MEMORANDUM

Date: January 14, 2016

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Update on County Efforts Regarding Homeless Encampments**

Attached are two January 12, 2016 memoranda from the Regional Flood Control District and Environmental Quality Directors regarding this subject.

Please note that appropriate Sheriff's Department trespass notice and protocol has been completed, and we will begin providing trespass notices to the encampments on County Regional Flood Control District-owned properties beginning February 1, 2016. These actions are being coordinated with the Sheriff.

We have also provided electronic access to documents related to known locations of homeless encampments via the addition of a layer to the County's online MapGuide. At the present time, there are approximately 36 locations under review.

CHH/lab

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriff
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Policy, Public Works
Chris Cawein, Director, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Transportation
Ursula Nelson, Director, Environmental Quality
Suzanne Shields, Director, Regional Flood Control District
Eric Shepp, Deputy Director, Regional Flood Control District
Bill Zimmerman, Deputy Director, Regional Flood Control District

ATTACHMENT 1

PIMA COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2016

TO: C.H.Huckelberry
County Administrator

FROM: Suzanne Shields, P.E.
Director

SUBJECT: **Homeless Occupation of the Pima Wash**

This memorandum is in response to questions raised in your January 11, 2016 memorandum concerning Ms. Bosche complaint about homeless camp occupations along Pima Wash south of Orange Grove Road. These two encampments and associated areas of solid waste are located on private properties.

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) did issue a notice of violation to the property owners on November 20, 2015. On January 7, 2016, PDEQ staff inspected the properties and found the owners had removed the trash and debris, see attached reports and photographs. The staff report, for a Complaint 1511-051, indicates the homeless residences may still be on the property; the site is heavily vegetated and camps would be difficult to locate. Because the area of occupancy by the homeless is in the wash and floodplain, the property owners are unable to secure their properties with fencing. It is unknown whether the property owners have requested assistance from the Sheriff's Department for trespass.

Please let me know if you have any questions

SS
Attachments

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator – Public Works
Ursula Nelson, Director Pima County Department of Environmental Quality
Bill Zimmerman, Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District
Eric Shepp, Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District

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INSPECTION REPORT

Complaint #: 1511-051 **Date:** 1/7/2016 **Inspector:** L. McCain
Source: 4-D Properties / Orange Grove Oracle LLC
Location: Behind Oracle Plaza in Pima Wash Parcel 102-20-001A

On 1/7/2016 I returned to this location for a follow up inspection. I found that the trash I had referenced in my Notice of Violation and site meeting with the groundskeeper had been removed, I found minimal trash remaining on site. It should be noted that it would take an unreasonable amount of time for me to walk the entire property when visiting to check for accumulated trash as the property is quite large and well vegetated. Any large accumulations of trash or solid waste that I was able to locate were called out with GPS coordinates in the paperwork I provided with the Notice of Violation.

The following facts and observations should also be noted;

This area is used by transient individuals as a place to reside. The actual camps the individuals live in are not considered trash due to them being residences. I have observed that when a cleanup occurs in this area, the camps move around a bit, usually to more hidden areas. Based on my observations, most of the time, camps can not be seen without being physically on the private property in question. I have spoken to the owners' representative on multiple occasions. They have advised me that they are unable to secure the property against entry due to restrictions based on the wash. They have advised that even in the absence of a Notice of Violation, they send a crew to the area to check for and clean trash on a regular basis. Based on my observations, I believe this to be true, the property owners are doing everything we can reasonably request to keep this area clean. I have no knowledge of whether the Sheriff's Department has warned any of the individuals in the wash for trespassing.

NFI L McCain

LRM

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Program	PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG **Case #:** PC1511-051	
Site Location: Pima Wash Parcel 102-20-001A	**Photographer:** L McCain	**Date of Inspection:** 1/7/2016

Photo No. 1

Photo No. 2

Photo No. 3	

Photo No. 4	

Photo No. 5	

Photo No. 6	

Photo No. 7	

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INSPECTION REPORT

Complaint #: PC1511-067 **Date:** 1/7/2016 **Inspector:** L. McCain
Source: CASAS ADOBES PARTNERS ATTN: NORTHSTAR MANAGEMENT
Location: IN THE WASH BEHIND 6200 N. ORACLE RD.

On 1/7/2016 I returned to this location to conduct a follow up inspection. Upon arrival I found minimal waste remaining on site. This case may now be closed.

LRM

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Program

PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG
Case #: PC1511-067

Site Location: Back of 6200 N. Oracle RD	**Photographer:** L McCain	**Date of Inspection:** 1/7/2016

Photo No. 1

Photo No. 2

Photo No. 3	

Photo No. 4	

ATTACHMENT 2

PIMA COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2016

TO: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

FROM: Suzanne Shields, P.E., Director
Regional Flood Control District

Ursula Nelson, P.E., Director
Department of Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: **Homeless Encampments Protocol and the Coordination Efforts with Various Public Works Departments – Update**

In December 2015, the departments of Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ), Regional Flood Control District (District), Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR), and Transportation Department (PDOT) met to make sure our response to the issue of the homeless encampments was coordinated and in keeping with Pima County's protocol for responding to homeless encampments, including providing community services. The following summarizes our discussion and our action items:

1. PDEQ is the central department for receiving complaints about homeless encampments from the public and other Pima County departments. When the locations of the encampments are within the road right-of-way or within District-owned drainageways or washes, all information will be sent to PDOT and the District respectively. When the complaint is along or adjacent to the Loop or other river parks, the District will coordinate with NRPR. All active encampments will be reported to PDEQ, but debris and refuses from abandoned camps will be handled by PDOT, District, and RFCD as part of normal maintenance.

2. To better coordinate this interdepartmental effort, the District has set up a layer on MapGuide that is linked to the document management system which will identify all homeless encampment complaints and cleanup activities (see attachment). In addition to illustrating locations, clicking the "diamond" will take the viewer to the document management file where the viewer can see the information on the complaint, investigation, clean-up costs and community assistance. At this time there are 36 locations representing those complaints received since the beginning of the fiscal year. It should be noted that this MapGuide site also has information on County property ownership which will allow a quick verification of which department is responsible for cleanup efforts.

   All interaction with individuals includes offers of community assistance services. Within the City of Tucson, the District and NRPR coordinate with the City of Tucson's Housing and Community Development Department along with the Tucson Police Department.

3. Also discussed was the roll-off provided by Tucson Recycling & Waste Services for cleanups provided through PDEQ. This roll-off is delivered on Saturday, once a month, for wildcat dump cleanups as well as homeless camp cleanups. Due to the limited availability and location, use of this service is not viable for the other County departments that perform cleanups during the work week. Additionally, most of the homeless encampments are in the south and southwest areas, making transportation to Tangerine cost prohibitive because the costs include labor time for the work crew as well as mileage.

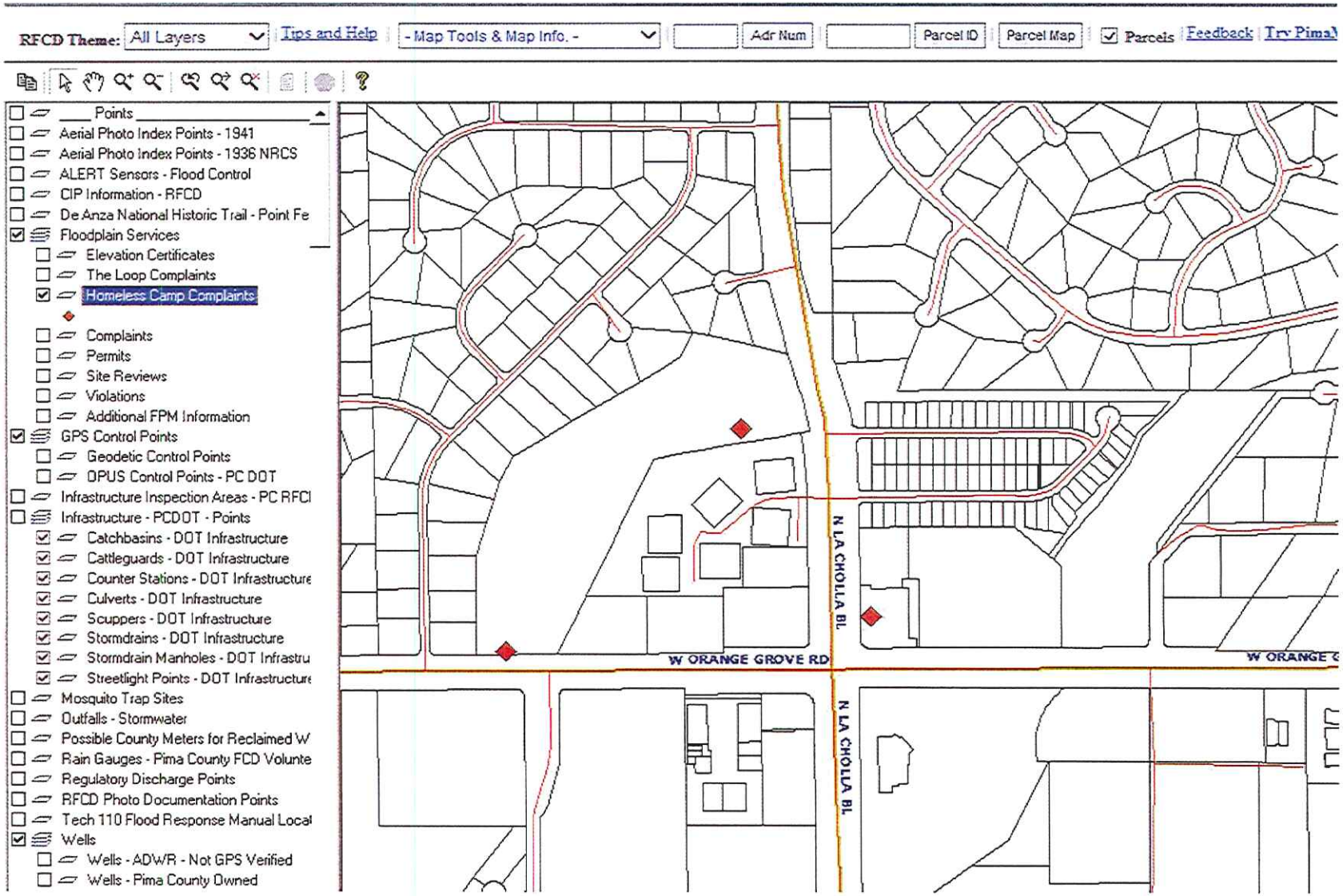
4. Finally, the notice of trespass and protocol with the Sheriff's Office has been completed. The first planned visit to encampments is being scheduled for February 1, 2016, and will be on District-owned property. The encampments will be visited in phases with the plan to visit 3 to 4 per day. The Sheriff's Office will be coordinating the visits with the Public Works departments as well as the Health Department and Community Resources.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

SS/tj

Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator – Public Works
Chris Cawein, Director – Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Priscilla Cornelio, Director – Transportation Department
Bill Zimmerman, Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District
Eric Shepp, P.E., Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District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Culverts - DOT Infrastructure
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Rain Gauges - Pima County FCD Volunte
Regulatory Discharge Points
RFCD Photo Documentation Points
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Wells - ADWR - Not GPS Verified
Wells - Pima County Owned
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RFCD Complaints Entry

Department Listing

- Public Works
- Pima County

Information & Services

- Search RFCD Services
- Complaints
- Permits
- Violations
- Site Reviews
- Services Map

Other Links

- DOT Homepage
- Pima County Intranet
- RFCD Apps

Search Criteria

Complaint | Search Results

PDF/Docs

TRS: E131304 Number: 15363 Tax Code: 101016320 Object ID: 27897

Date In: 11/16/2015

Area: 4 BOS Dist: 1 MNT Dist: 3

Panel: 1660 Zone: ZONE A Legal Description: CASAS ADOBES WEST NO 2 NATURAL DRGWY

Suspect: PIMA COUNTY

Suspect Address:

Suspect City: Suspect Zip Code: 000000000

Status: LOGO Number: 15363 Violation: ☐ Date Out: 12/15/2015

Initial Contact Date: 11/16/2015 Complainant: MCCAIN LANCE (PDEQ)

Field Date: Address: 33 N STONE AVE STE 700 Phone: 724-7400

1st Letter Date: 11/18/2015 City: PC Zip: 85701 Other Phone:

2nd Lettr Date: Code: HOM Division: INF

Inv: JWC Inspector: PLV County Request or Referral: ☑

Structure Flooded and Primary Residence: ☐ Has Flood Insurance: ☐

Archive Box Number: Service Request Number:

Mr. McCain observed several homeless camps in the area right next to and within the water way of the wash. Needs to be inspected. Thanks! LOGO: Yesterday (11/17/2015) PLV met with Sheriff deputies for their assistance with serving eviction notices to two encampments that were referred to the District by your office. Encampment #1 was investigated, and only one of the two camps is currently present. The northern most camp in this drainage just west of N. La Cholla Blvd. has been removed by the campers and only a small amount of trash is present that will be removed this week. The remaining camp just north of Orange Grove Rd is occupied. The occupants were given notice to vacate by December 10, 2015 and offered assistance services which they declined. Encampment #2 occupants were given notice to relocate by December 10, 2015. The occupants were offered assistance services which they accepted. Both of these areas will be cleaned up on or about December 10, 2015 and the District will close this concern after the cleanup is complete.

Drainage Complaint: 15363

TRS	E131304	TAXCODE:	101016320
DATE_IN	11/16/2015	AREA:	4
BOS DIST:	1	MNT DIST:	3
PANEL:	1660		
ZONE:	ZONE A		
SUSPECT:	PIMA COUNTY		
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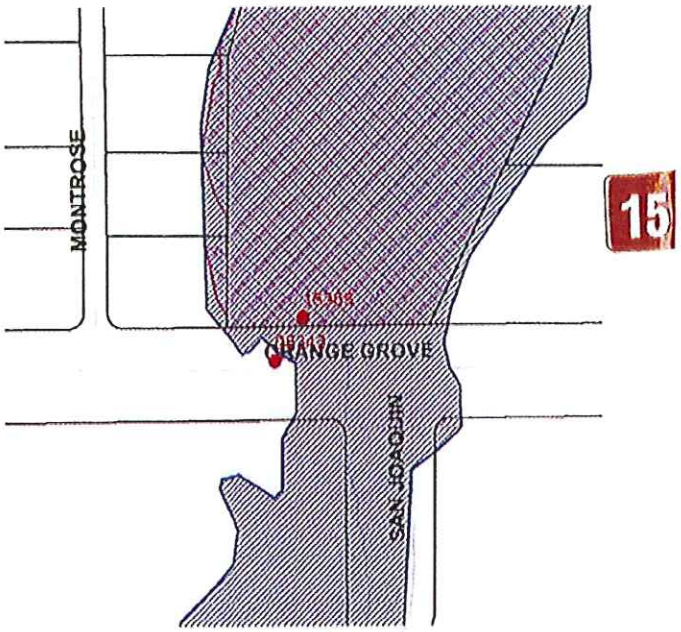
SUSPECT ZIP:	000000000		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CASAS ADOBES WEST NO 2 NATURAL DRGWY		



Status: RECD Code: IDM Inv: JVC/JO Violation: County Request and Referral: ✓

Initial Contact Date:		Complainant:	MCCAIN LANCE (PDEQ)	Phone:	724-7400
Field Date:		Address:	33 N STONE AVE STE 700	Other Phone:	
1st Letter Date:		City:	PC Zip: 85701	Service Request #:	
2nd Letter Date:		Inspector:	Division: INF		
Date Out:					

Nature of Problem:

Mr. McCain observed several homeless camps in the area right next to and within the water way of the wash. Needs to be inspected. Please let Deanna or Debbie know if the point needs to be moved. Thanks!

From: Paul La valley

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:41 PM

To: Lucas McCain; Jennifer Lynch

Cc: Debbie Grijalva; Paul Wassmuth; Colby Fryar

Subject: DEQ referrals of encampments (two referrals)

RE: # 1. DEQ # 1510-096, RFCD # DC 15363

2. DEQ reference location at 7501 N. La Cholla Blvd. RFCD # DC 15358

Lucas / Jennifer,

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Encampment #2 occupants were given notice to relocate by December 10, 2015. The occupants were offered assistance services which they accepted.

Both of these areas will be cleaned up on or about December 10, 2015 and the District will close this concern after the cleanup is complete.

Thank You,

Paul LaValley

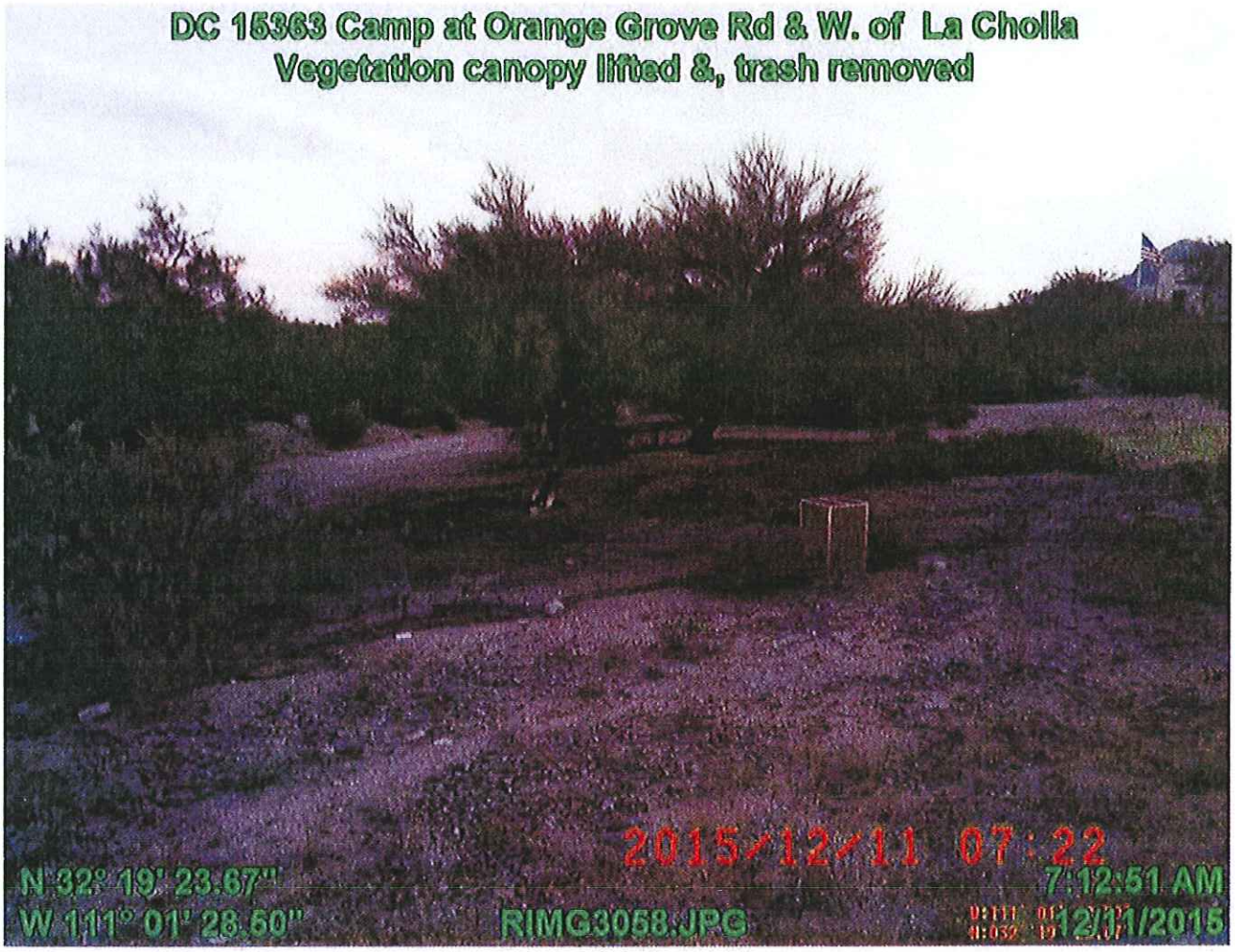
RFCD Public Works Supervisor

97 E Congress Street

Tucson, AZ 85701

Office: 724-4619 Cell: 345-2173

DC 15363 Camp at Orange Grove Rd & W. of La Cholla
Vegetation canopy lifted &, trash removed



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(520) 724-7400

COMP-TRAK FORM

Tracking # PC1510-096 Date 10/27/2015 Time 04:53 PM Origin PUBLIC

Supervisor District 1 Type WST Descriptor WLD Entry Person

Source Name HOMELESS PEOPLE

Address

City TUCSON Phone

Location Description NORTH & SOUTH SIDE OF ORANGE GROVE, WEST OF SAN JOAQUIN

Map Page 79 TRS 13 13 9

Complainant HOTLINE - DAVE HAYDEN

Address City

Phone-Home (520) 878-9392 Phone-Work E-MAIL

Description TRASH AND HUMAN FECES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WASH, ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF ORANGE GROVE, WEST OF SAN JOAQUIN

COMPLAINT CLOSURE

Assigned To MCCAIN Date Assigned 10/28/2015 Assigned By

Permit/System / Project # Investigation Date 10/29/15 Inspector's Initials MC

Parcel # 101-01-6320 Latitude Longitude -

Referred: ADEQ PC Zoning PC DOT PC Build/Codes Other RFCD

Attachments:

Comments

Could Not Verify X Insufficient Evidence Duplicate

NOC? NOV? OOA? Date Closed 11/6/16 Closed by

COMPLAINT SIGNATURES

Inspector Date 11/6/16

Reviewer Date 11/13/15

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INSPECTION REPORT

Complaint #: 1510-096 **Date:** 10/29/2015 **Inspector:** L. McCain
Source: PC RFCD
Location: Pegler Wash just North and South of Orange Grove

On 10/29/2015 I responded to the above location in reference to a solid waste or illegal dumping complaint.

I observed several homeless camps in this area right next to and within the water way of the wash. I found that at least two of them presented solid waste violations. A referral will be sent to Regional Flood Control District for their review.

This case will be closed with no further enforcement action.
NFI L McCain

LRM