American River Flood Control District

Letter from Sacramento City Councilman Jeff Harris District's Lathrop Way Parcel - Camping Situation

Staff Report

Discussion:

The District recently received a phone call and the attached letter from Sacramento City Councilman Jeff Harris regarding the camping situation on the District's parcel along Lathrop Way. In the letter, Councilman Harris requests that the Board issue notices of trespass to all campers on the District's parcel located between the levee toe and Lathrop way.

Attached to the staff report is an aerial map showing the parcel in consideration as well as a few photos showing the current conditions along the parcel.

Recommendation:

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Trustees consider the request from Councilman Harris.

Tim Kerr
General Manager
American River Flood Control District (ARFCD)

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I am writing to formally request that you place on the agenda the issuance of a notice of trespass to all individuals currently occupying ARFCD property along Lathrop Way in the Johnston Business Park in North Sacramento. This would be for consideration of your board. The notice would allow you to cause the removal of possessions from your property.

We have worked with the North Sac Land Company for several months to address the significant issues they face with unhoused persons occupying private property in that area. These include numerous fires, theft and vandalism, tents and people blocking the roads as well as threats to property and business owners. We recognize their right to camp on public property until such time as we have better and safer options to offer those experiencing homelessness, but incursions onto private property are not protected by federal law.

Since ARFCD owns the property in question, we would like your cooperation in this matter. Without your help, we cannot address the issues of the business community, and create safer and more hygienic conditions in the area.

We are not intending to move campers per the Martin vs. Boise decision. Martin vs. Boise only addresses use of public property, not private property. As you know, your holding is considered "private" property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
JEFF HARRIS
Sacramento City Councilmember
District Three

















