

Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: June 17th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: May 26th, 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 – OK
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless –
 - a. Encampment found in southeast corner of the property along the outside of the fence line. Tent is no longer present, but other materials and debris have been left in the area. This encampment may be a day camp since no activity has been observed during patrols. (See Photos)
The LCWA's homeless contractor should work to remediate this encampment as soon as possible.

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences –
 - a. Fence breach found in the northwest corner of the property approximately 100ft from the dirt access road and located beneath a fenced in facility. Tidal Influence staff have repaired the fence line breach to maintain site security. (See Photos)
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails –
 - a. Tidal Influence staff conducted trail maintenance in May to maintain site access for staff. Additional trail maintenance may be required once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety. (See Photos)
 - b. A non-native pepper tree had its lower branches trimmed to reduce the possibility of the tree being used as an encampment or for storing materials. A staff biologist surveyed the tree for any nesting birds and found none. The biologist was also present during the trimming to ensure not impacts were made to the habitat. (See photos)
11. Fences – OK
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Tidal Influence staff conducted trail maintenance along portions of the trail system to allow access for staff and maintenance activities. Additional trail maintenance will be conducted throughout the trails system once stewardship programs resume. (See Photos)
- b. 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.
- c. The underbrush of a non-native pepper tree along the stewardship trail is growing back. This pepper tree was used as an encampment previously.
Tidal influence staff will work to maintain visibility around this tree in the coming months. A staff biologist will check for any nesting bird activity before this maintenance is conducted to ensure no impacts are made to the habitat. (See Photos)

15. Fences –

- a. Non-native vegetation is growing along the southwestern portion of the property adjacent to a neighborhood. (See Photos)
Tidal influence staff will work to remove vegetation in this area in the coming months to reduce any fire risk and comply with county guidelines.

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All 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 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. (See Photos)
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. Dry branches have been observed around the site's trails. Tidal Influence staff will repurpose when possible.

19. Fences –

- a. The fence line next to the active encampment located adjacent to the LCWA's property was breached.
Tidal Influence staff will conduct fence line repairs to this section once the encampment is no longer occupied.

20. Homeless –

- a. The main encampment on the Bryant West property was cleared in early June 2019. The encampment has since been set up approximately 200 meters north of the old encampment's location. Tidal Influence staff re-installed no trespassing signs to the property fence line, but these went missing the following day. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments from establishing. Tidal Influence will work to repair the fence line and repost no trespassing signs in the portion of the fence line no longer occupied by the encampment.
- b. A new encampment has been established on the San Gabriel River Trail approximately 100 feet from the southern border of the property. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments from establishing.

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.





Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: July 8th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: June 26th, 2020

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OTD Parcel

1. Gates – OK
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless –
 - a. Encampment found in southeast corner of the property along the outside of the fence line. No shelter was present, but other materials and debris have been left in the area.
The LCWA's homeless contractor should work to remediate this encampment as soon as possible.

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails – OK
11. Fences – OK
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates –

- a. The electronic gate allowing vehicle access into the site recently overheated and was disabled. Tidal Influence staff coordinated repair of this gate. The gate was repaired by the end of the day and no signs of trespassers were observed around the property. (See Photos)

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. Shrubs along the back trail leading into Gum Grove Park have grown onto the trail and are blocking the route through to the access gate.
Tidal Influence staff will work to maintain this portion of the trail for staff access.
- c. The underbrush of a non-native pepper tree along the stewardship trail is growing back. This pepper tree was used as an encampment previously and will require maintenance to ensure line of site visibility around the vegetation. (See Photos)
Tidal influence staff will work to maintain visibility around this tree in the coming months. A staff biologist will check for any nesting bird activity before this maintenance is conducted to ensure no impacts are made to the habitat.

15. Fences –

- a. Fire safety maintenance has been conducted along the property boundary shared with a neighborhood near PCH. Tidal Influence staff conducted this maintenance effort before July 4th to reduce the fire risk and to comply with Orange County Fire Authority guidelines. (See Photos)
- b. A large shelving unit was left along the fence line of the PCH entrance area. Tidal Influence staff have moved the shelving unit and will repurpose or dispose of it in the coming months. (See Photos)
- c. A large amount of materials were dumped along the fence line near the PCH entrance area. Tidal Influence staff have cleaned up the area and disposed of these items. (See Photos)

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All 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. Dry branches have been observed around the site's trails. Tidal Influence staff will repurpose when possible.

19. Fences –

- a. The fence line next to the active encampment located adjacent to the LCWA's property was breached.
Tidal Influence staff will conduct fence line repairs to this section once the encampment is no longer occupied.

20. Homeless –

- a. The main encampment on the Bryant West property was cleared in early June 2019. The encampment has since been set up approximately 200 meters north of the old encampment's location. Tidal Influence staff re-installed no trespassing signs to the property fence line, but these went missing the following day. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments from establishing. Tidal Influence will work to repair the fence line and repost no trespassing signs in the portion of the fence line no longer occupied by the encampment.

- b. Three new encampments have been established along the bottom of the slope of the flood control levy that runs parallel with the property fence line. While these encampments are not directly on LCWA property their proximity to the fence line and oil operations on the property increases the likelihood of trespassing. (See Photos)

Tidal Influence staff has coordinated with the LCWA's contractor to remediate and outreach to these encampments.

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Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: August 13th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: July 28th, 2020

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OTD Parcel

1. Gates – OK
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless – OK

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates –
 - a. A small fire occurred on the property on Saturday July 18th, 2020. The local fire department quickly extinguished the fire with only approximately 0.2 acres of ruderal vegetation being affected. The chain on the southern entrance gate near First St. and PCH was cut by Fire Department officials for site access.
Tidal Influence staff have documented and assess the burn area and have replaced the chain that was cut to secure the 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. Shrubs along the back trail leading into Gum Grove Park have grown onto the trail and are blocking the route through to the access gate.
Tidal Influence staff has performed maintenance along this portion of the trail and it is now accessible.
- c. The underbrush of a non-native pepper tree along the stewardship trail is growing back. This pepper tree was used as an encampment previously and will require maintenance to ensure line of site visibility around the vegetation. (See Photos)
Tidal influence staff will work to maintain visibility around this tree in the coming months. A staff biologist will check for any nesting bird activity before this maintenance is conducted to ensure no impacts are made to the habitat.
- d. Vegetation has begun to encroach onto the asphalt path leading to back entrance gate.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and maintenance will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences –

- a. Vegetation growing and trash littered along fence line of stewardship program parking area (See photos).
Tidal Influence staff will monitor and schedule 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.

19. Fences –

- a. The fence line next to the active encampment located adjacent to the LCWA's property was breached.
Tidal Influence staff will conduct fence line repairs to this section once the encampment is no longer occupied.
- b. Fence breaches were found on fence between two cattle grates near the levee gates and on fence running perpendicular to main property fence line where previous encampments had established (See photos).
Tidal Influence will work to repair the breached fence line to prevent trespassing.

20. Homeless –

- a. The main encampment on the Bryant West property was cleared in early June 2019. The encampment has since been set up approximately 200 meters north of the old encampment's location. Tidal Influence staff re-installed no trespassing signs to the property fence line, but these went missing the following day (See Photos).
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments from establishing. Tidal Influence will work to repair the fence line and repost no trespassing signs in the portion of the fence line no longer occupied by the encampment.
- b. The three relatively new encampments established along the bottom of the slope of the flood control levee that runs parallel with the property fence line have been remediated by LCWA's contractor and local authorities. (See Photos).

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Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: September 1st, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: July 25th, 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 – OK
2. Trails –
 - a. Shrubs next to the roadside are beginning to grow in front of road signage. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will perform maintenance outside of nesting bird season to allow for line of sight visibility of the signage. A staff biologist will be on site during maintenance work to ensure no biological impacts are made.
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless – OK

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails – OK
11. Fences – OK
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates –
 - a. The electronic entrance gate near 1st St. and PCH was damaged by a vehicle. The damaged gate was removed and a temporary fence with chain and combo lock was put in place to secure the property while a replacement was fabricated. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff increased security measures by adding additional locks to the facilities and performing weekly site walkthroughs. As of today, the replacement has been installed and is operating normally.

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 pothole was discovered along the San Gabriel River trail north of the levee gates. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence will monitor the sunken area of the SGR asphalt trail for additional damage. The damage will be assessed and minor repair efforts will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume.

19. Fences –

- a. Fence breaches were found along a fence line between two cattle gates near the levee gates and another fence running perpendicular to the main property fence line where previous encampments had established (See photos).
Tidal Influence staff have patched these portions of fence line.
- b. A previously patched fence line approximately 200 meters south of the main encampment has been breached and is in need of repairs. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portion of fence line.

20. Homeless –

- a. The LCWA's Homeless contractor and local officials made contact with the main encampment on August 14th. The inhabitant was notified to vacate the property by August 21st. During the property patrol the inhabitant was observed under the non-native shrubs growing along the eastern fence line along with additional supplies stored along the fence line. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence will patch fence lines and repost no trespassing signs once the encampment is remediated. The LCWA's homeless contractor will coordinate maintenance of the non-native shrubs growing along the fence line to deter future encampments from establishing in this area.

Map

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Zeder Marsh



Fence breach along northwestern fence



Fence breach has been patched

Hellman



Trail maintenance conducted in May



Fire safety clearance upcoming



Erosion along back trail



Pepper Tree growing back along trail

Hellman



Electronic gate repaired



Fire safety maintenance completed



Erosion along back trail



Non-native pepper tree growing onto trail

Hellman



Shrub growth blocking access trail



Shelving unit dumped along fence line



Materials dumped along fence line



Materials cleaned up and disposed of

Hellman



Maintenance performed to back trail



Vegetation encroaching onto asphalt trail



Erosion along back trail



Non-native pepper tree growing onto trail

Hellman



Electronic entrance gate damaged in car accident



Vegetation growing along stewardship trail system



Erosion along back trail



Non-native pepper tree encroaching onto trail

Hellman



Vegetation growing in parking area



Trash dumped onto parking area

OTD



OTD



Willow branches extending towards road

State Lands



Trail maintenance completed



Pepper tree trimmed to maintain line of sight visibility

State Lands



Bryant Lease West



Fence breaches on eastern fence line

Bryant Lease West



Encampment #1 along eastern fence line



Encampment #2 along eastern fence line



Encampment #3 & #4 along eastern fence line



Levy gates left open

Bryant Lease West



Encampment #1 along eastern fence line present



Encampment #2 along eastern fence line no longer present



Encampments #3 & #4 along eastern fence line not present



Levee gates left open

Bryant Lease West



Encampment re-establishing along eastern fence line



Levy asphalt sunken in



Eastern fence line breached



Levee gates left open

Bryant Lease West



Eastern fence line breaches repaired