

Homeless Outreach and Relocation Report

Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards

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Five Acres



Many calls came in about homeless and debris on the OTD parcel on Studebaker Road and Second Street. This was also was reported on Marcello land report. We got on this immediately.



Officer Depello, Armond east division and I made contact. Our first priority is to offer services, a snack and sanitation kit. We let them know that they cannot stay at this location. Most homeless know and trust us and will move on, most refuse services. Kat however wanted to go back home to Florida and to her family, we know that we have to act immediately, strike when the iron is hot.



Next day arrangements are made and ticket was purchased. Kat was hand carried down to buss station and escorted onto the buss, she was given some cash for her jorney. This lady has been a huge problem for the city and wetlands for over ten years. She has cost the city thousands of dollars using police, fire and hospital resources. We saved a life this time and helped the community quality of life.



Next day, assisted by officers, Armond, Depello, and Murphy to keep us safe stood by. Large cleanup was done in.



My crew was assisted by 4 community service workers. We also knew across the street we had abandon shopping carts and the crew picked them up also. Now we took care of two birds with one stone 😊.



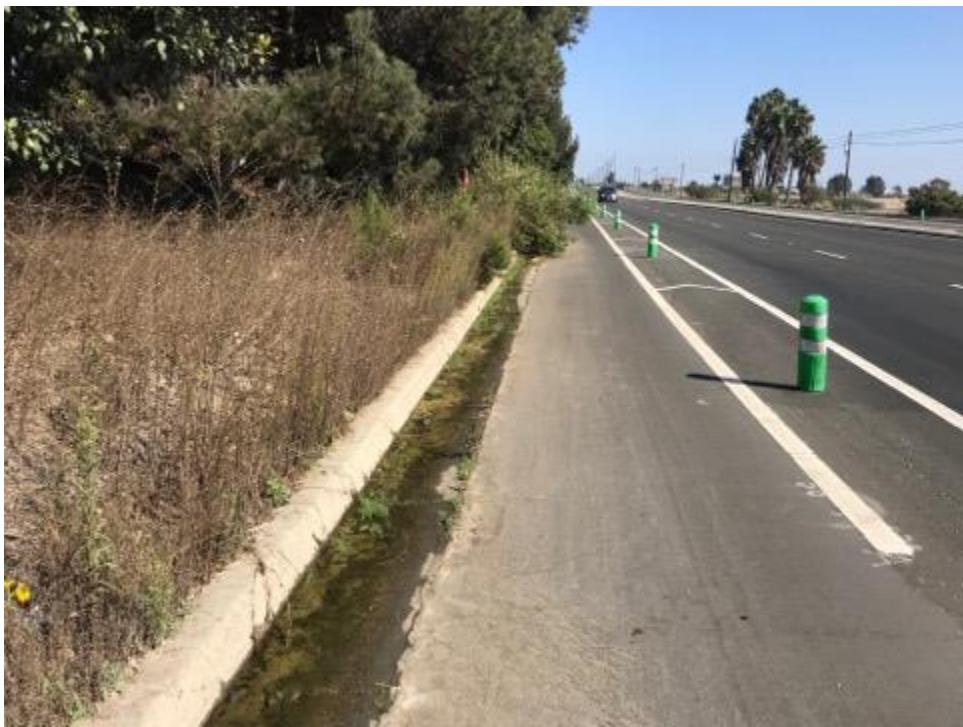
We have all the connections and officer Depello contacted our shopping cart guy to come over right away and haul off the shopping carts we collected.



Now the five acres are free and clear of homeless.



The OTD parcel is overgrown with vegetation, it has become a magnet for the homeless. It is critical to get this property cleaned up, it is a fire hazard and it is the gateway to our city. LCWS can get this done before the quick approaching nesting season that soon will be a pawn us.



The vegetation on the property is growing out onto the street causing anyone riding in the bike lane to transverse out into the traffic lane, a major liability. Also notice we have an on going water leak coming off the property.



The next day LBPD, LCWS staff patrolled the levy we have cleared of homeless the month before to make sure no stragglers came back. We cleared the small palms that was a great hiding place for homeless not seen from PCH.



Next we went over to the pipe bridge that was Jimmy's last home and cleared the bridge of his camp. The space under the bridge needs to be filled in to prevent homeless from getting in there another perfect hiding spot.



We found no homeless on any of LCWA property, all the gates have been locked and not disturbed for two weeks now. We have never accomplished this before it would be great to get all of these recommendations done, this will help keep the wetlands free and clear of unwanted homeless. Thank you.