

Rough draft, 4/20/20

Homeless Encampment Removal Policy

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Purpose:

This policy is being created in an effort to protect the overall public health And safety of the Cambria Community at large, as well as restricting activities that could negatively impact environmentally sensitivity habitat,

Background:

The CCSD owns property including the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve and parcels accepted from the Land Conservancy of SLO, dedicated to open space and subject to conservation easements that specifically prohibit illegal camping activities.

Policy:

Illegal, non-sanctioned homeless encampments on District property pose significant hazards to public health and safety, foster criminal activities, and create nuisance conditions affecting the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thus, all illegal homeless encampments shall be removed from District property, promptly, upon discovery, and cleaned sites shall be restored to their original intent and condition. Continued monitoring and enforcement actions will be necessary to guarantee that the heavily entrenched local homeless population does not create re-encampments on these corrected sites, which is of a particular concern for the District.

Since the CCSD provides limited defined services to the Cambria Community, and lacks many of the resources necessary to adequately address the core problems surrounding homelessness, in general, that are fostering the creation of these illegal encampments, the district shall coordinate collaborative efforts and enforcement partnerships with the appropriate county agencies as well conservation stakeholders, and independent, local non-profits.

the goal of this policy document is the creation of a framework for developing these collaborative efforts, I. E. An Action plan, that will be reviewed and modified on a yearly basis, by the respected partners and the district. This action plan will instill strategies for clean up measures as well as how cleared encampments will be restored to their original condition. It will also document success of outreach programs, as well as outline additional security and outreach measures that may be necessary to prevent future illegal encampment from being re-formed on the original sites.

The district shall task the creation of this Action Plan through its Pros Committee, which shall create an Ad Hoc committee, specifically created for this purpose. This Pros- Homeless Encampment committee will be responsible for coordinating the collaborative efforts with appropriate County agencies, non-profits, and any other relevant stakeholders. The PRO's HEC will be responsible for oversight of the Action Plan, documenting its progress, relevance and effectiveness and will supply the necessary review and analysis, on a yearly basis, for making changes or improvements, as they deem necessary. They will also be responsible for investigating any funding mechanisms available that financially support the districts efforts at abatement and restoration and will apply for these financial resources directly.

Tasks for the PRO's HEC

1. Create action plan for district.
2. Coordinate collaboration between District and local responsible agencies and stakeholders.

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3. If necessary, create MOU's between the District and these agencies and or stakeholders.
4. Monitor and document performance goals and objectives of the action plan.
5. Report to the district on a 1/4 basis, the success of the abatement policy as well as collaborative efforts at homeless outreach by the relevant agencies and give recommendations for improvements, if necessary.
6. Investigate and pursue outside financial resources to help defer costs incurred by the district associated with implementation of the homeless encampment removal policy. This can be through grants, or other financial mechanisms made available to the district, as a direct result of the partnership MOU's and or Action Plan, which creates a required platform for state and federal funding opportunities to successfully land. (Note: These financial resources are not readily available to the district otherwise.)

Procedure:

Operational procedure for removal of homeless encampments on CCSD property. (Draft, Hirsch/ Mendoza , August 2019)

1. Observation and identification of illegal encampment.
2. Determination of shelter availability and related outreach.
3. Procedures after posting.
4. Clean up.
5. Follow up.