
Clearing of homeless encampment north of Katella

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Hi Nick,

Please see below. Thanks again for your patience and flexibility. Please let me know if you have any additional questions for me.

OC Public Works acting as the Orange County Flood Control District is responsible for maintaining the flood control channels to protect the community in the event of a flood. OC Public Works operates and maintains more than 380 miles of regional and sub-regional flood control channels in Orange County. All maintenance and security activities performed are to maintain the channel and protect the community in the event of a flood. Flood control channels and maintenance roads along the channel are private County roads specifically intended for flood control purposes, with a narrow use for recreational activity along the bike path during designated hours.

- When the clearing out was conducted, how it was conducted, how much notice people in the encampment were given, and what kinds of opportunities they were given to reclaim their property.

The riprap work specific to the area north of Katella began in late August 2016 and concluded in mid-September 2016. The individuals encamped in the area were provided approximately two weeks' notice before being asked to voluntarily relocate from the area. The individuals were told to take their personal property, and any personal property they wished to have stored by OC Public Works was collected and made available for 90 days at the Portola Yard. Additional items that were left behind were treated as debris that was disposed of by OC Public Works crews.

- What the timeframe was for the public works project to clear the encampment and replace them with boulders (start and finish dates).

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- What Supervisor Nelson requested during his tour of the area

OC Public Works provides tours at the request of any Supervisor within their District to give updates on the work that is routinely done along the flood control channel. Questions related to requests made by a Supervisor should be directed to their office.

- What Supervisor Nelson indicated were his reasons to replace the encampment with boulders

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- Which constituents and types of constituents complained about the encampment

- What types of complaints were made about the encampment

OCPW is looking at their records to see about constituent complaints.

- Whether Supervisor Nelson also requested work be done on the west side of the river north of Katella for the August/September timeframe. And if so, when, how and what he requested.

Questions related to requests made by a Supervisor should be directed to their office.

- Whether Supervisor Nelson or any other county supervisor requested that public works perform maintenance work along the river south of Orangewood Ave. – and if so when this request took place, how the request took place, and what was requested.

The flood control maintenance activities south of Orangewood to Hesperian were conducted as part of OC Public Works ongoing responsibility to maintain flood control channels throughout the county. The area is a private County property and is designated for flood control purposes, and restricted from public access. Questions related to requests made by a Supervisor should be directed to their office.



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