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REPORT ON EXISTING COUNTY POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT ABATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE ABATEMENT PROCESS IN HIGH FIRE-RISK AREAS

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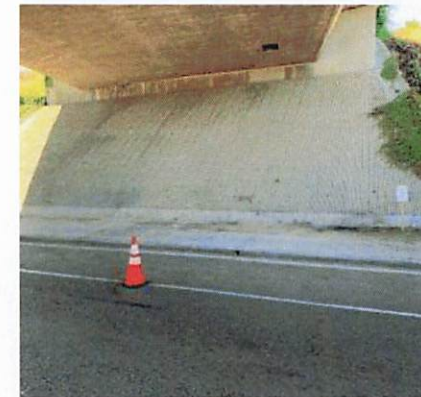
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Current Abatement Practices

STANDARD PRACTICES – PUBLIC and PRIVATE LAND

- Coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach
- Monitor encampment sites located in County parks, near the County-maintained Road network, and on private property
- Monitoring supports:
 - Identification of new or growing risks
 - Coordination of outreach efforts
 - Assessment of need for abatement



Current Abatement Practices

STANDARD PRACTICES – PUBLIC & PRIVATE LAND

1. Preliminary Assessment – evaluate for imminent threats
2. Post Notice to Vacate – posted 72-hours before cleanup for standard abatement process
3. Offer Resources – access to self-sufficiency services, food assistance, housing programs, and employment
4. Conduct Cleanup – waste removal and sanitization
5. Provide Private Property Storage – tag and store personal property up to 90 days

Current Abatement Practices

PRIVATE LAND CONSIDERATIONS

- Action is limited to situations involving a verified public nuisance such as:
 - Excessive trash or debris
 - Biohazardous waste
 - Unpermitted structures
- The property owner must be unwilling or unable to correct the issues after notification
- Priority is given to sites with serious health or safety risks



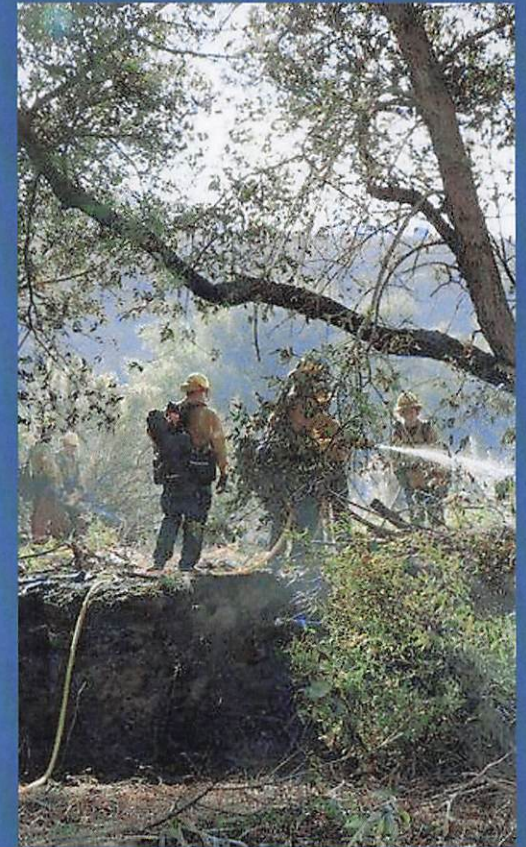
Encampment Monitoring & Abatement

Calendar Year 2024 Statistics		
	Parks and Recreation	Public Works
# Sites Monitored	14	119
# Site Visits	1,536	2,825
# Clean Ups	ongoing	483
Trash Removed	212 cubic yards	1,237 cubic yards
Hazardous/Biohazardous Waste Removed	104 gallons	901 gallons

High Fire-Risk

- Fire Hazard Severity Zones – Very High, High, Moderate
- Hazardous Fire Weather – Red Flag Warnings

	2025 <i>(to date)</i>	2024	2023	2022
# Red Flag Warnings	3	2	0	0
Average # of Days Each	4	3	0	0



Legal Tools

- **Imminent Threat:** Evaluation of overall site-specific conditions required to determine whether exigent circumstances exist that would warrant immediate abatement
- **Summary Abatement:** Can be pursued only when there is a clear and imminent threat
- **Court-Issued Stay Away Order:**
 - Judicial directive that prohibits an individual from entering a designated area or contacting a specific person
 - Imposed in a criminal case, generally as conditions of probation or release
 - Issue and enforcement of these orders must remain consistent with constitutional protections

Abatement Process Improvements

Identifying opportunities to standardize monitoring and abatement procedures

Evaluating criteria to prioritize sites for abatement to ensure emerging risks are considered

Exploring the feasibility of increasing the frequency of site monitoring and abatement of encampments located within Very High and High Fire Severity Zones

Exploring avenues for disseminating fire threat and/or Red Flag Warning information to unhoused populations, especially in high fire-risk areas

Recommendations

- Receive report on existing County policies and practices regarding homeless encampment abatement and recommendations to improve abatement processes in high fire-risk areas.



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