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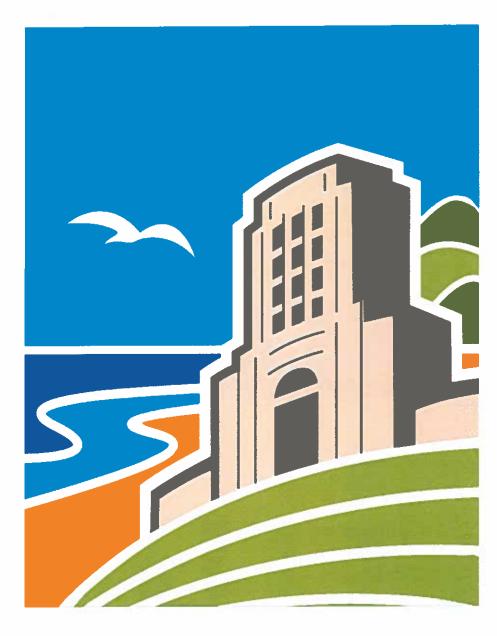
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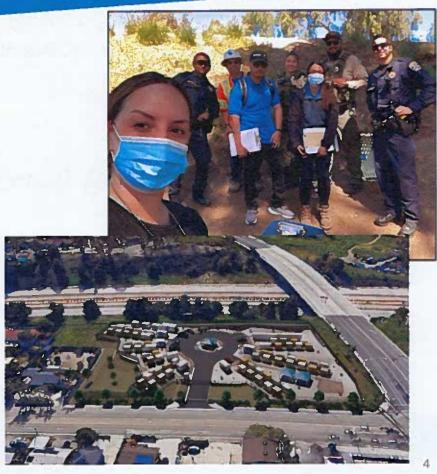
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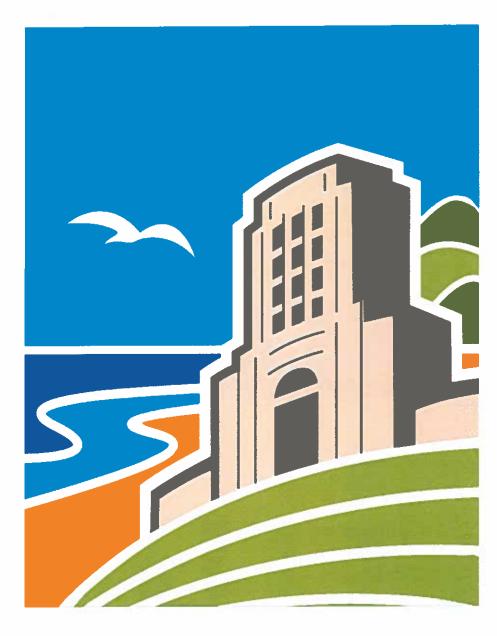
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## Background



The County is considering enhancements for its Unsafe Camping Ordinance.



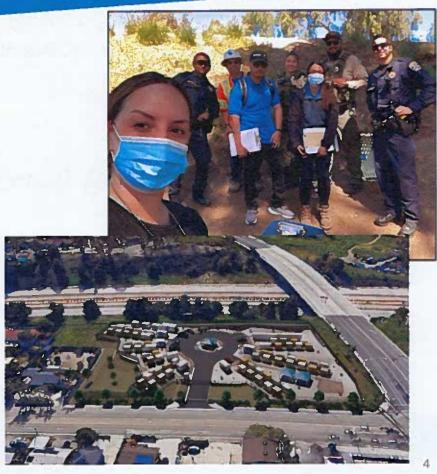
The existing ordinance is County Regulatory Code Section 73.108 – Public Parks.



This ordinance is now enforceable under the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling in the *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*.

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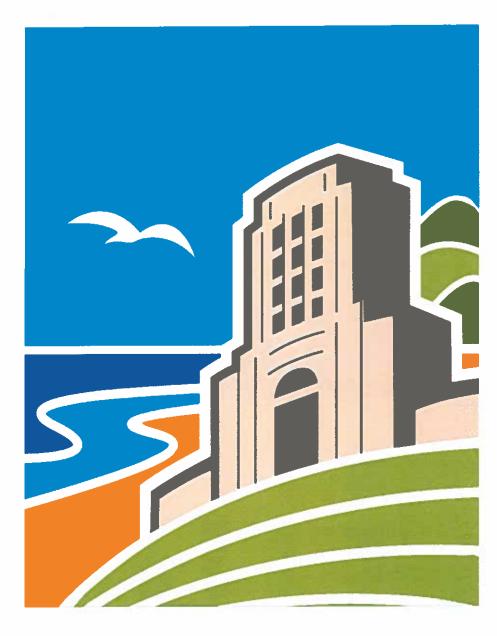
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## Current Procedures for Addressing People Experiencing Homelessness in Unincorporated Areas

#### **Advance Notification**

- When possible, the County assesses a site to determine if an unsheltered encampment poses an imminent threat to life, health, safety or infrastructure.
- Determine whether exigent circumstances require immediate removal of the encampment.

#### **County Outreach Team**

- Health and Human
   Services Agency, Parks
   and Recreation, Public
   Works and Sheriff's
   Office Homeless
   Assistance Resource
   Team (HART) provide
   outreach to people
   experiencing
   homelessness.
- Team connects people based on their needs to available resources including emergency housing.

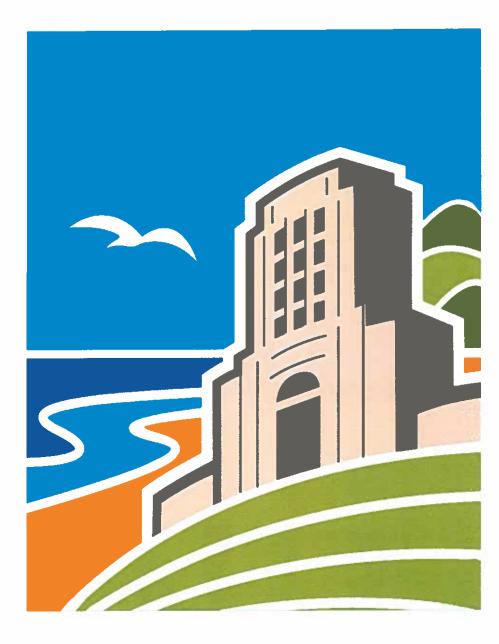
#### **Notification Procedures**

- Posting Notice to Vacate at the physical site of the encampment 72 hours prior to clearing.
- Collection, labeling and storage of personal property for 90 days.
- Provide information for individuals to retrieve personal property.

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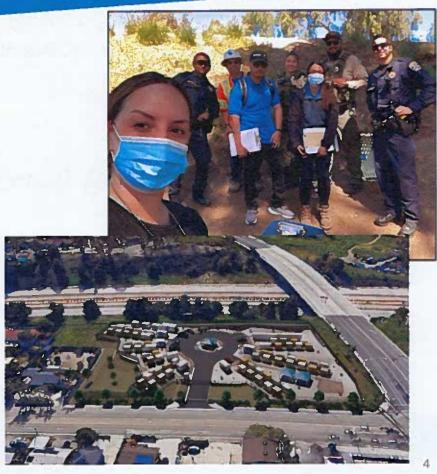
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### **Options for Unsafe Camping Ordinance**

#### Option 1:

- Enhancement A: Add provisions to related to fire risk
- Enhancement B: Add protections on property managed but not owned or leased by the County, including areas such as open spaces and public works infrastructure
- Enhancement C:Codify existing procedures for unsheltered encampments

#### Option 2:

- · Makes no changes to the current ordinance
  - No person shall camp in any park, public street or highway or on any improved or unimproved property
  - Notification procedures of 72 hours to vacate
  - Storage and labeling of personal property for 90 days

## Enhancement A: Address Fire Risk



#### ENHANCEMENT: PROHIBIT THE FOLLOWING IN ANY COUNTY PARK, ANY PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY OR ON ANY IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE COUNTY

- Use an ignition source to cause or intend to cause a fire
- Maintain an existing fire
- Camp while using or possessing an ignition source
- Discard any lighted tobacco product or burning combustible materials
- State Responsibility Area handled by CAL FIRE

## **Enhancement B: Protections In Specific Areas**



Enhancement: Protections on Property Managed but Not Owned by the County, Including Areas Such As Open Spaces, Bodies of Water, and Public Works Infrastructure

#### **Prohibited actions:**

- Camping
- Making or maintaining a fire
- Activities like digging or removing vegetation that interfere with the function of the property or create a threat to health or safety
- Storage of personal belongings
- Additional restrictions at Public Works facilities during construction, maintenance, emergencies

#### **Areas May Include:**

- Open Space
- Bodies of Water
- County-maintained drainage and flood control culverts and channels
- County airports, wastewater treatment facilities, inactive landfills and road stations

# Enhancement C: Include Current Abatement Procedures

## FOR UNSHELTERED ENCAMPMENT ABATEMENT PART OF THE ORDINANCE

This option would make existing procedures for clearing encampments part of the ordinance including:

- Posting Notice to Vacate (24 hours recommended in Ordinance, current practice is 72 hours) prior to clearing
- Collection, labeling, and storage of personal property for 90 days

# Option 2: Make No Changes to Current Ordinance

## OPTION 2: MAKE NO CHANGES TO CURRENT ORDINANCE

This option would make no modifications to the existing ordinance and continue enforcement:

- Provide outreach to people experiencing homelessness
- Engage and connect people based on needs resources including housing
- Non-compliance could result in enforcement

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## **Thank You**

