

**ENCINITAS HABITAT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (EHSP)
ASSESSMENT REPORT REVIEW
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016; 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Poinsettia Room, Encinitas City Hall**

Meeting Participants:

Environmental Commission Subcommittee members:

Commissioners Joy Lyndes, Leah Bissonette and Christina Simokat

City Staff:

Erik Steenblock, Environmental Programs Manager, Diane Langager, Principal Planner

Public/Stakeholders:

Jesse Giessow, Brad Roth, and Mark Wiesniewski

Summary Notes:

The Subcommittee discussed:

- 1) A goals and objectives section should be added to the EHSP and definitions for stewardship, and parks and open space shall be provided as part of the Assessment Report.
- 2) A work implementation plan should be developed for the EHSP that addresses best management practices for the program to address items, such as, but not limited to, invasive removal, if and when trees are to be removed, follow-up monitoring, etc. Stakeholders should be involved in the work implementation plan development.
- 3) The City will coordinate fixing the errors and omissions identified by the Stakeholder group on the EHSP site maps and charts; Mark Wiesniewski volunteered to markup documents based on his knowledge of the sites, for the Subcommittees consideration as the first step.
- 4) The City will coordinate adding a statement to the EHSP that Fire Abatement is always a top priority on the sites, given that it is a health and safety issue, however, that work effort is overseen by the Fire Department. It could also be noted that often fire abatement and habitat stewardship have competing objectives, and where that occurs, management for fire abatement must take precedence.
- 5) Given the on-going occurrence of encampments, encampment clean-up should not be a part of the stewardship efforts, the clean-up should be handled by the appropriate department as needed. Funding for the effort should not come out of the EHSP budget.
- 6) A work implementation plan which starts with addressing Invasive Species Removal and Trash Removal - as the first stewardship efforts to be conducted on the sites, has logic.

It was seen that starting with a modest and easily achievable set of objectives, like invasive species and trash removal would help the City test the work plan and implementation plan. Specifics of the first stewardship effort invasive species and trash removal efforts will be further defined at the next subcommittee meeting.

- 7) Site prioritization as set forth in the Assessment Report on Table 2 (page 14) seems generally correct (given the other statements above about fire abatement and encampments). Site specific prioritization will be further discussed at the next subcommittee meeting
- 8) It was agreed that monitoring of the results of the stewardship efforts would be valuable to help fine tune the work implementation plan, to support future funding, and to increase/improve stewardship success over time. A monitoring report should be included in the work implementation plan. Monitoring will be discussed further at the next subcommittee meeting.