



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 15, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Homeless Camps 2019 Annual Summary**

The Regional Flood Control District (RFCD) incurs considerable expense in removing homeless camps and associated debris throughout the year. The final cost for 2019 was \$221,327, twice the costs incurred for 2018. The total trash and debris removed was nearly 100 tons. This material comes from approximately 63 homeless camps removed from the major watercourse system managed by the RFCD.

The attached January 10, 2020 memorandum from the RFCD Director provides more details regarding this subject. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office.

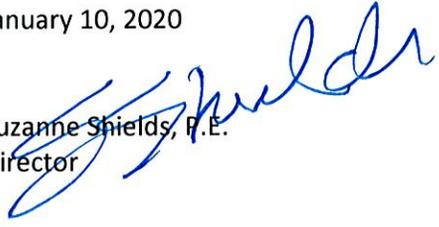
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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services

DATE: January 10, 2020

TO: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

FROM: Suzanne Shields, P.E.
Director 

SUBJECT: Homeless Camps 2019 Annual Summary

Attached is the 2019 Annual Summary data on homeless camps, which includes cleanup activities conducted by Regional Flood Control District (District) staff, contractors, or by NRPR staff working for the District (see Attachment 1). The information is broken down into segments by major watercourse with a few known other locations at the end of the list. The complaints that the District received, tracked, and remedied are listed as well.

In addition, there are hundreds of staff hours that are involved in documenting, investigating, scheduling site meetings with the Tucson Police Department or the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Social Services outreach staff, enforcement costs, other County department staff costs, and the trash removal completed by District staff at 63 camps sites in the past year.

Attached is the 2018 Annual Summary (Attachment 2) to compare last year's activities with 2019. You will note that in all categories (complaints, removals, and removal costs); the costs have exceeded the 2018 totals. The final 2019 costs totaled \$221,327, which is double that of 2018. I also included the number of tons of trash removed which is information supplied by our contractors from the actual landfill weight tickets. The total trash and debris removed was nearly 100 tons from the major watercourses, which is a very positive accomplishment for a not so positive situation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Attachments

- c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
- Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator – Public Works
- Dr. Francisco Garcia, Deputy County Administrator
- Ursula Nelson, Director – Environmental quality Department
- Eric Shepp, P.E., Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District
- Andy Dinauer, P.E., Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District

ATTACHMENT 1

**2019 - Homeless Camps removed from Major Water Courses
Information for 1/1/19 thru 12/31/19**

Sections of Major Water Courses	Drainage Complaint	Camps Removed	Cost of removal	Camp Removal by
Santa Cruz River – Valencia Road to 22nd Street				
	DC 19055	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19085	1 site	***	IMD
NRPR assisted with removed	DC 19322	4 sites	\$877.00	NRPR
Duplicate to 19322	DC 19323			
	DC 19578	1 site	***	IMD
Santa Cruz River – Cushing Street to El Camino Del Cerro				
	DC19009	5 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19025	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
Duplicate to DC 19025	DC 19055			
	DC 19057	1 site	***	IMD
Near location DC19126 - JOC March removal	DC 19067	5 sites		JOC
	DC 19084	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19100	4 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19101	1 site		IMD
	DC 19126	8 sites	\$34,450.00	JOC
Near location DC 19126- JOC March removal	DC 19127			JOC
Near location DC 19126- JOC March removal	DC 19128			JOC
Near location DC 19126- JOC March removal	DC 19128			JOC
	DC 19131	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19166	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19168	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19169	1 site	***	IMD
NRPR assisted with removed	DC 19185	4 sites	\$3,634.00	NRPR
	DC 19190	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19199	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 19200	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19248	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19276	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19277	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19285	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19298	1 site	***	IMD
Duplicate to DC 19277	DC 19316			
	DC 19321	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19355	1 site	***	IMD
1of 7 locations – JOC August removal	DC 19392	5 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC
1of 7 locations –JOC August removal	DC 19394	8 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC

1of 7 locations –JOC August removal	DC 19430	3 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC August removal	DC 19431	2 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC
	DC 19542	3 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19551	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19576	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19635	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19636	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19645	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19650	1 site	***	IMD
In progress	DC 19653	6 sites		
NRPR assistance in progress	DC 19658	3 sites		
Santa Cruz River – El Camino Del Cerro to Cortaro Farms Road				
	DC 19601	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19603	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19604	1 site	***	IMD
1of 3 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19606	2 sites	\$10,995.00	JOC
1of 3 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19607	6 sites	\$10,995.00	JOC
1of 3 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19608	3 sites	\$10,995.00	JOC
Rillito River – La Cholla Boulevard to Oracle Road				
	DC 19171	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19211	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19301	1 site	***	IMD
1of 7 locations- JOC August removal	DC 19418	1 site	\$8,346.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19548	4 sites	\$5,138.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19572	4 sites	\$5,138.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19573	2 sites	\$5,138.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19575	1 site	\$5,138.00	JOC
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19579	3 sites	\$5,138.00	JOC
Duplicate DC 19548	DC 19581			
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19590	2 sites	\$5,138.00	JOC
	DC 19617	1 site	***	IMD
1of 7 locations – JOC December removal	DC 19618	1 site	\$5,138.00	JOC
Rillito River – Stone Ave. east to Swan Road				
	DC 19007	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19008	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
NRPR assisted with clean up	DC 19012	2 sites	\$4,275.00	NRPR
	DC 19014	1 site	\$15.00	IMD
NRPR assisted with clean up	DC 19024	2 sites		NRPR
Duplicate to DC 19012	DC 19033			

NRPR assisted with clean up	DC 19036	2 sites		NRPR
JOC Removal	DC 19118	2 sites	\$5,206.00	JOC
	DC 19148	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 19197	4 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19225	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 19240	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19253	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19258	1 site	***	IMD
NRPR assist	DC 19353	2 sites	\$877.00	NRPR
	DC 19445	1 site	***	IMD
1of 7 locations –JOC August removal	DC 19463	3 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC
	DC 19494	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19516	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19526	1 site	***	IMD
NRPR assist in progress	DC 19622	2 sites		NRPR
Pantano Wash - Golf Links to Broadway Road				
	DC 19025	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19176	1 site	***	IMD
NRPR assist	DC 19236	5 sites	\$1,990.00	NRPR
	DC 19275	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 19373	1 site	***	IMD
1of 7 locations –JOC August removal	DC 19447	2 sites	\$8,346.00	JOC
Julian Wash - Benson Hwy to Campbell Road				
JOC provided removal	DC 19035	10 sites	\$12,384.00	JOC
JOC –duplicate of DC 19035	DC 19135			
	DC 19391	13 sites	29,651.00	JOC
	DC 19395	1 site	***	IMD
JOC –duplicate of DC 19391	DC 19442			
Valley View Wash – Sunrise Road and Swan Road				
	DC 19570	3 sites	***	IMD
Canada Del Oro Wash – Ina Road to Thornydale Road				
	DC 19597	1 site	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 19598	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 19648	1 site	***	IMD
Pima Wash - Orange Grove Road. – River Road				
	DC 19173	1 sites	***	IMD
	DC 19317	1 sites	***	IMD

Kino Highway and I-10 near Costco				
	DC 19041	2 sites	15.00	IMD
	DC 19068	2 sites	***	IMD
Old West Branch – Ajo Way to Silverlake Road				
NRPR assisted	DC 19571	2 sites	\$400.00	NRPR
Total number of camps removed by IMD staff				63
Total number of camps removed to date				214
Cost of camp removal by contractors to date				\$221,327.00
Tons of trash removed by the JOC				99.25
Total number of complaints for camps entered 1/1/1 thru 12/31/19				204
Camps reported on Pima County property - No action by RFCD				7
Camps reported on COT Property – No Action by RFCD				10
Camps reported on ADOT Property – No Action by RFCD				2
Camps reported on Private Property – No Action by RFCD				14

ATTACHMENT 2

**2018 - Homeless Camps removed from Major Water Courses
Information for 1/1/18 thru 12/31/18**

Sections of Major Water Courses	Drainage Complaint	Camps Removed	Cost of removal	Camp Removal by
Santa Cruz River – Valencia Road to 22nd Street				
NRPR assisted with removal	DC 18168	1 site	\$255	NRPR
	DC 18238	1 site	***	IMD
In progress	DC 18592			
Santa Cruz River – Cushing Street to El Camino Del Cerro				
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18004	4 sites	\$3,379.42	JOC
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18005	3 sites	\$3,379.42	JOC
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18006	1 site	\$3,379.42	JOC
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18007	4 sites	\$3,379.42	JOC
	DC 18008	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18011	6 sites	\$3,379.42	JOC
removal started 01/29/18	DC 18017	1 site	\$3,379.42	JOC
	DC 18031	1 site	***	IMD
DC 18 032 is a duplicate of DC 18011	DC 18032			JOC
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18075	1 site	\$1,004.66	JOC
	DC 18087	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18091	3 sites	\$3,013.98	JOC
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18099	2 sites	\$2,009.22	JOC
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18100	3 sites	\$3,013.98	JOC
	DC 18101	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18108	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18109	2 sites	\$2,009.22	JOC
	DC 18110	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18111	1 site	\$1,004.66	JOC
	DC 18119	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18153	1 site	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 18157	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18228	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18229	3 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18244	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18291	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18292	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18405	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18432	3 sites	***	IMD
DC 18433 is a duplicate of DC 18405	DC 18433			
	DC 18455	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 18485	3 sites	\$30.00	IMD

	DC 18515	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18539	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18590	1 site	\$15.00	IMD
	DC 18595	1 site	***	IMD
In progress	DC 18623			
In progress	DC 18624			
Rillito River – La Cholla Boulevard to Oracle Road				
	DC 18222	6 sites	\$5,000	JOC
Rillito River – Stone Ave. east to Swan Road				
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18014	3 sites	\$3,013.98	JOC
	DC 18015	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18074	3 sites	\$3,013.98	JOC
	DC 18088	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18090	4 sites	\$4,018.64	JOC
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18113	4 sites	\$4,018.64	JOC
	DC 18202	2 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18221	1 site	***	IMD
removal started on 6/25/18	DC 18246	2 sites	\$7,553.06	JOC
	DC 18278	3 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18326	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18364	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18366	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18386	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18414	3 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18444	1 site	***	IMD
DC 18510 is a duplicate of DC 18414	DC 18510			
	DC 18593	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
In progress	DC 18610			
In progress	DC 18611			
Pantano Wash - Golf Links to Broadway Road				
	DC 18025	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18041	1 site	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18042	6 sites	\$6,027.96	JOC
	DC 18080	2 sites	***	IMD
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18136	4 sites	\$4,018.64	JOC
	DC 18146	3 sites	***	IMD
	DC 18227	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18233	3 sites	\$59.12	IMD
	DC 18309	6 sites	\$3,000.00	JOC

DC 18330 is a Duplicate to 18309	DC 18330			
	DC 18381	3 sites	\$1,500.00	JOC
	DC 18588	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
Julian Wash - Benson Hwy to Campbell Road				
	DC 18518	4 sites	\$11,723.84	JOC
Valley View Wash – Sunrise Road and Swan Road				
	DC 18247	3 sites	\$3,604.58	JOC
	DC 18561	1 site	***	IMD
La Cholla Boulevard – Orange Grove Road				
	DC 18124	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18124	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18324	1 site	***	IMD
	DC 18579	1 site	***	IMD
Pima Wash - Orange Grove Road. – Oracle Road				
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18073	10 sites	\$10,046.60	JOC
	DC 18604	2 sites	\$15.00	IMD
Kino Highway and I-10 near Costco				
	DC 18251	2 sites	***	IMD
Valencia Road – Westover Avenue to Cardinal Avenue				
removal started 03/26/18	DC 18060	3 sites	\$3,013.98	JOC
Swap Meet drainage	DC 18201	1 site	\$24.32	IMD
Total number of camps removed by IMD staff				74
Total number of camps removed to date				166
Cost of camp removal by contractors to date				\$102,344.56
Total number of complaints for camps entered 1/1/18 thru 12/31/18				145
Camps reported on Pima County property - No action by RFCD				15
Camps reported on COT Property – No Action by RFCD				8
Camps reported on ADOT Property – No Action by RFCD				7
Camps reported on Private Property – No Action by RFCD				18