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Subject: bullet points

Importance: High

Hello

- Staff were called to move Porta Poties to River St. garage on Monday the 13th from San Lorenzo Park because plans were to get people over there from the Benchlands, 4 park staff members were there to move them. 1-2 hours
- We were called back at 5 pm to help move campers from San Lorenzo Park to River St. Garage. 5 hours 5 staff members from parks we worked from 5 pm to 10pm
- We were called in to move campers from the garage to Depot Park on 12/16 -12 parks staff all day

Staff had to physically load their belongings into trucks and transport them to the new locations which was dangerous. After emptying trucks loose needles were found! Most people that we moved were very grateful but some were very irate and combative. A few of the camps that were moved had a lot of stuff for example it took 4 truckloads for 1 camp, others were small 1 truck load of belongings.

Steve Gomez

Field Supervisor | Community Parks

Harvey West, Delaveaga, Depot and San Lorenzo Parks

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Hi Elizabeth – I had one ranger that helped with the evacuation on Monday. I also spent a lot of time talking to people internally and watching stream flow/weather, etc. I'm afraid we didn't track hours but if I had to estimate it would be 6 hrs of ranger time and 2 hrs of my time. It's difficult to predict the time that will be spent in the next 7 days (given the uncertainty of the weather forecast) but we will definitely spend at least 6 hrs of ranger time patrolling and moving people out of Dakota Landing and 2+ hrs watching flows and weather again.

Hope this helps.

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- assisting with transport of campers belongings out of Upper San Lorenzo Park - 5 staff members, 4 hours

12/16 - assist with transport of campers belongings from River-Front Garage to Depot Park - 10 staff members, 7 hours

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Hope this helps.

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Larry

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- Staffing support of River Front Garage (with Parking/PW and Parks)
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- ...?

Next week

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Subject: Re: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

After speaking with Mark and Brian, Angel and I will be out there tomorrow morning to install 4ft high orange barrier fence along the u shape. The back opening to the camp will be cut and zip tied shut on one side for emergency easy access.

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:24 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Sounds like we need to regroup on this.

Mark/Heather/Brian: Can we hood the meters on Center for testing and block off the whole lot, but for emergency access and the testing van?

Tony/Travis: If we can provide street parking for the testing site will that be acceptable?

Tim: If the "U" in and out of the parking lot is accessible (to emergency vehicles and the testing van only), are you okay with fencing around the evacuation site, knowing that it will impair visibility?

Megan

From: Heather Sawyer
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That limits visibility if anyone drives in. I'd rather no park the north end too. We need Fire to help work out the plan. We also need to keep a lane open for covid van, which could be the south entrance, just barricaded so general public don't enter.

I'm off Fridays just sending updates from yesterday. Filipina is off and out of town.

Heather

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On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:08 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Just around the evacuation site. Leaving the driveway around the lot and the parking on the north end available.

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Subject: Re: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

We're talking entire perimeter of the parking lot?

Heather

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On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:05 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

As soon possible. With screening, please.

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Subject: Re: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

Where do we want it?

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2021, at 9:59 AM, Megan Bunch
[<mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>](mailto:mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com) wrote:

Hi all,

I think we need to move forward with installing fencing at Depot parking. We discussed this yesterday, but I don't think anyone was assigned to make it happen. The constituent complaints are flowing in and I believe some barrier will help both the campers and the constituents.

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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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Rosemary Menard; Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler; Megan Bunch; Larry Imwalle
Subject: Chronology
Attachments: 21-12-17 Incident Chronology.docx

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To: Elizabeth Smith
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Subject: RE: Chronology
Attachments: 21-12-17 Incident Chronology LKS comments.docx

Hi Elizabeth,

Thanks for all of your hard work and quick turn around on this. Please see my comments attached.

Thank you,
Laura

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To: Elizabeth Smith
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For our discussion shortly--

Good Afternoon All –

I wanted to provide a brief update on the status of issues related to benchlands and other homelessness issues prior to the end of the day and to let you know that I'll be working with Laura Schmidt and Matt Huffaker over the weekend to ensure a smooth transition as I get ready to head out of town on Monday.

Here are the headlines:

1. Plans for additional forecasted rain storms beginning Monday have been developed staff have already initiated outreach to those occupying the low-lying area between Branciforte Creek and the San Lorenzo River and those occupying or who reoccupied areas behind the cemetery that they need to be moving to higher ground.
2. Steps are being taken today and through the weekend to reduce the potential for trash or other camp related items to end up in the river should water levels rise to the point that they did with Monday's storm.
3. If/when storms actually are imminent, additional City staff will be deployed to again advise anyone who hasn't left the at risk areas to leave the area.
4. There are no plans to set up additional locations for those vacating the at risk areas at this time.

Also, to document all of the storm related work completed during the last week, Elizabeth Smith has compiled a chronology documenting the actions taken by City staff to alert those in at risk areas regarding the coming storm and to assist those whose locations were being inundated by the rising river to relocate out of the rain and ultimately to the Depot Park parking lot.

Regarding Depot Park, as I'm sure is the case for all of you, we have been receiving a lot of telephone calls and emails regarding the community's concerns regarding camp that we established there yesterday. We acknowledge the concerns that have been raised, but there is still a lot of unhappiness related to this development. Our key talking points include:

1. This camp is not permanent;
2. This isn't an "anything goes" camp, and all participants have signed statements acknowledging the rules, which are being actively enforced by City staff; and
3. The Council took action this week that will allow staff to enable a number of initiatives that have been in the works to establish shelter and other services and those initiatives are being implemented as quickly as we possibly can so that individuals from the Depot Park area will be able to relocate to other areas. (We're hoping and working hard to have these options available beginning in early January.)

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Subject: Re: Chronology

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Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 4:45:03 PM

To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: RE: Chronology

Hi Elizabeth – are you available to talk?

Rosemary

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Friday-Sunday, December 10-12, 2021 | Preparing for the Storm

Fire Department/Emergency Operations closely monitored weather forecasts and reported to staff and leadership about the upcoming storms. During this period, the National Weather Service reported that severe storms would NOT impact the City of Santa Cruz.

To ensure individuals in low-lying areas were aware of the coming rains, Homelessness Response Team members spent eight hours outreaching to people camping in the cemetery and the Benchlands South, encouraging them to seek higher ground and working with them to clean up trash and debris to mitigate materials entering the San Lorenzo River.

Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 | All-Hands Response

Morning

The National Weather Service forecast from 6 a.m. did not predict significant changes in their prior assessment that the storm would primarily hit south of Santa Cruz – in Monterey County. City staff and public safety recognized changing conditions, and an in-person evaluation was conducted by Fire Chief Oatey and Parks and Public Works staff members. Fire consulted with USGS and NWS to get up-to-the-minute information. Chief Oatey authorized/requested an immediate evacuation of the cemetery and Benchlands South with this up-to-date, real-time information. The Water team monitored streamflow and weather.

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Midday

Five Parking Services staff set up the River Front Garage for evacuees. A senior Parking Services staff member stayed onsite to conduct intake and manage the garage site through 6 p.m. Other staff, including three Homelessness Response Team and five Parks and Recreation employees, worked to evacuate campers and transport campers and their belongings out of Upper San Lorenzo Park over the following four hours. Five additional Parks staff stayed after hours to move portable toilets to the River Street garage emergency shelter.

Emergency Services confirmed with SC County OR3 staff that supplies (blankets, cots, water, MREs) were delivered by County staff around 5 p.m. Emergency Services staff also assisted with setting up a temporary evacuation site located at River St garage. CERT volunteers and City staff distributed supplies as people checked in. Staff began canvassing the County and community partners for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location. No sites were able to be secured from that effort. Four individuals with medical vulnerabilities were able to move to the Armory shelter.

Evening

Staff remained onsite at the River Front Garage until 10 p.m. and in the Benchlands/San Lorenzo Park area until after 11 p.m. Five Parks staff were called back to assist public safety personnel by contacting people remaining in Benchlands and moving their belongings to River Front Garage until 10:00 p.m. Police staff was deployed to clear and maintain upper San Lorenzo Park as it is closed after hours. The Fire Department duty chief and additionally staffed units continued to patrol low-lying San Lorenzo River and river mouth/main beach areas. Reports indicate that the river elevated to levels of 20 feet. There were no reports of rescues.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 | Repair and Recovery

Parks conducted routine maintenance to address litter and debris throughout river and streams (riparian areas). Five Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter which had washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for around 5 hours. The team collected 261 needles and executed waste drop-off at the landfill.

The Homelessness Response Team continued staffing River Front Garage with support from Parking, Public Works and Parks and Recreation. The City's contractor for encampment trash removal at the cemetery and the Benchlands began to clear debris and trash as the water receded from low-lying areas. Analysis and planning for near and long-term shelter locations in the City was underway throughout the day. Staff continued canvassing for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 | Repair and Recovery

Parks conducted their routine maintenance to address litter, debris throughout river and streams. Five Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter which had washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for around 4 hours with more than 100 needles collected.

The Citywide Encampment Assessment Team met two times to work on the operations and logistics for standing up Depot Park as a secondary emergency evacuation area. The team provided sanitation and hygiene facilities and the plan and resources needed to move people and their belongings from the River Front Garage to the temporary evacuation area at Depot Park. Spaces were drawn in the parking lot, and the infrastructure was put into place. The team developed the participant agreement and voucher for the Depot Park location, which outlined the set of rules that participants will be required to follow

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 | Repair, Recovery and Planning

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 15 staff members, including 12 Parks and five Homelessness Response Team employees, set up and moved 40 camps from the River St. garage to Depot Park parking lot. Approx. thirty-five camps had "owners." The remaining five were abandoned at the time of the move. The Encampment Assessment Team met to debrief on the move, coordinate additional logistical needs at Depot Park, and assign duties for meeting those needs. Two Police staff were onsite at Depot Park assisting with the occupancy of the parking lot.

Cleanup and trash removal continued via a City contractor in the Benchlands. Three Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter that washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for about 2 hours. They collected 21 needles and executed one dump run.

With storms in the forecast for Monday, Dec. 20, the Citywide Encampment Assessment Team and Fire began planning and preparing for next week. Fire began gathering and reporting forecasts to city staff, updating City/department contact lists for the incident, and developing contingency plans for the City's

population given the inclement weather forecasts. As always, Fire's Emergency Services would activate EOC operations as needed.

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 | Current Conditions

The River level has subsided, and cleanup efforts continue in the low-lying areas. Approximately 150 people are still in San Lorenzo Park Benchlands. The Benchlands South area and the cemetery have been closed. A Parks staff member with an ATV and another Parks staff member were each cleaning behind the cemetery for three hours today, and the City contractor worked on cleanup at the cemetery camp for six hours today. Approximately 30 cubic yards of refuse were removed from the area, and in addition, a significant amount of metal debris was removed. Police were onsite in the cemetery while cleanup efforts were underway.

Two Homelessness Response Team staff worked to verbally inform individuals in the south Benchlands camp to vacate and were offered assistance with spaces in the north camp. The team estimates that 11 people remain. The Homelessness Response Team also continued its Depot Park temporary emergency shelter management.

The Citywide Encampment Assessment Team and Fire continued planning and preparing for next week. Fire continued gathering and reporting forecasts to City staff and developing contingency plans for inclement weather forecasts. Staff is working to identify an evacuation site for the Benchlands should one be required.

Future

While the team has not had time for a formal debrief, we have evaluated the major areas where operations went smoothly and where the team could have improved. As such, we will be even more conservative in our reliance on forecasts, continue cleanup and more readily require individuals to evacuate low-lying areas.

The City contractor will be at the Benchlands South location Saturday to clear trash and debris. FD/EOC will evaluate NWS forecasts and consult with meteorological and USGS experts daily. They will patrol the river, streams and oceanfront during the storm. They will report forecasts/findings to city staff as needed. If necessary, they will activate our EOC for emergency response to weather-related issues that need to be addressed.

Fire will continue to conduct life safety inspections of the temporary evacuation area at Depot Park. Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Water, should floods be imminent, will continue outreach to camps along San Lorenzo River and warn/advise of incoming weather and potential risks.

The temporary evacuation location is expected to remain active for the next 3-4 weeks. Securing alternate covered or indoor locations have been one of the most significant challenges of this effort and continue to pose challenges in the team's day-to-day homelessness response efforts. Staff will continue to canvass for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location.

The City Manager's Office is on point to continue proactive communications with the community and address community concerns. Please check cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness for updates.

Depot Parking Lot Camp
Participant Agreement / Camp Rules

I, _____, (hereinafter "Participant") hereby understand, acknowledge, and agree, in consideration of my participation in the Depot Parking Lot Camp (hereinafter the "Camp"), to follow and adhere to the following:

1) Camp Rules. Participant shall comply with the following key rules:

1. No violent behavior toward yourself or others;
2. No theft;
3. No open drug use;
4. Participants must utilize provided hygiene units, and Participants are strictly prohibited from urinating or defecating in the Camp or the surrounding area;
5. No open fires;
6. No weapons, fireworks, or incendiary devices;
7. No motor vehicles in the Camp;
8. Propane tanks are limited to either one (1) large (20 pound/5 gallons) or two (2) small (16 ounce camping) per campsite;
9. No aggressive behavior, inappropriate sexual comments, offensive/aggressive use of profanity, or the use of profanity around children;
10. No vandalism, misuse, or destruction of property (including fencing electrical boxes, etc.);
11. No damaging trees or any plantings/landscaping;
12. No jeopardizing the safety of any other Camp occupants or staff members;
13. No disorderly conduct on park property, per SCMC 13.08.090;
14. Domesticated pets may be permitted at the City's discretion. Any pet must be leashed at all times while outside of a tent, and pets must not exhibit aggressive behavior. Participants are responsible for taking care of their pets, including but not limited to full clean-up of all pet waste. City reserves the right to require any animal and Participant/pet-owner to leave the Camp. In no event may any Participant possess more than two domesticated pets.
15. Generally, campers' possessions must remain inside their tent, including:
 - a. No belongings are allowed in pathways or open spaces,
 - b. Only one (1) bicycle per camper is allowed,
 - c. No bike parts are allowed outside of camper's tent, and the presence of chop shops is strictly prohibited,
 - d. Encampments are at all times to be maintained in a reasonably tidy fashion, and the accumulation of needles, trash, debris, animal/human waste is strictly prohibited.
16. Participant must respect park quiet hours from 10 pm to 8 am;
17. Participants must interact with City of Santa Cruz ("City") staff, service providers, neighbors, and fellow participants with respect.

Any single violation of these rules may result in the Participant being required to leave the Camp promptly in the City's sole discretion.

- 2) **Case Management.** Participant agrees to complete an Individual Service Plan (ISP) promptly after Camp enrollment. Participant agrees to meet with City and/or County staff at least once a week to review their ISP.
- 3) **Communal Areas.** Participant acknowledges that Participant does not have exclusive use or rights over the Camp or any Camp communal areas, and shall share the Camp with other Participants and the City. Participant shall respect all Camp communal areas and keep such areas reasonably clean.
- 4) **Camp Meetings.** Participant may be required to participate in Camp meetings.
- 5) **Enrollment.** Participant must be registered to stay at this Camp, and complete the necessary enrollment paperwork. City retains discretion to determine who may stay at the Camp.
- 6) **Temporary Stay.** It is anticipated that the Camp will be operational at this location for less than 4 months. The City has no obligation to operate the Camp, and if the City chooses to cease to operate the Camp, then Participant no longer be permitted to Camp at this location.
- 7) **Non-possessory interest.** Participant acknowledges and agrees that participation in the Camp does not grant Participant any kind of possessory interest in the Camp premises at issue. Participant acknowledges and agrees that it is not the intent of the City or the Participant for this Agreement to establish any kind of landlord/ tenant relationship between the parties hereto.
- 8) **Site Maintenance and Belongings.** 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.** In the sole discretion of City staff, any site that is deemed a health hazard, or that presents a serious risk to the well-being of all community members will be removed and, if appropriate, disposed of immediately. Sites will be inspected at will by City staff. The City may require tents or Participant's belongings to be moved for cleaning or sanitizing purposes.
- 9) **Visitors.** Only enrolled participants and their guests are allowed on site. Anyone else will be considered a trespasser. Participants are responsible for making their guests aware of, and ensuring that their guests comply with, all Camp rules and expectations. Visitors are not allowed in the Camp common areas during quiet hours (10:00 pm to 8:00 am). Participant is responsible for all actions of their guests.
- 10) **Abandoned Sites.** If a site reasonably appears to be abandoned and is not occupied for 72 hours, an abandoned property notice will be posted, and the tent

and all of its belongings may be disposed of. If Participant plans to be away for an extended period of time, Participant must let City staff know, and provisions may be made to assure that belongings are not discarded.

11) Termination. Participant may be asked to leave the Camp for any reason, at any time, in the City's sole discretion. Any violation of the expectations or guidelines in this Agreement may result in the Participant being required to leave the Camp immediately.

Under most circumstances, the City anticipates that this Camp will use a three-tier safety plan before participants will be required to permanently exit the Camp:

Tier 1: Participant will be verbally informed of violation of Participant Expectations Agreement.

Tier 2: Assuming the problem persists, a Safety or Corrections Plan will be written. Participant will identify the unsafe behavior and a remedy will be drafted.

Tier 3: If the problem continues to persist, the Participant will be required to promptly leave the Camp.

12) Storage of Personal Effects. In the case of abandonment or eviction, the City may store Participant's personal effects for up to 90 days. Personal effects that remain unclaimed after ninety days may be discarded, recycled, dedicated for public use, or given to a nonprofit agency for charitable use.

13) Respect. Participants are expected to treat both themselves, community members, and their surroundings with respect and dignity at all times.

14) Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity

Participant understands, acknowledges, and agrees to follow and abide by all the expectations and rules listed above. Participant furthermore understands and agrees that failure to do so will result in Participant being removed from the Camp and barred from entry onto the Camp premises, in the City's sole discretion.

Participant furthermore, on Participant's own behalf and behalf of Participant's dependents, heirs, successors and/or assigns, expressly agrees to indemnify, discharge, release, and hold harmless the City of Santa Cruz and its officials, officers, agents, contractors, service providers, employees and volunteers (hereinafter the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, or liability of whatever nature resulting from or in any way related to Participant's use of Camp facilities or Participant's participation in the Camp and related activities therein.

Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant's participation in the Camp may expose Participant to risk and perils, both anticipated and unanticipated, including

but not limited to, risks of illness, injury, property damage, or death. Participant therefore acknowledges that Participant is voluntarily participating in the Camp with knowledge of any dangers and risks involved. Participant hereby agrees to accept and assume any and all risks, including the risk of injury, illness, property damage, or death. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Camp, Participant hereby agrees to indemnify, discharge, release and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, or liability (including attorneys' fees and defense costs) for illness, bodily injury or property damage arising from or in any way related to Participant's use of Camp facilities or Participant's participation in the Camp. Participant further agrees not to assert any claim, institute any suit or other legal process against the City of Santa Cruz, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers for injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from or in any way related to Participant's participation in the Camp or Participant's use of the Camp facilities.

Participant accepts the Camp in its "AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS" condition. Participant acknowledges and agrees that the City has made no representations as to the condition of the Camp or the suitability or safety of the Camp for any purpose whatsoever.

Participant furthermore understands and agrees that these Participant Expectations and Camp rules may be modified or updated from time-to-time, and that Participant may be required to execute an updated Agreement as a condition of Participant's continued participation in the Camp and use of facilities. Participant acknowledges and agrees that Participant is staying at the Camp free of charge and that Participant is not a tenant of the Camp.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING MY NAME TO THIS AGREEMENT AND BY DOING SO AM ACCEPTING ITS TERMS AS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY HEIRS, AGENTS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASSIGNS. I FURTHER CERTIFY MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND ALL OTHERS NAMED IN THIS AGREEMENT.

Participant's Printed Name

Participant's Signature

Staff Signature

Date

Julia Wood

From: sheri@saecommunications.com
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith; Laura Schmidt
Cc: 'Scott Summerfield'
Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] drafts: comms outline, key messages/Qs
Attachments: 12-18-21 v1 storm-homeless comms plan.docx; 12-18-2021 v1 Storm-general messages Q-A.docx

We hope these first drafts are helpful. Let us know what's needed today?

Sheri and Scott

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From: sheri@saecommunications.com
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Laura Schmidt; 'Scott Summerfield'
Subject: RE: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Thanks! Amazing amount of work.

Just sent two docs for your review.

Sheri and Scott

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Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Sheri Benninghoven <sher@saecommunications.com>
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Subject: FW: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

FYI

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:41 AM
To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>, Robert Oatey <roatey@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Dear Councilmembers,

Please find a detailed chronology of City staff's work over the past week ahead of and in response to the storm attached for your information. Please also find the participant agreement for the Depot Park temporary evacuation site. Below you will find some details expanding on Rosemary's talking points about that site for your conversations with constituents.

Depot Park

- This is a temporary evacuation site.
- Individuals signed agreements to participate. Enforcement of these rules is occurring daily through Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Police oversight.
- Homelessness Response Team staff are onsite every day to meet with individuals at the camp to ensure campers are adhering to the rules and the location is clean.
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implemented as quickly as we possibly can so that individuals from the Depot Park area will be able to relocate to other areas as soon as possible. We're working hard to have at least some of these options available beginning in early January with others coming online through the month.

- Staff will continue working to connect these individuals with shelter beds, Homeward Bound, or other County services as they are available.

I will be updating [the cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness](http://the.cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness) website with this information this morning. Please send any constituents to that site for updates or questions.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 5:08 PM

To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>, Robert Oatey <roatey@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com>

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Wishing you all a wonderful holiday.

Rosemary

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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Sandy Brown; Rosemary Menard
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Hi Sandy,

Depot Park is currently fully subscribed, but we will keep you updated if spots do become available. The team continues to try to get folks into the Armory or other shelters if spaces open up.

I'm so sorry to hear about your stepmom. Sending best wishes to you and your family and healing vibes for your stepmom.

Elizabeth

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From: Sandy Brown <sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Hi all,

Thank you for keeping the council updated about responses to homeless encampments adjacent to the San Lorenzo River and in the Benchlands. I am getting questions from people in the community who want to help and am directing them to the City website, DTS, and several mutual aid groups that I am aware of but am not sure what to say about whether the City is still admitting people to the Depot Park location (understanding that they would need to follow the proper intake and agreements and standards established by the City. Can someone on the team advise?

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to everyone who has stepped up to try to navigate these extremely difficult circumstances. I imagine you are getting pushback from all sides on top of the logistical and resource challenges. My stepmom recently had a stroke and I am away visiting her at the moment but would like to help communicate accurate info as much as possible.

All the best to you and yours this holiday season.

Sandy

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From: Rosemary Menard

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 5:08:20 PM

To: Rosemary Menard

Cc: Laura Schmidt; Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante

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From: Laura Schmidt
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 6:41 PM
To: sheri@saecommunications.com; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] 12-18-2021 v2 Storm-general messages Q-A
Attachments: 12-18-2021 v2 Storm-general messages Q-A v03.docx; 12-18-21 v1 storm-homeless comms plan v02.docx

Edited docs attached.

Thank you,
Laura

From: sheri@saecommunications.com <sheri@saecommunications.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] 12-18-2021 v2 Storm-general messages Q-A

Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Sonja Brunner; Larry Imwalle; Lee Butler; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante; Mark Dettle; Tony Elliot; Laura Schmidt
Cc: Sheri Benninghoven; 'Scott Summerfield'
Subject: Materials for 4:30 p.m. briefing
Attachments: SC mayor video script v2 12-19-21.docx; 21-12-19 City Readying Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms v3.docx; 12-19-21 v1 Media Advisory Storm homeless prep.docx; 12-19-2021 v4 Storm-general messages Q-A.docx; 12-19-21 v2 storm-homeless comms plan.docx

All,

We will be going over the attached at our 4:30 briefing. Please send any edits my way as soon as you are able to review.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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J. Elizabeth Smith

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From: Elizabeth Smith
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To: Megan Bunch
Cc: Larry Imwalle
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Megan, if you have any edits to these please send them my way. I meant to copy you on the original message as an FYI. Working on a press briefing for romorrow

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Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 4:09:54 PM
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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 11:28 PM
To: Sonja Brunner; Laura Schmidt; Sheri Benninghoven; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante; Larry Imwalle; Tony Elliot; Nathan Nguyen
Subject: Re: Media Briefing: Readyng Assistance for Unhoused in Advance of Storms
Attachments: 21-12-19 City Readyng Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms_final.docx; 12-19-2021 Storm-general messages Q-A_final.docx; 12-19-21 v2 storm-homeless comms plan.docx

Documents for tomorrow's briefing attached for your reference. We will send out the press release between 11 and 12 prior to the briefing.

If you see anything that needs to be updated, don't hesitate to let me know (despite the files saying final). We want to get it right.

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 5:53 PM
To: Sonja Brunner <sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com>, Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Sheri Benninghoven <sheri@saecommunications.com>, Robert Oatey <roatey@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>, Nathan Nguyen <nnguyen@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Media Briefing: Readyng Assistance for Unhoused in Advance of Storms

City Manager's Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Media Briefing: Readyng Assistance for Unhoused in Advance of Storms
Time: Dec 20, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Sonja Brunner; Laura Schmidt; Sheri Benninghoven; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante; Larry Imwalle; Tony Elliot; Nathan Nguyen
Subject: Re: Media Briefing: Readying Assistance for Unhoused in Advance of Storms
Attachments: 12-20-2021 Storm-general messages Q-A_v7.docx; SC mayor press conf TPs v5 12-20-21.docx; 21-12-20 City Readying Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms_final.docx; 12-19-21 v2 storm-homeless comms plan.docx

Updated docs. Added a Q/A about current Countywide shelter capacity and proof points related to cleanup efforts/environment.

These should stand until the briefing.

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 11:27 PM
To: Sonja Brunner <sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com>, Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Sheri Benninghoven <sheri@saecommunications.com>, Robert Oatey <roatey@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>, Nathan Nguyen <nnguyen@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Media Briefing: Readying Assistance for Unhoused in Advance of Storms

Documents for tomorrow's briefing attached for your reference. We will send out the press release between 11 and 12 prior to the briefing.

If you see anything that needs to be updated, don't hesitate to let me know (despite the files saying final). We want to get it right.

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 5:53 PM
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From: Larry Imwalle
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith; Sonja Brunner
Subject: RE: Immediate Release | City Readyng Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms

Hi Elizabeth,

I'm available, and my calendar is flexible most of the day. No scheduled meetings. I need to be onsite at Depot Park at some time, and need to connect with some community partners, but I can work on those calls around depending on what works for Adriana.

Best,

Larry

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Would either of you be available to speak with Adriana from Univision tomorrow? If yes, please let me know what times would work for you.

From: "afrederick@entravision.com" <afrederick@entravision.com>
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 at 12:28 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Immediate Release | City Readyng Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms

who will be available for interviews tomorrow?

thank you:)

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:



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City Readyng Houseless Assistance in Advance of Storms

All Departments on Standby, Health and Safety Plans Under Way

SANTA CRUZ, CA – With potentially heavy rainfall predicted to arrive again this week, the City of Santa Cruz is putting into place emergency response measures to protect all residents, with a particular focus on unhoused people living along the benchlands area of the San Lorenzo River.

“Job 1 of the City is to protect lives, especially among our most vulnerable,” said Santa Cruz Mayor Sonja Brunner. “While the rain and storm forecast for this week is less severe than last week, these storms could still present a threat to people sheltering outdoors in low-lying areas along the San Lorenzo River. We strongly recommend evacuation from these areas. All City departments have been actively working every day to prepare for the storm impacts for all residents,” she added.

The City has put all City departments on standby should the incoming storms again cause flooding in lower San Lorenzo Park and threaten the sanctioned homeless camp adjacent to the river. Proactive steps include readyng the activation of the emergency operation center, receiving regular updates from the National Weather Service and putting outreach teams on standby.

“This winter has brought new challenges to our community in helping unhoused people,” Brunner said. “Many well-known sheltering and warming locations that were available in years past are now unavailable due to the use of COVID-19 sheltering for vulnerable populations, and the City continues to explore all potential shelter options,” she noted. Sites such as Kaiser Permanente Arena, the Civic Auditorium, various parking garages and schools are not options since they are open and booked with activities this winter when they were generally closed and available last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A chronology of the City’s efforts prior to, during, and after last week’s storm can be found on cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness. The City continues to take steps to address health, safety and winter shelter for unhoused people, including:

- Outreach to those living in the park to ensure they are aware of potential dangers and their options
- Preparing to clear the camp in the Benchlands should the threat to lives of those living there increases
- Working to identify, with non-profit agencies, emergency sheltering options in the case of extreme cold and rainy conditions
- Creating updated winter shelter plans due to the loss of numerous options for emergency assistance

“While homelessness is an issue throughout our state, we have a responsibility right here in Santa Cruz to help those who need it most. This is a systemic issue, which means it's not easy and won't be solved immediately. We certainly cannot fix this crisis without the help of local partners, the county, the state, the federal government and members of this community,” Brunner said. “We are grateful for the one-time funds coming from the state to assist with this crisis. For long-term solutions, we need everyone's creativity, strengthened partnerships and a tremendous amount of ongoing financial help to make a dent in the overall issue of homelessness.”

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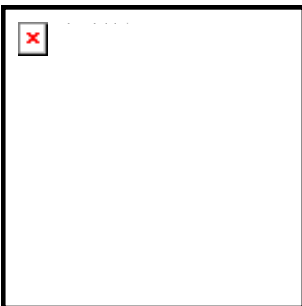
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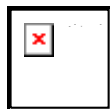
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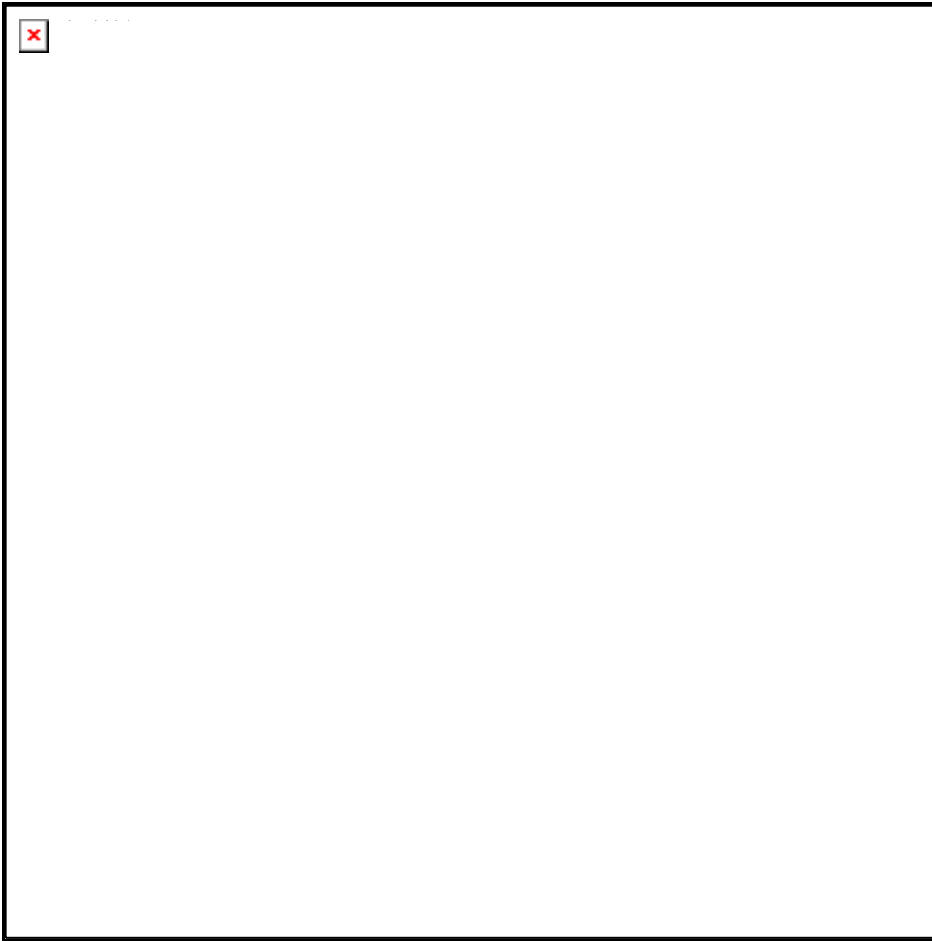
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Julia Wood

From: sheri@saecommunications.com
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith; Laura Schmidt
Cc: 'Scott Summerfield'
Subject: Questions asked at today's press conf / notes with answers

1. With recommendation to leave the benchlands, where should people go?
 - a. ES: Working on that. Room on northern part of benchlands. Relocate to that area for now, as we continue to try to locate new spaces to go.
2. Benchlands is often a problem. What does the longer-term plan look like, for continuing heavy rain, storms?
 - a. Rob: working as we speak contacting those in the low-lying areas.
3. Recommend people leave, allowed to evacuate them and force to leave? Federal court decision involved?
 - a. North part is still an option. Recommend move out. Re: enforcement: RO: had a proactive approach, and out there today, warning them, need to clear out for their safety and their possession. Law enforcement does have the authority to move people, however we are just trying to make sure they leave for their own safety. Bernie: The evac are not related to the federal case, re camping outdoors. It is all for their safety due to rising water level. Comes from a different mindset.
4. Depot Park: some moved back there. Allowed to go there, sanctioned?
 - a. LW: Depot Park is a location that the city identified as a temporary shelter.
5. Asking, warning with storm approaching. Best to move away from floodplain. But they have their possessions. Any resources to help move possessions.
 - a. ES: did help move to River St garage and then to Depot Park. As of right now, have people leaning up and moving materials. Two camp stewards helping people moving their things to higher areas. Upper area is still wet. Looking for other options for shelter. Do have staff on site. But up to each individual to move their things. Can bring trucks, people to help move their things.
6. Given the life safety, camping in floodplain ... plans so there is an option to make people move. Plans to mandate?
 - a. ES: Watching that very closely.
 - b. RO: safety is the #1 concern, take seriously. Very aggressive and proactive working with NWS and other partners. Making the best decisions. Out there communicating everyone in those areas that need to leave based on weather. Will recontact people as needed. Have plans for rescue and recovery if need but best is to work proactively.
 - c. LI: reach out to nonprofit partners, county, looking for alternative shelter capacity. Exploring ongoing options as well as current flooding potential.
7. Considering allowing people to move to San Lorenzo Park in upper area/park area as in the past.
 - a. LS: we are asking people to seek higher ground and that is an option to move to.
 - b. RO: yes, in evacuation, should move to higher ground. Get away from rising waters. Working closely with multiple other partners to move people.
 - c. ES: can offer benchlands as sanctioned area. Will hold to that unless the threat to health and safety is threatened. Should keep the terms of the injunction and keep upper part of the park clear. Goal is to not reoccupy the park, in the interest of neighbors and to provide certain services.
8. Any idea how many emergency shelter beds available?
 - a. ES: we understand from the county that we are full. Did place 4 people in last storm in armory who were medically vulnerable. As you know, based on covid 19 work by county to house medically vulnerable, have many beds, limited ability to find emergency shelter beds. Trying to find locations but staffing is an issue. To support this population. Calling on community to help us solve this problem. Struggling to find staffing and space to support our unhoused residents through the storm.

9. In terms of personal belongings and debris swept into the river, are there plans to clean that up?
 - a. TE: Before the storms, a lot of the work of PR was preventative. Have re-occurring teams along the river in prevention manner. Have environmental partners to clear/clean riparian areas. After the storms, we responded: had full teams cleaning out the levy, river area, park, main beach and river mouth. Some materials into the bay, so wharf crew assisted with cleanup. Preventative, proactive, continued. Then response too.
10. Depot Park site: how ultimately decided v upper SLPark, what is capacity there. Allowing people to come there?
 - a. LI: Established as a longer term but temporary location from RStreet garage. Capacity is about 32 people. It is full now, no addl capacity.
11. Where is there add'l capacity, next steps to create capacity?
 - a. LI: encourage people to seek higher ground, go to higher SLP, do that immediately. At same time, reaching out to community partners for space to use as emergency shelter. Longer term: working on addl shelter capacity, to council last week: Armory, 2 transitional community camps, online in Jan. Those are ongoing effort to build capacity.
12. Forecast/etc?
 - a. RO: Relocating people: access for all city services, esp public safety. PD and FD must be able to get to people, a factor for semi perm use. Weather: 4-6" over 5-6 days. Now late tomorrow through Sunday, have sustained rains ½ to 1" rate, 3-5 inches. Water Dpt and USGS: do not believe there will be addl flooding, but of course, be aggressive in monitoring. Making plans accordingly.
13. Area behind the cemetery? Not sanctioned. But people back there. How much impacted?
 - a. RO: water quickly rising on Monday, did impact the area the most, then benchlands south ... biggest impacted areas. Still had some people stay in cemetery area, and more moving back. We are back out there that they stay out of that area during storm season.
14. Depot Park area was temporary. How long people stay there. Residents' concern?
 - a. LI: The time frame is undetermined, dictated by storm and ability to find addl shelter capacity. No definitive date.
 - b. ES: intent is that early Jan would be the time to close that use.
15. How many individuals have come forward to ask to be moved. Is there interest among people to go into temporary shelters?
 - a. LI: no specific information, our outreach is to encourage to move out of low lying areas, connect to any available spaces. Cannot quantify number of requests. ES:
 - b. There were 40-50 at RS Garage, who then were moved to Depot Park.

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Ken Bare

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Julia Wood

From: Lisa Murphy
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:05 PM
To: dl_Dept Heads
Subject: FW: FW: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

Good afternoon

The Union is requesting a list of names of employees who worked to move the homeless to the river street garage and to the Depot Park. please let me know if you can do that.

Lisa

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From: payparking <payparking@comcast.net>
Date: 12/20/21 6:32 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Lisa Murphy <LMurphy@cityofsantacruz.com>, Ken Bare <KBare@cityofsantacruz.com>, Katy Bradley <Katy.Bradley@seiu521.org>
Subject: RE: FW: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

While we work out a date for the meeting please send me the list of SEIU represented employees assigned to the moves and the garage used as a shelter while the homeless were there.

Thanks

Ken

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From: Lisa Murphy <LMurphy@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: 12/19/21 7:59 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: payparking <payparking@comcast.net>, Ken Bare <KBare@cityofsantacruz.com>, Katy Bradley <Katy.Bradley@seiu521.org>
Subject: FW: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

Can we meet next week? I'm on vacation, so anytime works for me.

Lisa

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From: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: 12/19/21 4:14 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Lisa Murphy <LMurphy@cityofsantacruz.com>, Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Fwd: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

FYI

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From: Ken Bare <KBare@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: Dec 19, 2021 3:16 PM

Subject: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

To: City Mgr <CMgr@cityofsantacruz.com>, Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc:

Hello,

I believe the use of SEIU represented employees as movers for the homeless and the housing of the homeless in a parking garage constitutes changes in working conditions and the Union should have been contacted to negotiate these changes. Please refrain from directing SEIU represented employees from doing this work until we have reached an agreement.

Thank you,

Ken Bare

City of Santa Cruz Chapter President SEIU 521

From: payparking [mailto:payparking@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 1:12 PM

To: Ken Bare <KBare@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: FW: RE: Who is in charge?

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Date: 12/18/21 9:23 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Joe McMullen <jmcmullen@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: 'Katy Bradley' <Katy.Bradley@seiu521.org>

Subject: RE: Who is in charge?

Thank you for the information. After talking to some of the employees, consulting a calander, and seeing the area after the fact I disagree with the characterisation of there being an emergency. There was a lack of planing and part of that was the failure was not consulting with the union prior to the change in working conditions. I would like to speak to all of the employees that participated in both moves and maintaining the new camps. Please provide a list of those employees.

Thank you

Ken Bare

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From: Joe McMullen <jmcmullen@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: 12/16/21 2:25 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: 'payparking' <payparking@comcast.net>

Cc: 'Katy Bradley' <Katy.Bradley@seiu521.org>

Subject: RE: Who is in charge?

Hi Ken - as far as I understand it the direction came from the City Manager's office. It's characterized as a life safety issue where emergency action had to be taken to save lives, including both the move from the Benchlands to the garage and from the garage to Depot Park.

Joe McMullen, Principal HR Analyst

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From: payparking <payparking@comcast.net>
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To: Joe McMullen <jmcmullen@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: 'Katy Bradley' <Katy.Bradley@seiu521.org>
Subject: Who is in charge?

Who is in charge of the moving of homeless into one of the garages and the move of the homeless into Depot Park?

I think we should have discussed changes in working conditions prior to either of these moves.

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From: Heather Sawyer
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Travis Beck; Megan Bunch
Cc: Tim Shields; Lee Butler; Mark Dettle; Larry Imwalle; Tony Elliot; Jose Garcia PD; Elizabeth Smith; Rosemary Menard; Filipina Warren; Brian Borguno; Jon Bush; Paul Fortino
Subject: RE: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

Just and idea, can we place a lidded heavy duty brute trash can and put the sharps container inside. Would CMO outreach take responsibility to dispose of full sharps container and put in replacement? Do we need it out in full view?

Heather

From: Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Heather Sawyer <hsawyer@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Travis

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In the meantime, we'll need to respond to Councilmember inquiries (and public inquiries) such as the one below. Laura, happy to chat tomorrow about specifics if you'd like, or would you prefer that we continue to keep it general, including in responses to the Councilmembers? At this point, I am fine with continuing the general response.... We are aiming to set up the 1220 River St. camp early next year. *(Larry, if we can get specific timing or shift that to next week instead of the following, that would be great, but I recognize that we may not have staff to assist with setting things up like the large tent, and Chris/Jer are providing a lot of assistance at Depot, Benchlands, and the cemetery.)* Some individuals from Depot Park will be able to move to that new location. The exact timing of the City Overlook Camp at the Armory is still yet to be determined, but it is expected to be between late January to early/mid February. It is unclear whether the Depot Park camp will remain until the new camp opens at the Armory, but it is not expected that the Depot Park camp will remain in place following the opening of the City Overlook Camp.

Thoughts?

Thanks,
Lee

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson <SKalantari-Johnson@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: December 20, 2021 at 7:46:32 PM PST
To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson <SKalantari-Johnson@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Sonja Brunner <sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com>, Laura Schmidt

<LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Fwd: Depot park

Please see below

What is the plan/timeline for moving the campers at depot?

Thank you

Shebreh

Sent from my iPhone

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From: andrew mora <andrewbmora@hotmail.com>

Date: December 20, 2021 at 5:58:39 PM PST

To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson <SKalantari-Johnson@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Depot park

Good evening

My names Andy Mora and I work for the city in public works. I'm writing this because I'm getting more and more disgusted with the way the homeless are treated compared to the working class. I live just down the street from depot park and my 17 year old USED to walk that way to school. If the camp is still there when school returns she'll have to walk up and around. I know parents who's kids used to use the bike park and now that's out. I understand people need help sometimes. I was there once in my life, but you can't help people that don't want to help themselves, and that's not all of them. When does there safety trump my daughters safety. Don't put blinders on and think there not using and doing shady things there. Have random drug tests. I do it for my job. I see needles all over this town daily I know people from the hotel across the street have had bikes stolen this weekend. Give the parks back to the kids and the people that work hard everyday. Where do you live. Put them in a park there. Garfield? Meder? Westlake? That's higher ground. It's illegal for my 17 to carry pepper spray what's here defense walking through that slum. Would you let your kids walk through there at night by themselves? You need to think more of the people that make this community what it is and not the ones out wrecking it. Sorry spelling is bad and punctuation but I'm just a blue collar guy trying to raise a daughter in this what could be a beautiful place.

Seriously Disgusted
Andrew Mora

Sent from my iPhone

Julia Wood

From: Laura Schmidt
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 8:41 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Tremain Hedden-Jones; Travis Beck; Larry Imwalle
Subject: RE: What's the plan for San Lorenzo Park and the benchlands??

Hi Elizabeth,

Can you please draft a standard response that can be altered?

Thank you,
Laura

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>; Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <Limwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Tremain Hedden-Jones <tjones@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Not in my queue. Laura/Lee, since this went to City Council, how would you like to handle? Happy to respond but also overjoyed to pass it off. ☺ I can also split the difference and draft a standard response that can be altered based on the specifics of the inquiry.

It would be great to establish some guidelines for this, Depot Park, and homelessness complaints in general. We can expect these inquiries to persist given the increased attention on the issue.

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Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 6:07:14 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Tremain Hedden-Jones <tjones@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Hi Elizabeth,

This timely inquiry came our way. Is this in your queue to respond to?

Travis

From: Tremain Hedden-Jones
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>
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FYI

Tremain Hedden-Jones

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From: EllyKadner [<mailto:elly.kadner@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:31 PM

To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; Parks and Rec <parksandrec@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: What's the plan for San Lorenzo Park and the benchlands??

Dear city council members, Dear Parks and Rec,

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Last time this happened it took months in court and presumably, thousands of taxpayer dollars to at least move the camp away from the pond and playground. I was in touch with ABC law throughout the process and provided a signed declaration for the city. As you know, in hearing after hearing the judge sided with the homeless activist group. **One of the arguments that the judge used against the city was that this had been tolerated for MONTHS by the city.**

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The benchlands camp looks fuller than ever, including the space behind the fence that says 'area closed'. All along the benchlands there used to be an 'alley' with one tent on each side and space around each tent. The campsites are now very close to one another and are no longer just a single file on each side of the middle alley. It has grown in length as well and stretches from Water St to Soquel.

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Respectfully,

Elly Kadner
Local resident

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Scott and Sheri

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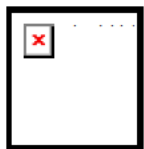
Hi Sonja,

I was out of pocket today with my stepson for a previously scheduled outing that I got him for Christmas, so just seeing this. I can take a look at this and other constituent concerns tomorrow morning.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Sonja Brunner <sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com>
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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 8:49 AM
To: Laura Schmidt
Subject: Re: Dec. 22, 2021 - Evening Update

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From: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 12:02:10 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: Dec. 22, 2021 - Evening Update

Hi Elizabeth,

Thanks for sending. I was making Christmas gifts and didn't see your text.

Thank you,
Laura

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 9:55 PM
Cc: dl_Dept Heads <dl_DeptHeads@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <Limwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Dec. 22, 2021 - Evening Update

Dear Councilmembers (bcced),

Below is your update for Dec. 22, 2021.

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There has been no significant weather updates to report. Over the last 24 hours, we have received .45" of rain and expect .5"-1" through Friday. The valley will receive 1"-1.5" over the same time period. There is the potential for thunderstorms tomorrow, but, again, no threat of flooding at this time. No forecasted flooding in SLR.

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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Tony Elliot; Bernie Escalante
Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Laura Schmidt; Mark Dettle; Larry Imwalle
Subject: Patrols at Depot Park camp

Hi Tony and Bernie,

Tony, I think you or Travis mentioned having First Alarm under contract to patrol parks after hours and the potential for them to go through Depot Park more regularly than other places given the presence of the camp. Am I recalling correctly and is that additional focus happening?

Bernie, would additional First Alarm patrols be helpful at the Depot Park camp? If so, how would those be most effective? I think that driving through – around the loop – would not do much at all and foot patrol though the camp would be needed. Your thoughts are appreciated.

We have limited ability to bring more management staff on in the immediate term.

Thanks,
Lee

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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 4:26 PM
To: 'wes.walker@aus.com'
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Laura Schmidt; Mark Dettle; Bernie Escalante; Elizabeth Smith
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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Megan Bunch; Larry Imwalle
Cc: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: potential camp assistance (first batch)

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Looping in Elizabeth for messaging – re: exploring options for assistance with enforcement efforts – both temp staff below and First Alarm.

From: Megan Bunch
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Larry Imwalle
Cc: Lee Butler
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I don't recognize these names. Yes, we should run them by Chris and Jer.

Chris is being paid \$40 an hour and Jer \$30 an hour. (We need to reclassify Jer, he and Chris are doing the same work.)

Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2021, at 12:28 PM, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi,

From Evan Morrison - Here are three prospective temporary staff to support camp management. Do we know any of these people? Should I reach out to Chris & Jer to see? I can do the contact, it would just be good to know who we know.

Also - do we have a sense of compensation, hours, timeframe or employment. Some people might be open and flexible to very short term and a few hours. As I discovered with Evan, some people may need a more solid commitment to make on this kind of assignment.

Larry

Larry Imwalle
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Evan Morrison <evan@thefreeguide.org>
Date: December 23, 2021 at 11:55:20 AM PST
To: Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: potential camp assistance (first batch)

John Shea (831) 227-1983 jsheajr@gmail.com

Robert Endacott-Keller (831) 435-8445 giveback2santacruz@gmail.com

I expect I'll find a few more in the next couple of days. Also, have you been in touch with Rafa Sonnenfeld?

Evan Morrison
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From: Rachel Kaufman
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Tony Elliot; Travis Beck
Subject: Council Updates

Hi Elizabeth,

Below is the update for Monday Dec 27th from Parks and Recreation for Council:

Emergency Preparedness: no update

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Cleanup efforts: Parks staff continue to clean trash left by campers or motorhomes at Harvey West Park. Wharf staff continue their regular cleanup of the beach and river mouth this morning. The crew estimates picking up 20 needles this morning. The word, "sorry" was spray painted on the bulkhead of the Wharf between the outflow and the Wharf on the Cowell Beach side. The Wharf crew will remove the graffiti.

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Let me know if there is additional information you are looking for in these updates.

Thank you,

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Julia Wood

From: Robert Oatey
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: Update to Council today

Elizabeth,

I have pasted the latest NWS forecast for this week below.

Here are the key points for this week's forecast:

KEY POINTS

Rainy, cold, unsettled pattern expected Tonight through Wednesday.
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Rapid rises on streams and creeks possible, but should remain below flood stage.
Much colder air to move into the region early Tuesday morning and this weekend.
Low elevation snow may be possible Tuesday, mainly above 1500 feet, but cannot rule out trace amounts in the North and East Bay Valleys.
Cold air remains in place for much of the work week, with overnight temperatures in the mid to upper 30s for Tuesday through Friday.
Colder temperatures in the forecast area wide for Saturday and Sunday.

In terms of the encampments along the SLR, I patrolled both levees of the SLR this morning and found the river level to still be 3'-5' below any encampment. This afternoon, I patrolled the same areas and found the water to be down another foot or so below (4'-6') any encampments. There is no expected flooding forecasted in these areas and no advisories or warnings issued for rain or wind.

Over the next two days, the on/off precipitation is forecasted to bring .5"-.75" with no flooding expected in the encampments along the SLR in the city.

FD will continue to monitor the SLR encampments and the weather over the next 48-72 hours and report any significant changes as needed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Unsettled weather Tonight through Wednesday with cold temperatures this weekend

Bottom line up front (BLUF): Another system will bring more rain showers to the area later tonight, with rain lingering through Wednesday afternoon. This colder system will drop snow levels to around 1500ft late tonight. Snow levels will be quick to rise Tuesday morning to around 3000ft, and we persist there for the remainder of the rain. Temperatures will fall to at or near freezing Tuesday morning area wide. Intermittent rain showers will continue through Wednesday. Minor nuance flooding can be expected with this additional rainfall, as the ground is already saturated. There is a break from the rain towards the end of the week and for the weekend. Temperatures will remain cool through Friday. There is a chance for minimum temperatures to drop down to freezing again this weekend for most of the area. Rain chances are back in the forecast for early next week.

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WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence.

	Mon 12/27	Tue 12/28	Wed 12/29	Thu 12/30	Fri 12/31	Sat 1/1	Sun 1/2
North Bay Santa Rosa, Napa, San Rafael	Rain	Rain Cold Snow	Rain Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold
East Bay Oakland, Concord, Livermore	Rain	Rain Cold Snow	Rain Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold
South Bay San Jose, Gilroy	Rain	Rain Cold Snow	Rain Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold
SF Peninsula Half Moon Bay, Pacifica	Rain	Rain Cold Snow	Rain Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold
Central Coast Santa Cruz, Salinas, Monterey, Big Sur	Rain	Rain Cold Snow	Rain Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold	Cold
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme		

DETAILS

Wet pattern this week

Periods of moderate rain expected through the Wednesday region-wide (Sonoma/Napa counties southward to Monterey/San Benito counties).

- See storm total rain and snow graphics for estimates covering today (12/27/21) through night of 12/30/21.
- Windows of opportunity for heaviest rain to occur Tuesday morning through late afternoon.
- Snow chances for elevations above 1500ft tonight into Tuesday morning. Rain/ Snow mix potential for elevations from 1000ft to 1500ft, especially in the North Bay.
- Cold overnight and early morning temperatures through the forecast period; with the coldest being Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

Impacts:

- Hazardous travel with slick road conditions coupled with heavier holiday traffic.
- Ponding on roads & freeway off-ramps possible.
- Potential for minor flooding in low-lying or poor drainage areas.
- Rises in rivers and streams expected, but should remain below flood levels given the current forecast outlook.
- Burn Scar debris flow potential appears limited since the rain will be spread out over many days instead of continuous heavy rain in a short timeframe.
- Rain rates should generally stay below thresholds for debris flows, but can't entirely rule out periods of higher rain rates.
- Potential for non-burn scar shallow mudslides since soils are saturated.
- Cold sensitive plants may be impacted.
- Unsheltered populations may experience hypothermia.
- Black ice may form on roadways in elevations above 1000ft

Please monitor forecast updates as details and timing may change.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For the latest forecast updates, visit [weather.gov/bayarea](https://www.weather.gov/bayarea).

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Subject: Update to Council today

Hi all,

We'll start back up the updates to Council this week with a focus on any new developments in the homelessness space. Please send any updates by 5 p.m. each day this week.

As a reminder, the topics we want to cover are:

Emergency Preparedness

Outreach, including placing people into shelter

Enforcement

Cleanup efforts

Site-specific updates: Benchlands/Upper SLP, Depot Park, Armory, Harvey West (if we see any activity there), HWY 1/9

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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Subject: Re: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Hi Team,

Any updates for today other than what I've received from Fire and the Homelessness Response Team?

Elizabeth

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 8:05 PM

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Subject: FW: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Hey team,

We'll aim to send an update to Council each night until the storm passes. Please send me daily updates from your area related to the storm and/or homelessness by 5 p.m. from now through Thursday.

The topics I'm especially interested in covering are:

Emergency Preparedness

Outreach, including placing people into shelter

Enforcement

Cleanup efforts

Site-specific updates: Benchlands/Upper SLP, Depot Park, Armory, Harvey West (if we see any activity there), HWY 1/9

Thanks to Rob, Bernie and Megan for answering my evening texts and providing the latest info to get this one out tonight.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:57 PM

Cc: dl_Dept Heads <dl_DeptHeads@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Dear Councilmembers (bcced),

Please find your evening update for Dec. 21, 2021 below.

Emergency Preparedness

We are expecting rain over the next 6-7 days. Expecting 3-5 inches total, with highest six-hour precipitation rate occurring on Thursday 12/23. After discussing the forecast with Water Dept staff, flooding in low lying areas is **not a concern** as of yet. Interim Chief Oatey will continue to monitor and have FD staff patrol San Lorenzo River encampments over the next 48-72 hours.

Interim Chief Oatey has been working closely with county Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience. They received a supply need list with an estimate of quantities needed earlier today and have committed to help fulfill as much of this order as possible if an evacuation is needed.

Encampment Outreach

Yesterday, Fire, PD and Homelessness Response Team members walked the area behind the Cemetery, Hell's Trail and the Agreement Camp (Benchlands South). During their walk, they identified approximately 36 active camp sites and contacted approximately 20 individuals. On Hell's Trail, the team identified approximately 30 encampments and contacted 14 individuals, advising them of the incoming storm. At the Agreement Camp, they identified approximately 16 active campsites and contacted approximately 7 individuals advising them of the incoming storm.

They informed the individuals of the incoming storm and advised them to vacate the area. There did not appear to be any active effort to leave the area from any of the inhabitants. The Homelessness Response Team members in the Benchlands reported that by the end of the day four sites remained occupied in the lowest-lying southern areas.

Homelessness Response Team members identified two more campers to move to the Armory shelter, and they are expected to move tomorrow.

Cleanup Efforts

Parks and Recreation staff continued their regular cleanup of the beach and river mouth this morning. Each day the team is collecting trash, debris and discarded needles from the sites. The refuse removal contractor who works alongside the Homelessness Response Team worked on trash removal from the cemetery last Friday and Homelessness Response Team members led a volunteer cleanup in the cemetery on Sunday. The contractor continued massive cleanup work in the south end of the Benchlands Monday and today.

Depot Park Temporary Evacuation Site

The Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Police continue oversight of the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park. The team is working with campers to ensure compliance with the agreed upon code of conduct. Parks and Recreation have installed external power access for the campers.

Transitional Community Camp – 1220 River

Opening plans for 1220 River St. are set. Homelessness Response Team members are enrolling participants Dec. 27-28. The infrastructure will be installed on Jan. 3-4 with participant move-in occurring Jan. 6-7.

The new Transitional Community Camp will host up to 35 participants, who will be vetted for their ability to comply with a set of agreements that aim to ensure the healthy, lawful functioning of the camp. The agreements will include abiding by a basic code of conduct, contributing weekly volunteer hours toward the maintenance and functioning of the camp, adhering to quiet hours, and attending regular camp meetings.

Participants will also work with case managers to establish individual goals geared toward stability and self-reliance. They will be required to attend weekly one-on-one case management meetings with staff. Successful participants will be allowed to stay for an initial term of six months. Two, three-month extensions will be allowed if the individual is showing progress toward meeting their individual goals. Conversely, participants will be removed from the camp if they do not live up to the community agreements.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We will send daily updates as the week's storm progresses and keep you informed immediately if conditions change.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 6:27 PM
To: Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Larry Imwalle
Subject: FW: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Hi Elizabeth,

For your updates, I wanted to make sure you were aware that First Alarm is now providing additional patrol support for the Depot Park camp.

(Thanks for reaching out to them about this, Larry!)

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To: Walker, Wes <Wes.Walker@aus.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Hello Larry,

We have our patrol team between 4 PM- 5 PM and between 8 PM-9 PM. I can have them meet up with your staff at a particular time if you would like?

Thank you,
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Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 12:10 PM

To: Larry Imwalle <Llmwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Tallon, Leonore <Leonore.Tallon@aus.com>

Subject: RE: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Guess I should actually add her to the email!

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+ Leonore Tallon

Larry, Leonore oversees the patrol division and will advise on your request.

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To: Walker, Wes <Wes.Walker@aus.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Hi Wes,

Can you confirm what time your patrol will be out at Depot Park tomorrow afternoon? I think it would be a good idea if they could connect with our city staff (Chris Monteith and Jeremy Leonard) who support the encampments. They may have already connected informally over the weekend, but I think it would be good if everyone on site they knows each other.

I can have Chris & Jeremy be at Depot Park at the time your team is set to be there.

Best,

Larry

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From: Walker, Wes [<mailto:Wes.Walker@aus.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Laura Schmidt; Mark Dettle; Bernie Escalante; Elizabeth Smith; SC.Branch
Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Re: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Lee,

We can start this service Sunday Morning. In our conversation you indicated you wanted 3 daily site walks, what time frames would you like these site inspections?

Due to the nature of these camps, we would send two patrol officers to pair up on these inspections. 2 patrol officers conducting a 30 minute check 3 times per day 7 days a week is \$3000 per month.

If over time the need reduces or increases we can adjust the monthly cost accordingly.

Let me know if you would like us to start service Sunday morning. We can work out the details of citations, notifications etc. on Monday.

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On Dec 23, 2021, at 5:58 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

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Hi Wes,

I ran down to check out the current state of the camp at Depot Park. It's in more need of attention than when I saw it Monday night. I'd estimate 10 spots currently need attention, with varying degrees of challenges - from belongings/shopping carts outside the tent (~7-8) to minor amounts of trash. I expect the amount of time needed will vary - more time up front as more people need to fall in line, and less time later as people understand that we're enforcing the rules.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks again and happy holidays,
Lee

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 23, 2021, at 4:26 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Wes,

Thanks for chatting with me this afternoon. I've attached the camp rules that we're looking for assistance in enforcing.

For minor issues, we would want a progressive approach – verbal warning, written warning, and finally an eviction notice. For significant issues, like exhibiting violence, we can pursue eviction right away. As discussed, for actual evictions, we can have Police assistance.

The time it will take to go through the camp will vary based on the number of violations present. We have about 35 tents there now. The vast majority are in compliance. I saw about 3-5 questionable ones the last time I was there earlier this week, but the team has been down aiming to keep things consistent with the rules.

A nightly log of those who have received warnings (written or verbal) and photos would be helpful to review patterns of non-compliance.

Thanks again for your assistance. I've copied other City stakeholders here from the Police and City Manager's Office. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Lee Butler
Deputy City Manager

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Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Cc: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: items to check in on...

Hi,

I am scheduled to be off tomorrow when we'd normally meet. I can jump on a call if needed. Or, if it's easier to call than to type up updates on these things after you've discussed in the regular meeting, that's fine too. Here are some things that jump to mind:

- 1) CDBG/HOME fund requests due to Tiffany L. next week on Wed. We had discussed putting in applications for a range of items for which we are eligible related to transitional encampments, safe parking, Armory rental, etc. Do we need to schedule a meeting with Tiffany to discuss everything for which we'd be eligible, or do one or both of you have a handle on that? She's out until next week, so we'll want to get on her calendar early next week if we have questions.
- 2) Depot –
 - a. First Alarm at Depot – can one of you please coordinate with Wes from FA on how we want them to provide notices? E.g., if someone is not there and their belongings are not inside their tent, can we give FA a written notice to post that they snap photos of – one up close detailing the violation and another showing it posted on the tent? - - -
 - i. I was jotting these down as they came to me, and I see that you, Larry, reached out to FA regarding introductions to Chris and Jer. That's great, and if they want to coordinate with FA on that direction, that's fine too, as long as you/Megan are okay with the approach that they're taking/directing, which should be pushing towards rule compliance, given the variety of factors that we've discussed.
 - ii. I was under the impression that FA would be out 3x/day at ½ hour each time. Sounds like they're looking at 2, 1-hour visits. We should ask if that was done based on their need to be there for an hour as they interacted with the campers, or something else. I'd be interested in any thoughts you all have about the times they're there and whether altering those would be better.
 - b. We'll want to discuss when we end the Depot Camp. Factors include but are not limited to: costs, 1220 opening, TSA/Armory opening, neighbor concerns, Council sentiment, etc.
- 3) Salvation Army – any updates from them on final contract details/timing of their start/needs to get started?
- 4) Shower trailers – Finance needed some info. Have we conveyed that?
- 5) Lot 27 – see Bernie's email with questions.
- 6) 1/12, a 2:00 meeting with Management Partners, Larry, and me has been scheduled, so you may want to reschedule the typical 2:00 meeting.
- 7) Agreement with the County on cost sharing w/ the HAP contributions

- a. I saw that the County agreed to take over various costs starting 1/1/22. Was it refuse, porta-potties, and propane? Have those transferred over?
- b. I want to keep the agreement on our radar, as we'll want to get that inked so we have a durable record of it. Let's continue to keep each other apprised as to the status of it.

Thanks and I hope you had a great Christmas break,

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From: Larry Imwalle
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 8:25 PM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Megan Bunch; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: Re: items to check in on...

Hi Lee,

I'm out and traveling tomorrow, Wednesday, and Thursday, but will be available via email and cell for the most part. A few updates from my view:

1. CDBG - I think we should set a time with Tiffany to talk application specifics to make sure we make the best use among the items we have planned.
 2. Depot Park - Megan and I chatted briefly today about First Alarm and the enforcement process. That led to the request to have the FA staff meet Chris & Jer so they know who they are, and so that could understand the rules and the enforcement and noticing process. I don't have experience working with them, so I'm not sure on how the rule enforcement will work best with them. For issues that require immediate PD response - I assume that they can make that call and wait for PD to be on scene. My sense for rules violations is that they should be in contact with our staff (be it Chris, Jer, Megan, me, or you) on the issues, and it is our staff who will make the judgment calls on asking people to leave. PD has asked for a clear decision-maker authorized to remove someone for rules violations if they don't leave as directed by staff.
- I still believe that First Alarm is out there 3x a time - they just responded to my email with the afternoon & evening times they plan to be on site tomorrow so that they can connect with Chris & Jer. I can reach out to Wes - or Lenore (patrol supervisor) to confirm.
3. Salvation Army - no news or updates yet, I followed-up with Marcos today requesting an update. I'll keep you all posted on updates I receive, and will continue to reach out if I don't get a response.
 4. Shower Trailers -
 5. Lot 27 -
 6. Weekly 2pm Benchlands reschedule on 1/12. Management Partners meeting is on my schedule. I agree we should find a new time as we want to make sure we meet on Benchlands.
 7. City/County Cost-sharing - I believe based on email from County staff that the uttererly accounts have been transferred over to the County. Megan, I believe, can confirm if I'm understanding that correspondence correctly. I'm working on the broader cost-sharing agreement / memorandum with the County based on our correspondence with Robert.

Other updates from today:

I've read the draft Encampment Grant application that Robert sent, and I'm sending him feedback.

I met with the Veteran's Hall board president and their building manager at the Hall and looked at the various rooms that could be used for an overnight warming center. It looks like they might be amenable to offering space in the auditorium overnight for several nights a week. It holds 22 when setup to COVID distancing standards. They would need

to hire a overnight staff, and would want us to staff and operate the program in their facility. The auditorium is having work/repairs done in January, which complicates scheduling. They have other events scheduled which could also limit times or days. They had a difficult experience with the 24/7 shelter the County operated in their building and don't want to repeat that experience. They are putting together budget figures and needs & commitments for this to work for them. Monday is the target date for their information.

I have not heard back from Housing Matters on additional shelter spaces (i expected to hear something today). VFW said they would be back in touch the week of January 3 - but as I mentioned I'm not optimistic.

I spoke with Grace Stetson with Lookout SC. It went fine (I believe) - she is working on a brief on homelessness as one of their 22 stories for 2022 that they are following. I basically reiterated the efforts that we have in the pipeline (and approved at Council on 12/14) for adding safe sleeping and safe parking spaces.

I'll be in touch with updates the next 3 days, and please reach out as needed.

Best,

Larry

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Have a safe trip to CO and back, especially with the cold and snowy weather that's been out there!

Thanks,
Lee

Sent from my iPad

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I'll be in touch with updates the next 3 days, and please reach out as needed.

Best,

Larry

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On Dec 27, 2021, at 6:44 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

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I am scheduled to be off tomorrow when we'd normally meet. I can jump on a call if needed. Or, if it's easier to call than to type up updates on these things after you've discussed in the regular meeting, that's fine too. Here are some things that jump to mind:

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Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Liz Pollock
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: Re: Covid testing in Santa Cruz

Dear Liz,

I'm glad that information was helpful. As of December 1, the testing site that was at the Civic Auditorium has moved to [Depot Park](#). Appointments can be scheduled at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

There are a couple of locations within half a mile walking distance to the Civic Auditorium equally central to residents.

In regards to the Civic Auditorium, my understanding is that there are now events scheduled there and the annual Santa Cruz Symphony performances.

Thank you Liz!



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liz

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<https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/PublicHealth/CommunicableDiseaseControl/CoronavirusHome/SAVELivesSantaCruzCounty/GetTested.aspx>

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liz pollock
251-9218

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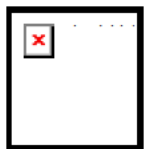
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Subject: Re: Message from Unknown sender (8312395516)

The report I got from Parks is 2-3 tents at Cowell Beach. I would be interested in what's happening at Depot as well.

My recommendation remains move those who can go to River St to River St when it becomes operational and send everyone else back to SLP at the same time.

From: Larry Imwalle <Limwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 8:28 AM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>, Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Fwd: Message from Unknown sender (8312395516)

Hi again,

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I can try to respond later today or tomorrow - if that is the right response. I'd like to touch base on the messaging given the issues she mentions.

Best,

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org>
Date: December 28, 2021 at 8:14:43 AM PST
To: limwalle@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org
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Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Larry Imwalle; Lee Butler
Cc: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: items to check in on...

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Megan

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Best,

Larry

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On Dec 27, 2021, at 6:44 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

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Thanks and I hope you had a great Christmas break,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 10:47 AM
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Hi Laura,

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Best,

Larry

From: Laura Schmidt
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
Cc: Elizabeth Smith
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Hi Lee and Larry,

Do we have anything to share w/ Council re: Depot Park?

Thank you,

Laura

From: Martine Watkins
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Fw: Depot Park Concerns

Hi Laura,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a break and it was nice! I'm forwarding the email we received below. I know you brought up providing a new update today. I was hoping to respond to this person with any updates for Depot Park.

Thank you!!

Best,

Martine

Martine Watkins
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From: Patti U <pattipu@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:56 PM

To: Renee Golder; Sonja Brunner; Martine Watkins; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson

Subject: Depot Park Concerns

Dear City Council Members Renee, Sonja, Martine and Shebreh,

Myself and my husband have been loyal supporters of all you. We have donated to your campaigns, put large yard signs out for you on our house on Laurel Street, and walked precincts for you. We believe that you all are an amazing and talented group of women who know how to get things done. Now, we need your help.

On the last day before winter vacation the decision was made to relocate a homeless encampment to Depot Park. Ourselves and our neighbors are outraged that this happened without any input from the neighborhood. We are requesting the city to remove this unsupervised encampment immediately.

- The encampment is right next to a children's playground and the soccer fields
- The encampment is right next to a Covid Testing site and inhibits the public from accessing the site
- The encampment has loose dogs who have tried to attack neighbors who are trying to take their pets out for walks
- Parks are for playing and exercising, not for camping. San Lorenzo Park has already been ruined by unsupervised campers. Do not let another park get ruined under your watch.

We implore you to stand up and make the right decision to move this homeless encampment immediately. Depot Park is one of the most used parks in the city. It is time to have the courage to say no to using our parks as homeless encampments.

Thank you for your time in addressing this matter,

Patricia Unruhe &
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From: Laura Schmidt
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To: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: December 30, 2021 Update

Yes, this can be the “last one”.

Thank you,
Laura

From: Elizabeth Smith
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Subject: RE: December 30, 2021 Update

I didn't request updates from the team, but I can do that now and see what we get. I honestly don't see the need to continue these unless we have significant updates.

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To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: FW: December 30, 2021 Update

Hi Elizabeth,

I had mentioned in the 30th update that we'd be doing another one today. Is there a chance we can get something out to the Council? If not, I can email them that it will be forthcoming on mm/dd (?).

Thank you,
Laura

From: Laura Schmidt
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 4:58 PM
To: dl_Dept Heads <dl_DeptHeads@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Eileen Cross <ECross@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
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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

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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.

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Larry

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To: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
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Laura

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To: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Martine

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From: Patti U <pattipu@gmail.com>
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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:22 PM
Subject: Jan. 3, 2022 Update

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Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:56 AM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: timeline for Matt

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Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Matt Huffaker; Laura Schmidt
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Elizabeth Smith; Megan Bunch; Bernie Escalante; Jon Bush; Mark Dettle; Tony Elliot; Robert Oatey; 'Cassie Bronson'
Subject: Tentative Camp Closure Timelines in Jan.

Hi Matt,

We're still refining the timelines below as we coordinate with other departments, but I wanted to share with you and others the tentative schedule for camp closures this month. See the matrix below for that. We've got a lot of moving parts.

We can discuss at our meeting on Thursday.

Comments welcome from anyone on this.

Thanks,

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Tentative Dates – to be coordinated with the Encampment Assessment Team

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Matt Huffaker
Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler; Laura Schmidt
Subject: Depot Park Temporary Encampment Messaging

Mayor and Council (Bcc'd),

I've been receiving inquiries from the neighborhood around Depot Park regarding the temporary homeless encampment. I'm sure some of you have as well. Lee, Elizabeth and I developed a template response below. Please feel free to use for your own purposes. Of course, as our demobilization plans for the site move forward, we'll be sure to keep you all updated.

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park. Please know that the City takes your concerns and your safety very seriously.

To manage the site, City staff from multiple departments are at the location each day. A contracted security firm, Allied Universal, also patrols the site three times per day and works with individuals in compliance with the code of conduct. Even with this, we understand your concerns about the current situation. Our staff is actively working on multiple fronts to manage the impacts of homeless encampments on neighbors and provide assistance for unhoused individuals to access County support services and pathways to housing.

I want to assure you that we are in the process of closing the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park camp, and we are on track to do so by mid-month. In addition, staff is setting up spaces for around 100 individuals through a transitional camp at 1220 River Street and a managed camp at the National Guard Armory site, which is expected to come online later this year. A number of individuals from the Depot Park evacuation site will be moved to 1220 River Street this week, which is the first step in closing the site.

For updates on Depot Park and other efforts, please check our website cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness, where we post regular updates.

Thank you again for reaching out,

Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Matt Huffaker
Subject: Weekly update
Attachments: 22-01-07 City Manager Weekly Update.pdf; 22-01-07 City Manager Weekly Update.pdf

Hi Matt,

Update attached as PDF and Word (in case that's an easier format for your summary or you want to make edits). Could you bcc/cc me on it when you send to Council?

You made it through your first week! I hope you have a great weekend.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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City Manager's Weekly Update

January 7, 2022

Planning and Community Development

119 Coral Street. Construction documents have been submitted for plan check for a supportive housing project, located at the Housing Matters Homeless Services Center Campus (corner of Coral and River Streets). The project approved by the City Planning Commission in November of 2019 involves construction of a five -story, mixed-use project to provide services and supportive housing for the chronically homeless. The first floor will consist of a new recuperative care center, a behavioral health clinic, and uses related to the upper floor residences. The upper four stories will consist of 120 supportive single room occupancy (SRO) units and one manager's unit. The units will be used as very-low-income supportive housing for those needing a particularly high level of ongoing supportive services that is uniquely available at this location. These will be individual adults who have experienced chronic homelessness, and are typically high-utilizers of the health care system. The applicant is also in the process of securing financing and expects this to be in place such that construction can begin in the summer/early fall timeframe.



150 Felker St. In April of last year, our department received a pre-application submittal for a project to demolish an existing commercial building and construct an apartment building consisting of 32 one-bedroom apartments located at 150 Felker Street. In accordance with the Planning Department's Community Outreach Policy, the applicant held a community meeting in August. On Dec. 14, the applicant submitted a formal development application for the project. The entitlements requested in the application include a Design Permit and a Density Bonus request for a 50 percent density bonus (for 32 units total based on a base project of 22 units), a waiver for building height, and concessions for

side yard setbacks. The submitted project has slightly larger units, smaller side yard setbacks, and an improved front yard design with additional landscaping as compared to the pre-application submittal. Some of the design changes were made in response to comments received at the community meeting. The project will likely qualify for an infill exemption under CEQA, and this will be confirmed upon completion of project review. Once the application is deemed complete, it will be heard by the Zoning Administrator. Clara Stanger is the planner working on the project.



818 Pacific Ave. Affordable Housing Project, second review complete 40+ comments still need to be addressed, mostly structural.

119 Coral St. Housing Matters Homeless Service Center, under first review and should be completed by Jan. 24, 2022.

418-508 Front St. 7-story Mixed Use, 175 Residential Units, completed first review Nov. 29, 2021, waiting for resubmittal/responses.

Homelessness Response

Safe-Sleeping, Shelters, and Encampment Management

We began opening the first Transitional Community Camp at 1220 River on Thursday. Tents, hygiene facilities, refuse collection have been put in place and participants began moving in on Thursday and Friday. City staff has been doing outreach and conducting interviews with prospective participants from existing camps at Benchlands, Cemetery, and Depot Park, and determining who will be a good fit for this program model.

The team continues to press on the Salvation Army about completing the contracting process on their end as soon as possible so that we can open the 75-bed shelter at the Armory property. We are pushing them to start in early February.

They have also been working with the County on the 100-Day Encampment Challenge. The official kick-off is this week. City staff (Chris & Jeremy) will be facilitating efforts by County Outreach staff to work with people in the Benchlands to connect them to services and move them towards better and more permanent housing.

The County submitted the Encampment Resolution grant on December 31, 2021. City staff had the opportunity to weigh-in on the draft. City Council passed a resolution in support of this grant that, if funded, will provide additional County outreach workers to do targeted case management in encampments along the San Lorenzo River, and will also provide flexible “housing scholarships” that can be used to meet a variety of needs and/or remove barriers to people finding housing.

We have initiated cross-department planning efforts and set tentative timelines for closing encampments at Lot 27, Depot Park, Cemetery, and the Benchlands South Agreement Camp. We expect to close all these areas within the next 30 days. The team conducted outreach with several community organizations to explore possibilities for adding emergency shelter capacity and/or setting up warming centers during the winter season.

Notices to vacate were issued at Lot 27 this afternoon to make way for construction related to the Pure Water Soquel project. Campers and Food Not Bombs will be required to vacate the area by Tuesday, January 11. The Benchlands is being offered as an alternate location for campers until it is closed later this year as new planned programs online. Staff will be onsite Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to assist with placement.



Safe Parking

Staff is meeting next week to move forward the next steps to establish Tier 2 safe-parking programs. The Zoning Administrator continued the public hearing for the Coastal Permit and Design Permit related to the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance and Safe-Parking program operations to January 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Materials and staff recommendations are available online with the January 5, 2022 Zoning Administrator agenda. Public testimony was taken at the January 5, 2022 hearing, and additional public testimony will be taken on January 12, 2022.

Program Planning

Collaborative meetings between the City & County continue on the plan for utilizing the \$14m from the State.

Police

Now's the Time to Get a Trespass Letter of Authority on File with SCPD

If you have property within the city and are experiencing issues with trespassing, get an SCPD Trespass Letter of Authority on file with our Records Unit.

WHY? Suppose an officer observes someone on posted private property or a problem is reported by someone who does not have the authority to sign a trespass complaint. In that case, the police department must typically contact the legally responsible person for the property before taking enforcement action.

During nighttime hours, it is often a problem getting property owners/managers to answer their phones or drive to their property at 2 a.m. to sign a trespass complaint, and this form alleviates that need.

A Trespass Letter of Authority on file with SCPD allows a police officer to immediately act on your behalf and take enforcement action against a person trespassing on your private property without first contacting you.

Property owners and agents are responsible for renewing their trespass letters annually.

NEW THIS YEAR, the Trespass

Authorization form is available online for submission. Go to www.SantaCruzPolice.com / Permits & Forms / [Trespass Letter of Authority](#)

SCPD is dedicated to our community with ongoing efforts to keep Santa Cruz safe. Submitted forms are valid for one year and allow police officers to arrest, remove, or advise any person present on the property without lawful business.

SCPD Rings in the lowest New Year's Eve Crime Stats

Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to announce that New Year's Eve and Day 2022 transpired without any significant violence incidents in the City of Santa Cruz.



As part of the enacted Safety Enhancement Zone where certain Santa Cruz Municipal Code violations incur "triple fines," SCPD deployed additional officers on foot patrol throughout the downtown corridor, ensuring a safe New Year's Eve celebration for all.

The crowds in the downtown were the smallest the SCPD has seen on a New Year's Eve in quite a few years. Likely the cold and COVID resurgence played a large role. With that said, here are the arrest stats for the evening.

- Three (3) open container triple fines
- Three (3) public intoxication 647(f) PC arrests
- One (1) DUI

Overall, arrests and citations were down from previous years.

Santa Cruz Police wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy new year!



Water

The Water Department's new year is indeed off to a happy start, with much better water supply conditions than we had at this time last year. The supply situation improved quite a bit as a result of the rain we received in both October and December. Specifically:

- As of Jan. 5, the reservoir is at 566.15' elevation or **79.8% of capacity**. This is pretty impressive since we were at a low of 549' (53.9% of capacity) on October 23rd.
- As of Jan. 5 Cumulative Precipitation for WY2022 is 18.30 inches (at the Cimis station at Delaveaga). This is 153.4% of the long term average at this point in the water year (which runs October 1 – September 30).
- In terms of cumulative runoff on the San Lorenzo River, we ended the month of December at 33,325 Acre-feet, which puts us into the dry category (up from critically dry) and we still have a few months of the wet season left to go.

Of course the outstanding question is, “are we out of the woods yet?” to which we must unfortunately answer “no.” We typically see the lion’s share of rainfall in Jan – Mar, and this period can make or break the community’s water supply both by how much Loch Lomond Reservoir fills, and by how much groundwater is recharged. Regardless of the outcome of this year’s storms, we continue our work to develop the supply augmentation strategies recommended by the WSAC and approved by Council.

We’ve made good progress on the concrete tanks replacement project at the treatment plant since the last Weekly Update, including starting demolition of the first tank:



We also started the year with another successful “Fungus Foray”, which is one of our most popular programs at Loch Lomond

Recreation Area. Former Councilmember Mathews joined us and was kind enough to share some of her photos from the event:



Last, but certainly not least (!), we met our goal to install the first meter of the service area-wide Meter Replacement Project this week! This project has been a huge lift for the Department, particularly with the challenges that the pandemic brings. The team has worked many, many extra hours to keep this project on schedule.

Public Works

Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award

City of Santa Cruz Public Works and the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7/Phase 1 project have been recognized with the 2021 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award in the Intermodal Transportation category. The project was also awarded an Engineering Excellent Merit Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies earlier this year.

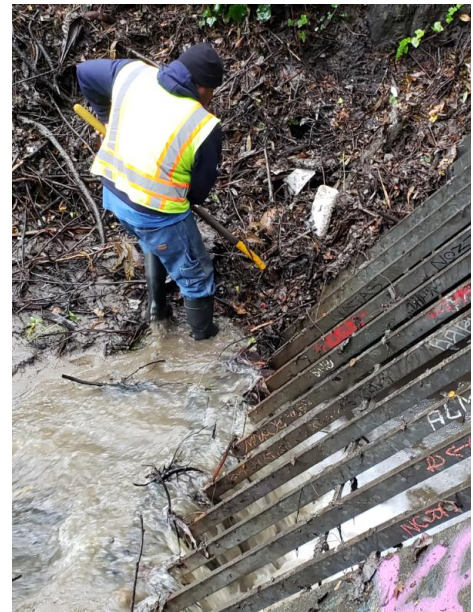
Facilities & Street Maintenance

The Facilities and Street Maintenance staff teamed up to install a large community tent in preparation for the new 1220 transitional camp. A contractor was available to help adjust the flood lights on the property.



Street Maintenance

During recent rain events, our Street Maintenance team performed routine and much-needed flood control measures by clearing debris from trash racks in culverts, storm drains and roadways. Clearing such debris allows water to flow freely and minimizes opportunities for refuse to end up in Branciforte Channel, the San Lorenzo River and Monterey Bay.



Julia Wood

From: Megan Bunch
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Larry Imwalle; Lee Butler; Elizabeth Smith
Cc: Jon Bush; Gregory Crofts; 'Cassie Bronson'
Subject: Chris and Jer updates

Hi all!

Below is an update of Chris and Jer's whereabouts and activities. Just wanted to make sure all are in the loop (and documenting outreach efforts):

Today:

- Outreach occurred this morning at Lot 27. No new campers identified for 1220. But two Lot 27 campers have already been assigned a spot and relocated to Benchlands.
- Chris and Jer will return today to Lot 27 (after the protests have settled) to try to identify Armory candidates to fill the 4 available spots. If candidates are identified, they will hand over intake/enrollment duties to HPHP.
- They will head to Depot after Lot 27 to offer candidates remaining Armory spots. Again, any interested individuals will be handed over to HPHP for intake/enrollment.
- They will update me later today on outcomes from their outreach.
- 2 more individuals will be moving into 1220 today, David will drive them and their belongings from Depot this afternoon.

Tomorrow:

- Chris and Jer will be "on call" for PD if a camper is wanting a Benchlands assignment. They will not be onsite at Lot 27, but will meet campers at Benchlands.
- The Warriors organization has donated 1000 hot meals to Housing Matters. They have offered meals to us (basically to help distribute the meals). Chris and Jer have taken on 200. Tomorrow from 12-2ish David, Chris and Jer will be distributing said meals, targeting Depot and Cemetery as an outreach tool to engage campers about finding alternate locations. They will also get meals to the campers at 1220. The remaining meals will be taken to the Benchlands. Unclear where the other 800 meals will be distributed.
- They are hoping to move 2 more folks into 1220 tomorrow

Thursday:

- The family, who are currently at a motel, will be moved into 1220. It will likely take a few hours to coordinate their move as they have tents at both Depot and Benchlands.
- They will continue their 1220 outreach.

1220 River Update:

- Currently 16 spots filled, two more move ins today, so 18 spots filled by the end of today
- Another 5-6 campers are in the enrollment process, so we should be near capacity by the end of the week.
- By the end of the week camper will have been relocated from: Benchlands (8), Sycamore Grove (3), Lot 27 (2), Grant St. Park (1), Depot (6)

FYI,

Megan

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From: Megan Bunch
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Brandon Lima; Jon Bush; Jose Garcia PD; Carter Jones; Bernie Escalante; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Travis Beck; Filipina Warren; Heather Sawyer; Brian Borguno; Chris Monteith; Jeremy Leonard; Elizabeth Smith; Cassie Bronson
Subject: Closure Plan for Depot Evacuation Site

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To: 'Cassie Bronson'; Lee Butler; Elizabeth Smith; Brandon Lima; Jon Bush; Larry Imwalle
Cc: Chris Monteith; Jeremy Leonard
Subject: RE: 2022-01-12 Notice to Vacate Depot

Thanks Cassie,

This looks good to me. (Accept tomorrow's date is the 13th, not the 12th).

PD confirmed the 19th works for them for enforcement, so I think we are good to go.

Cassie can you put in the notice date of Thurs., Jan. 13th with closure date of Tue. Jan. 18th and forward the final to PD.

Elizabeth can you work your magic and create a camper friendly notice.

Much appreciated,

Megan

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Attachments: 22-01-13 Depot Park Closure Flyer.docx

Attached is a flyer for Chris and Jer to use.

From: Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
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All,
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Thank you!
Jeremy Leonard
Outreach
(831) 475-7245

From: Wes Morey
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Everything was video recorded and we are documenting the posting under SCPD case #: 21S-00247.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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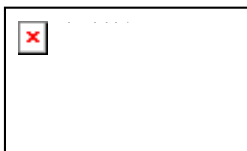
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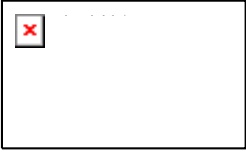
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To: Matt Huffaker
Cc: dl_Dept Heads
Subject: Council Quick Updates

Mayor and Council (Bcc'd)

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Sales Tax Receipts Up 20% Over 2020

Santa Cruz sales receipts for the third quarter of 2021 were 20.2% higher than the third quarter of 2020. After adjusting for modifications, actual sales were up 21.2%, with an overall place of sale collections rising to 25.9%. Most sales categories saw a dramatic increase compared to the lows of 2020 during the height of the pandemic shutdowns.

PD Recruits in the Pipeline

The Police Department is expanding with the newest class of recruits of ten cadets starting the Police Academy this week. We now have a total of 17 cadets making their way through the academy.

\$5M for Affordable Housing

The City of Santa Cruz has been awarded \$5 million through the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department's highly competitive grant program, Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF). These funds have been allocated to the development of the Pacific Station North Project.

Encampment Management

There are 24 people enrolled in the Transitional Community Encampment at 1220 River Street, and we expect to be at full capacity (approximately 30) by the end of next week. Lot 27 was closed this week in advance of a construction project by Soquel Creek Water District. The temporary evacuation site at Depot Park will close early next week. PD issued notices yesterday.

Safe Parking

At the public hearing on Jan. 12, the Zoning Administrator approved the Coastal Permit and Design Permit related to the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance and the Safe-Parking program operation. Staff is moving forward the application and permitting process required by the ordinance. If the approval is appealed to the Coastal Commission, staff will continue work on programmatic elements outside the coastal zone.

Rail Trail Kudos

Our "Westside Rail Trail" has been honored with a 2021 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award and an ACEC California 2022 Engineering Excellence Merit Award. Congrats to the team!

Matt Huffaker

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Subject: Lot 25 Depot cleanup

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Kind Regards,

Heather Sawyer

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Best,

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks again, exceptional teamwork by everyone involved.

-Carter

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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 6:59 AM
To: Matt Huffaker
Cc: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
Subject: Fwd: Lot 25 Depot cleanup

Matt,

The Parking team, and Heather in particular, have been INCREDIBLE through all the encampment moves since the flooding occurred in December. Employees in that unit have volunteered over multiple operations to do work that is way outside the scope of their normal roles. Everyone has been pitching in, but this team has gone above and beyond every time we've needed support over the past month.

I know employee recognition is one of your passions, so I wanted to pass this on so you were aware of the big-hearted, Herculean effort from the parking team. Happy to help with some sort of message or other recognition if you'd like to acknowledge them. We can chat about it when we meet tomorrow.

Elizabeth

Sent from mobile

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From: Elizabeth Smith
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To: Matt Huffaker
Subject: Updates for Council
Attachments: 22-01-21 City Manager Weekly Update.pdf; 22-01-14 City Manager Weekly Update.docx

Updates attached and suggested quick hits below – do you want both the Word and PDF each week?

District Elections

The team will be launching the draft maps and accompanying English and Spanish surveys next week at cityofsantacruz.com/districtelections. We will also provide the Council with some social media assets to help get the word out.

2023 Budget

The Finance team launched the 2023 budget cycle this week. Departments are being asked to make cuts to their budgets of 2.5%. We do not anticipate layoffs being a part of the strategies to achieve these reductions. The Finance team will be coming to Council on Feb. 8 for a mid-year budget update, so stay tuned for more on the budget in early February.

Water Levels at Loch Lomond

Despite the dry pattern we're currently in, the latest news on Loch Lomond is that it continues to rise slowly and is now at about 84% capacity. This slow rise is due to the runoff from surrounding watershed lands, or "base flow" that reached saturation during December's rainy season. Let's hope for more rain before the typical rainy season is finished!

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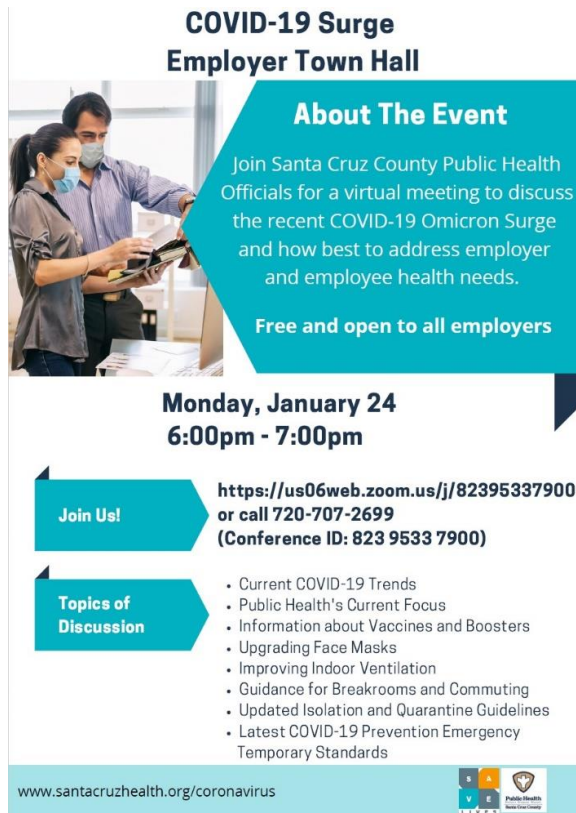
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City Manager's Weekly Update

January 21, 2022

Economic Development

Business Development | COVID -19 Surge Town Hall



**COVID-19 Surge
Employer Town Hall**

About The Event

Join Santa Cruz County Public Health Officials for a virtual meeting to discuss the recent COVID-19 Omicron Surge and how best to address employer and employee health needs.

Free and open to all employers

**Monday, January 24
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Join Us! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82395337900>
or call 720-707-2699
(Conference ID: 823 9533 7900)

Topics of Discussion

- Current COVID-19 Trends
- Public Health's Current Focus
- Information about Vaccines and Boosters
- Upgrading Face Masks
- Improving Indoor Ventilation
- Guidance for Breakrooms and Commuting
- Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines
- Latest COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards

www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus

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You can join the meeting in multiple ways:

- Zoom Meeting:
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82395337900>
 - Webinar ID: 823 9533 7900
- One Tap Mobile:
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California Competes Tax Credit

Starting in January 2022, California Competes is offering two opportunities for Santa Cruz businesses: California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC) and California Competes Grant Program. Business owners can apply from March 7-28, 2022. There are no restrictions on the size, type of business, or location.

The California Competes Tax Credit offers a credit against the State income tax. With \$180 million available, the minimum credit request is \$20,000, and no more than 20 percent of the total available (\$78.9 million) may go to a singular applicant.

For the California Competes Grant Program, the grant request can range between \$5 million and \$36 million. It has a \$120 million one-time fund available for grants to businesses of any size that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Will create at least 500 new full-time jobs in California
- Will make capital investments of at least \$10 million
- The jobs and/or investment will take place in an area of High Unemployment and/or Poverty as defined in California Competes Tax Credit regulations

Read More: <https://business.ca.gov/california-competes-tax-credit/>

SBDC Click2Bricks: How to Create an Online Storefront for Your Business



Interested in starting an e-commerce business? Click2Bricks is here to help!

This FREE Santa Cruz Small Business Development Center incubator program for Santa Cruz entrepreneurs will help you establish your online business in just three months.

Upon completing of an intensive 3-month program, during which they will design, develop, and launch a minimum viable product (MVP) and website, students will have a legitimate, functioning online business. The initial website allows clients to obtain digital proof of concept with very little capital risk.

After launch, support is provided to cohort participants (who also receive support from their peers in the program) on an ongoing basis. The ultimate goal is either to gently evolve successful students into thriving online business owners or to help with the daunting transition to a brick & mortar space in Santa Cruz County. The last day to apply is Jan. 31! Link: <https://bit.ly/3Is9Nsr>

Arts & Culture Development | City Art of Recovery (CARD) Pilot Grant Program



In the last half of 2021, 20 applicants worked to develop their letters of interest (LOIs) into full grant applications for the City Art of Recovery Design (CARD) Pilot Grant Program. The material we received is incredibly robust, community based, and creative. The proposals provide us with a portfolio of projects of varying scope and complexity that encompass a broad spectrum of disciplines. It is truly invigorating to begin the New Year with such a rich tool to use for programming. The portfolio itself is a tribute to the amazing talent and professionalism of CARD artists.



During December, the focus was getting proposals submitted, reviewing them, and checking for completeness. We shared a preview presentation of the application portfolio with the Arts Commission at the January meeting. The Commissioners share our enthusiasm and awe at all of the artists' proposals. They are eager to help this program flourish by sharing information about it within the community and supporting the artists.

In January, staff is evaluating the applications on whether they align with City priorities in terms of location, scope and funding availability. Concurrently there is an Arts Commission ad hoc committee evaluating the proposals through the lens of feasibility, community impact, and programmatic balance.

After the initial reviews from City Staff and Arts Commissioners, we will then reconnect with each of the artists with questions and feedback. We think of this phase of the CARD program as a collaborative one that will offer the chance to refine the applications and make adjustments. Throughout this process, we plan to display the proposals within the community in order to applaud the artists' talents, generate enthusiasm, solidify partnerships, and attract support to leverage the available City funding.

Starting in February, initial funding decisions will be made and continue throughout the year. Some CARD proposals are based on significant dates and organizational calendars; others seem to have more flexibility. We are creating a funding matrix calendar to provide sufficient lead-time for artists' project planning, particularly for the events proposed to take place this spring. Our goal is to strategically invest the City Arts resources to support the City's economic recovery and expand access to public art programming in the community.

Homelessness Response

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Parks and Recreation

Harvey West Pool and New Boiler Installation



The Simpkins Swim Center programs are up and running at Harvey West Pool. Swim programs offered include lap swim, adult fitness and water aerobics classes. The pool is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends through May while the Simpkins Swim Center undergoes facility renovations. Big thanks to Field Crew Leader Paul Fortino, Parks Supervisor Steve Gomez, Recreation Supervisor Robert Acosta and Recreation Coordinator Amanda Ares who have been working diligently to get the pool ready for County Parks. This fall, new boilers were installed at the pool to provide greater energy efficiency and reduce energy costs. This was a collaborative project between Parks

and Recreation and the Public Works department and partially funded through On-Bill Financing from PG&E. The media was changed in the backwash tanks with a product called Vitroclean to help ensure clarity of the water. Over the winter break, Parks staff attended to every inch of the facility to have it cleaned and in top-notch shape for the County Parks staff. Grab your suit and towel and enjoy swimming under the beautiful redwoods of Harvey West Park. Sign up for programs at swimcenter@scparks.com.

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Winter-Spring classes begin the week of Jan. 24. The session features a dynamic After School Enrichment Program with more than 17 different classes at City School sites! View After School Enrichment Classes [here](#). All our classes will follow current County and State guidelines with safety in mind.

Discover all that Parks and Recreation provides to our community in our Winter-Spring 2022 Activity Guide in both [Spanish](#) and [English](#). We hope you kick off 2022 with Parks and Recreation! There's something for everyone. Along with our Winter-Spring class offerings, the guide offers insights into our local parks, open spaces, facilities, programs and partners.



Spineflower Encampment



Parks & Recreation's small Open Space team is charged with the stewardship of roughly 1,300 acres of open space, including Pogonip, Delaveaga Wilderness, Moore Creek, and Jessie Street Marsh. Within these open spaces are endemic, endangered and federally-protected plant and animal species. Among these is the robust spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta*), which is federally listed as endangered.

Unfortunately, areas where the spineflower grows have been significantly impacted by a long-term homeless encampment involving excavating the hillside, hauling in massive amounts of materials, and significant damage to this vulnerable plant species. The attached photos do not do justice to the extent of what we are calling "the spineflower encampment."

This was our second time cleaning up the spineflower encampment (the first having occurred in 2019). This second cleanup has involved the Police Department and Fire Department for outreach, the hiring of contract temporary labor crews to haul out materials, hours upon hours of labor from our Open Space Team, as well as the efforts of a contracted biologist to assess the damage and write up a remediation plan, which our Open Space team will implement in the coming months. Because of the difficulty of terrain and accessibility limitations, Parks crews are forced to hike encampment materials out on foot. Thus far, we have hauled 4,940 pounds, or 2.47 tons, of garbage to the landfill from just this one site. This number does not include any metal recyclables, which filled a five-yard dump truck.

We hope to keep this site from being re-occupied by illegal encampments and are expected to do so by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service so that the spineflower population might have a chance to recover. This will require ongoing enforcement efforts by the Police Department.

New Sign Installed at the London Nelson Community Center

The London Nelson Community Center is thrilled with the long-awaited receipt and installation of our new sign to welcome the community to our facility. The historic name correction was approved by City Council on June 8, 2021, officially announced and celebrated during Juneteenth in Laurel Park on June 19, 2021, and following a few manufacturing and shipping delays, finally installed on January 11, 2022.

To learn more about the Center and its namesake, visit nelsoncenter.com and read [Celebrate His Name. Learn his story.](#)



Planning and Community Development

Oversized Vehicle Ordinance

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, the Zoning Administrator approved Coastal and Design Permits to authorize the development in the Coastal Zone associated with the amended municipal code pertaining to the parking of oversized vehicles (e.g., parking signage, time of use restrictions, etc.) and to implement Citywide safe parking programs for unhoused City residents living in oversized vehicles licensed and registered in the City of Santa Cruz. The safe parking program is based on a three-tiered approach that consists of: a) Emergency overnight safe parking on City-owned parcels for a minimum of three vehicles to be implemented immediately b) Safe overnight parking on City-owned parcels or other non-residential approved spaces for a minimum of 30 vehicles throughout the City to be implemented within four months of the passing of the above-listed ordinance and c) A robust safe parking program in partnership with service providers, health providers, and County partners with prioritization of families with children, seniors, transition-age youth, veterans, and those with a valid disabled placard or license plate issued under the California Vehicle Code. The proposal also included amendments to the municipal code to allow limited street parking for Oversized Vehicles in front of private residences. At the hearing, the Zoning Administrator received written and oral correspondence from approximately 40 members of the public both in support and in opposition of the proposal and, after consideration of issues relevant to the Coastal and Design Permit, the item was approved with minor changes to the conditions of approval, as recommended by staff. On Jan. 14, 2022, the Planning Department received an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval from Reggie Meisler, representing Santa Cruz Cares. Consistent with the requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, the appeal will be heard by the Planning Commission on Feb. 17, 2022, which is the next available meeting date. The Planning Commission's decision can be appealed to either the City Council or the California Coastal Commission. Mike Ferry is the project planner for the application.

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a county health permit! Visit our webpage, cityofsantacruz.com/sidewalkvending, to see a sample health permit. Want to help develop future regulations that aim to further mitigate public health, welfare, and safety concerns related to sidewalk vending? Visit the webpage to submit your thoughts and sign-up for future sidewalk vending updates.

SIDEWALK VENDOR

Operates from a pushcart or other stationary or roaming, non-motorized setup.



MOBILE VENDOR

Sells food goods from a motorized vehicle, like a food truck.



Police

Welcome, K9 Axel!

SCPD is proud to introduce our newest officer. K9 Axel is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois. Axel and handler Officer Brian George completed specialized 6-week training in locating hidden persons and apprehending them. Graduated with flying colors, this K9 duo of Axel and PO George is ready to patrol the streets.

“My K9 partner is quiet, but he is highly motivated and stealthy when it comes to tracking down criminals”, said Officer George. Think of K9 Axel as a heat-seeking fur missile on patrol when performing searches and protecting his handler.

The sleek and tan-colored working dog comes to SCPD from Holland. Axel and Officer George are paired up 24-7 and train together for a minimum of 16 hours a month. K9 Axel is a welcomed addition to our Patrol Operations!



SCPD Volunteer Support in Tsunami Advisory

This past Saturday, a volcanic eruption in the Pacific Ocean forced a tsunami advisory for the entire West Coast. Despite being told to stay away, some people headed straight to Main and Cowell beaches to see the waves.



This phenomenon required SCPD staffing to cover more ground due to the variable impacts expected of strong rip currents, coastal flooding, low-lying areas, including harbors and rivers.

Santa Cruz Police Volunteers quickly deployed to patrol and man barriers to the beach and low-lying areas with the impact of water surges. While Police Officers were responding to more critical calls for service, volunteers informed people to leave the beach and move to higher ground. Marked volunteer vehicles blocked off Beach Street between the Wharf and the Boardwalk, as well volunteer personnel provided traffic and crowd control until the area was reopened at 2 p.m.

“Department and the community benefited from the dedication given by the members of the SCPD Volunteer program. Within 30 minutes of the call-out, we had five uniformed

volunteers in-service monitoring street closures and beach entrances”, said Chief Escalante.

About Our Volunteers | The Santa Cruz Police Department’s Volunteers in Policing Program partners citizens and police to support our officers, maintain crime prevention, and aid in community policing efforts. We recruit a wide range of volunteers from all demographics; (18+), income levels, and diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

When citizens who receive police services help design, prioritize, and even deliver services, a closer connection develops between the Police Department and the public. This is what community policing is all about.

Are you interested in joining our SCPD Volunteer Program?
scpdvolunteers@cityofsantacruz.com or call (831) 420-5916.

Public Works

Wastewater Treatment Facility

On Saturday morning, the California coastline was issued a tsunami warning resulting from a volcanic eruption of the coast of Tonga. The Wastewater Treatment Facility is slightly over a quarter-mile from the beach and is one of the lowest-lying parts of the city, necessarily so for the sewage to flow into the plant under gravity. The treatment facility was constructed with earthen dikes surrounding it on all sides to minimize the risk of floodwater inundation. The one place where high water might breach these barriers is at the access point of Neary Lagoon Park at a large redwood gate in the facility wall, which is an important emergency evacuation route and an access point for heavy equipment. Out of an abundance of caution, the lone operator on Saturday called in assistance from the on-call operator to place



securing boards to reinforce the gate, kept on hand for such instances. Fortunately, the water did not affect lagoon levels.

On Tuesday, operators assisted the Wastewater Lab staff with the monthly Microtox test. This test uses bioluminescent bacteria to measure the toxic effects of sewage influent and liquid waste delivered to the plant by septic haulers. The Microtox test compares how brightly the bacteria luminesce before and after exposure to standardized samples of the liquid waste, which is a good approximation of how toxins in the waste are affecting the metabolism of the microbes. This test is a robust tool for wastewater analysis because it can give useful results when the toxins being measured can't be isolated and identified. Also, because the test measures metabolic suppression in still-living bacteria, it gives the Lab insight into very slight effects of toxins that are far too dilute to actually kill the microbes. Conducting this test regularly gives facility staff a window into how unknown substances in the wastewater stream may adversely affect microbes that are critical to the proper operation of the Secondary Treatment process. This month's test returned results that were within the established acceptable parameters for the City's treatment system.

At the beginning of this month, Solids Contact Tank #3 was taken out of service. Under normal conditions, this tank would be repeatedly filled with reclaimed Water #2 and drained to flush it well before a confined space entry crew goes in to inspect the tank. Because the Effluent Filtration System has been demolished, the facility is relying on potable water for washdown needs. Flushing the tank with this much potable water was deemed an unacceptable waste of water resources and funds. Instead, the tank will be filled and flushed with effluent from the Trickling Filters several times, with the goal of performing only one final flush with potable water and chlorine bleach. This must be done very slowly to avoid robbing too much Trickling Filter Effluent flow from the Solid Contact Tank that remains in service.

Resource Recovery

The excavated material stockpile from Cell 3B is being hydro-seeded this week to help with erosion control.



Waste Reduction staff, a Master Recycler volunteer and Library staff collaborated on a display currently set up at the Downtown Public Library Branch. The display encourages patrons to learn more about the 6R's of Waste Reduction through a curated selection of books: REFUSE- To waste food; RETHINK- Your habits; REDUCE- What you toss; REUSE- Donate safely; RECYCLE- Create something new; ROT- Compost close to home!

Water

Despite the dry pattern we're currently in, the latest news on Loch Lomond is that it continues to rise slowly and is now at about 84% capacity. This slow rise is due to the runoff from surrounding watershed lands that reached saturation during December's rainy season. Called "base flow," this component of our water supply is among the

most difficult to measure, but experience tells us that having it or not having it as a contributor to both Loch Lomond and the San Lorenzo River can have a big impact on the kind of water year that develops. After a dry year in 2020 and a critically dry year in 2021, having base flows available to contribute to our water sources is most welcome.

Tuesday at Loch Lomond Recreation Area saw some of our regulars returning their boats to be decontaminated and entered into the boat storage program. Many were excited to be back and were even more excited about the prospect of opening on March 1 with a full lake (fingers crossed!). Choice spots are filling quickly.



A long line of boaters waiting to register and check-in their boats for the 2022 season

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Mayor and Council (Bcc'd):

Hope you're all enjoying the weekend. Please find several quick updates below.

District Elections

The team will be launching the draft maps and accompanying English and Spanish surveys next week at cityofsantacruz.com/districtelections. We will also provide the Council with some social media assets to help get the word out.

2023 Budget

The Finance team launched the 2023 budget cycle this week. Departments are being asked to make cuts to their budgets of 2.5%. We do not anticipate layoffs being a part of the strategies to achieve these reductions. The Finance team will be coming to Council on Feb. 8 for a mid-year budget update, so stay tuned for more on the budget in early February. We are continuing to closely monitor our revenue trends, including strong sales tax reporting over the 3rd quarter of last year (July-September).

Water Levels at Loch Lomond

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2022 Winter-Spring Registration

Parks and Recreation had a very successful first day of Winter-Spring class registration on Monday, Jan. 10. With a first-day enrollment of more than 300, we brought in approximately \$53,355 and awarded 14 Friends of Parks and Recreation (FOPAR) Scholarships for Santa Cruz residents. The team also launched a partnership with the City Schools for an After School Enrichment at school sites that will offer 17 different classes.

Encampment Management

The temporary evacuation site at Depot Park was closed this next week. A cross-departmental team helped participants move their belongings to the alternate site at the Bench lands and cleaned the lot to return it to its primary use. The area behind the cemetery was noticed for closure on Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. Notices were provided to all campers to alert them to the closure and outreach is being conducted. The Benchlands is being offered as an alternative location for campers in the interim until new programs come online. The Transitional Community Camp is at capacity, and staff is in the process of developing individualized case plans for the participants.

Homeless Response Action Plan: On February 2nd, we'll be holding an internal half day strategic planning workshop with all departments to develop a framework for a comprehensive homeless response action plan. This work is intended to identify and prioritize immediate, medium and long range actions that both align our citywide response efforts, as well as better position the City to leverage regional and county partnerships. The action plan will also help inform budget decisions as we move into the 2023 budget development process. I anticipate bringing the plan, along with an update on our response efforts to the Council on March 8th, with quarterly updates to the Council going forward.

Sidewalk Vending

In preparation for the spring and summer season, the City has published a sidewalk vending webpage aimed to educate vendors, businesses, and the public on safe and responsible street vending. The webpage includes information on unsafe vending practices and how to report them. The public can also submit comments and sign-up for future sidewalk vending updates. cityofsantacruz.com/sidewalkvending

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