

Field Report Memorandum

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Date: October 6th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

Sites Inspected: Zedler Marsh, Bryant Lease West, Hellman/Gum Grove, State Lands Parcel, & OTD Parcel

Inspection Date: September 22nd, 2020

Note: The locations of critical observations and issues noted in this document are called out on the map on the final page. Photos of certain issues/observations are attached at the end of the report.

OTD Parcel

1. Gates –
 - a. Entrance gate damaged by a vehicle on September 21st. (See Photos)
Leasee staff have taken responsibility for and are coordinating replacement of the gate. Tidal Influence staff will coordinate with the leasee and verify replacement.
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless –
 - a. Encampment observed along the southern fence line of property off of 2nd Street. Two inhabitants were observed during the walkthrough along with shopping carts full of materials. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to outreach to and remediate this encampment as soon as possible.

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails –
 - a. Two trash clean up events were conducted on September 15th and 18th in coordination with a super volunteer following COVID protocols. This event acted as a trial event for establishing the return of public programs. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence will continue to monitor the presence of trash throughout the site and remove as necessary.
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates –
 - a. The eastern gate was left unsecured. The chain and lock were left intact.
Tidal Influence staff have resecured the site by changing the lock combination. They will continue to closely monitor this for possible unapproved entry onto site.
10. Trails – OK
11. Fences – OK
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- b. The underbrush of a non-native pepper tree along the stewardship trail is growing back. This pepper tree will require maintenance to ensure line of site visibility for visitor and staff safety. (See Photos)
Tidal influence staff will work to conduct maintenance in the coming months. A staff biologist will check for any nesting bird activity before this maintenance is conducted to ensure no biological impacts are made.
- c. Vegetation has begun to encroach along the stewardship trail system. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and trail maintenance will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences –

- a. Vegetation growing along a portion of the fence line of stewardship program parking area.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor and schedule fence line maintenance once stewardship programs resume.

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. According to LCWA homeless report all levee gates were locked subsequent to encampment cleanups however the locks and chains for the gates along the levee have been removed and all gates are open. (See Photos)
We recommend LCWA staff meet with LA County to determine a new approach to secure this property. We recommend adjusting the fence line location to provide a thoroughfare along the levy path.

18. Trails –

- a. A large rubble pile consisting of asphalt, concrete, and metal have been dumped near the entrance gate to the LCWA's Bryant West Property. This pile is currently located on property currently owned by the Bryant's. At the time of observations tire tracks were observed leading up to the rubble pile but no other indications of the responsible party were found. Clean up of this rubble was started on July 23rd, 2019 by the LCWA's Homeless contractor and the City of Long Beach's Clean team, with an additional cleanup effort needed to finish removing the remaining material.
Tidal Influence staff will track the progress of the clean up effort and assess the site for impacts once the clean ups are complete.
- b. A small fire occurred on the northwest portion of the property approximately 250 feet from eastern fence line on Wednesday September 23rd, 2020. The local fire department quickly extinguished the fire with 0.35 acres of vegetation being affected. During the night of September 23rd an attempt to start a second fire on the property was reported by the local fire department. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff have conducted a site walkthrough identifying potential fire risks. Staff will work with the oil operators and LCWS to reduce fire loads in the areas.

19. Fences –

- a. A previously patched fence line approximately 200 meters south of the main encampment has been breached and requires repairs.
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portion of fence line in the coming months.
- b. Graffiti was observed on the river side of the concrete base of San Gabriel River trail fencing below the cattle grates. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work with the LCWA's contractor to contact LA County staff to resolve this item.

20. Homeless –

- a. As of September 22nd, the encampment area remains vacant. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence will patch fence lines and repost no trespassing signs in this area. Tidal Influence will coordinate with the LCWA's homeless contractor for the maintenance of the non-native shrubs growing along the fence line to deter future encampments from establishing in this area.

Map

The photos of the issues and observations detailed above are labeled by number. The number on the map below indicates the location of these issues and observations.



OTD



Entrance gate damaged by vehicle



Encampment on southern property border

Zedler Marsh



Trash collected in and around Zedler Marsh

State Lands



Western property gate resecured

Hellman



Non-native pepper tree growing onto trail



Vegetation growing along stewardship trail system



Erosion along back trail

Bryant Lease West



Main encampment clear of materials and vacated



Levee gates left open



Small fire in north western section of property



Graffiti on levee bank