Park. ETA is around 830am to set up.

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Great, I know of at least 3 folks who have asked.

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I was just in Lot 25 and folks are already showing up. These are folks I recognize from RFG. Do they need to return to RFG or can we work both locations and keep an update by phone or occupancy?

Thanks
Heather

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Good morning all - Before purchasing tents you can check with Jessi Bond at the Civic. She mentioned they may have tents at the Civic from the shelter.

Rachel

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2021, at 12:36 AM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi,

Hopefully the last one from me tonight! Megan pointed out and it's worth sharing that participants will need to agree to the rules before we move all of their gear to Depot Park.

Thanks all,
Lee

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Megan

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Julia Wood

From: Sonja Brunner
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 4:24 PM
To: 0 0
Cc: Rosemary Menard; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: Re: Homeless encampment in Depot Park Parking Lot?

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns!

With flooding still a risk, especially in the south section of the benchlands, unhoused residents will not be able to return to San Lorenzo Park.

The unhoused residents who took emergency shelter in the River Street Parking Garage have been moved this morning to the south parking lot at Depot Park. City staff have assisted with the transportation of both people and their belongings.

Here is the information I have received:

- At Depot Park, the area will be cordoned off from the rest of the parking lot. Campers will be given one parking stall for their belongings and will be required to keep their area tidy.
- Hygiene stations and portable toilets will be provided.
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- SCPD will be routinely and actively patrolling the park.
- Individuals are expected to remain there through at least January and possibly longer as new shelter spaces open up at 1220 River St. and the Armory.

Other News

The Homelessness Response Team is accelerating its work to stand up the Transitional Community Camp at 1220 River next week. Infrastructure is being moved into place there while camp staff is working to vet and select the individuals who will be invited to participate in that camp.

Four individuals were placed in shelter beds at the Armory.

One hundred fifty or more people remain in the Benchlands. Per direction of the City Manager, and supported by Parks & Rec, upper San Lorenzo Park is not a permissible location for the benchlands camp to relocate. SCPD is actively enforcing this area to ensure new camps are not established in the upper park area.

Fire contacted Benchland campers to make them aware of expected storms next week. They will continue outreach.

Given the persistence of rain in the forecast, staff is also in contact with the County about a possible indoor shelter location and mutual aid.

There will be additional operational details as they come available, and I have included our interim City Manager and Communications Director here as well if there any further information.

Thank you!



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On Dec 16, 2021, at 4:07 PM, 0 0 <privacy121aluas@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I live across the street from Depot Park. I was surprised to see a homeless encampment in the parking lot today. It was not there yesterday afternoon.

I understand that the encampment near the San Lorenzo River was flooded and that some people have moved from that area.

How long will there be a homeless encampment across the street from my house?

Our neighborhood strenuously objected to moving a homeless camp into the neighborhood a couple of years ago. The park is not a suitable place for a homeless encampment. I have supported agencies with actual shelters and support building and supporting shelters, but I do not think that it is reasonable to have a homeless camp appear out of the blue with no explanation.

I understand if this is a time-limited emergency situation, but I am concerned that I can't find any information about what is going on in Depot Park. I understand that emergency measures may have been taken, but I need to know that this is a temporary measure and that there will not be a homeless camp in the parking lot for more than a week or so.

What is the plan to relocate the camp from Depot Park?

A Concerned Voter Who Feels Completely Blindsided by This

Julia Wood

From: Megan Bunch
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Lee Butler; Mark Dettle; Larry Imwalle; Travis Beck; Heather Sawyer; Tony Elliot; Jose Garcia PD
Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Rosemary Menard
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I am not able to take this one today. Do Parks or Parking have staff that can order the fencing?

Megan

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To: Heather Sawyer
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As soon possible. With screening, please.

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Where do we want it?

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To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: RE: Chronology

Hi Elizabeth – are you available to talk?

Rosemary

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 2:52 PM

To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>; Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>

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Please find the chronology attached. I have an appointment from 3-4:30 but will send to Council when I return, unless Rosemary wants to forward herself.

If you have updates, send them my way before then.

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J. Elizabeth Smith

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Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.
Attachments: 21-12-18 Incident Chronology.pdf; 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Participant Agreement and Code of Conduct.pdf

Dear Councilmembers,

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Depot Park

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Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 4:58 PM
To: dl_Dept Heads
Cc: Eileen Cross; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Subject: December 30, 2021 Update

Dear Councilmembers (bcc'd),

Our need for emergency response related to potential flooding has significantly subsided as we are fortunately facing dry conditions in the next 3-4 days.

Key Weather Highlights:

- Dry conditions are expected through the next 3-4 days.
- Rain is expected to return late Monday 1/3 with showers on and off through Wednesday 1/5.
- No flooding is expected.
- Very cold, near freezing temperatures are expected over the next several nights.

Interim Chief Oatey patrolled both levees of the SLR during the morning and afternoon and found muddy conditions, with puddles and ponding of water, trash and debris. Drier conditions will enable trash clean-up. The river level is approximately 4'-6' from any encampment and no flooding is expected during the next several days.

Enforcement

On Tuesday, PD cited 17 people who were still occupying the area that is closed behind the cemetery. More work needs to be done to clean-up trash in the area, and PD will continue enforcement until the area is cleared. Wednesday night, 18 vehicles were cited in the Harvey West Park neighborhood for illegal parking.

Encampment and Transitional Sites

Benchlands:

- Clean-up efforts from the flood and rains continue, with the City contractor continuing to remove abandoned sites and manage refuse removal.
- Steward staff received a donation of blankets, which are being distributed.

Depot:

- The first patrol by Allied Universal was shifted to 7:00 am to align with the opening of the County COVID testing site, which is co-sited at Depot with the evacuation site. COVID testing hours will be expanded beginning Monday 1/3, from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.
- Allied Universal is distributing garbage bags during their 3 daily patrols of the park.

1220 River:

- The site has been demarcated and pre-inspection approval has been given by Fire.
- Camper enrollment and vetting has been underway since Monday.
- The delivery of the shower trailer will occur on Monday 1/3 and additional infrastructure will be put up early next week.
- Camper move in is schedule for Thursday 1/6 and Friday 1/7.

Staff and I will be in contact over the New Year holiday if needed for emergent situations. Otherwise, we will next update you on Monday 1/3.

Thank you,

Laura

Laura Schmidt

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Hey team,

Here is the latest from NWS. Basically cold weather weather tonight and tomorrow with rain on Tuesday and Wednesday. The coastal flooding will be mild and due to significant tidal changes. No impact expected at encampments along SLR.

The SLR river level is significantly lower and encampments are drying out without any hazards present or expected.

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KEY POINTS

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South Bay

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Monterey Bay

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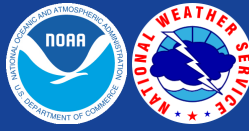
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Risk Levels legend: Little to None, Minor, Moderate, Major, Extreme

DETAILS

North Bay details including Impacts (Cold temperatures, sensitive plants, pets), Timing (tonight into Saturday morning), Confidence (high), and Freeze Warning.

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GRAPHICS



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- North Bay Interior Valleys
- Southern Salinas Valley
- Mountains of interior Monterey and San Benito Counties



- Overnight lows: From low 20s to low 30s possible
- Hours of subfreezing temps possible



- Sensitive vegetation may be damaged or killed
- Unprotected outdoor plumbing may be damaged
- All animals need warm shelter



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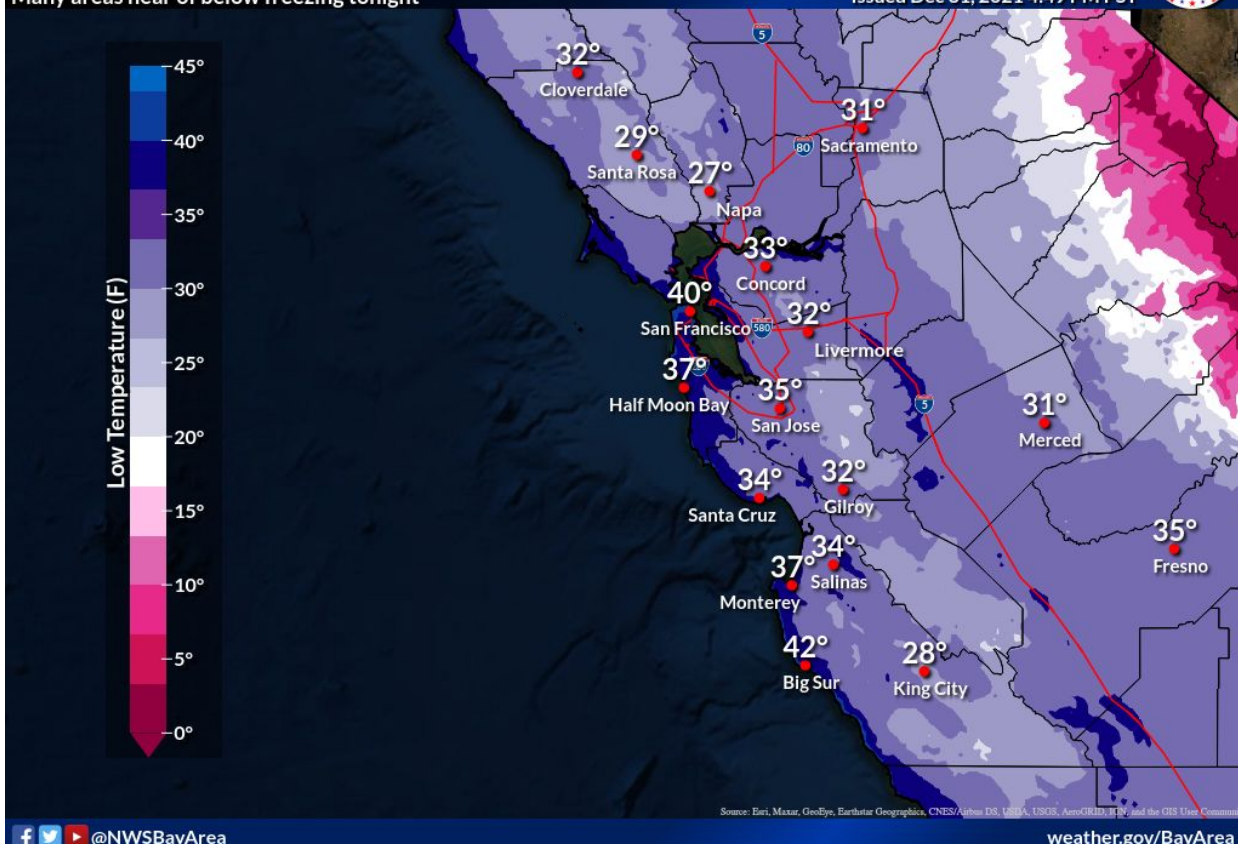
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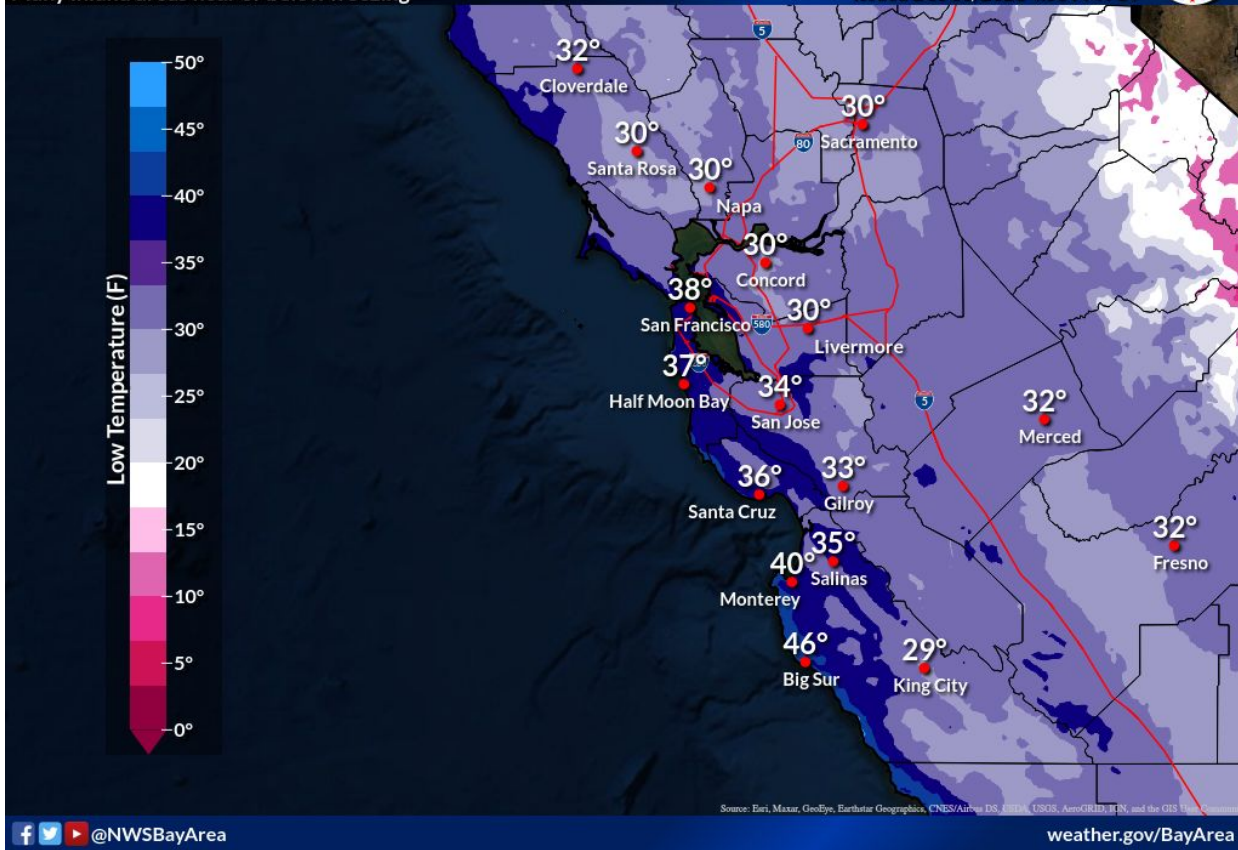
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