

**BIG TUJUNGA WASH MITIGATION BANK
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATION AND ACTION LIST**

Action Items from the October 28, 2004 CAC Meeting

Item	Follow-up	Comments/Status
1. General Site Signage/Kiosks	Public Works & Chambers Group	UPDATE: The Wheatland Kiosk was destroyed along with the haul road during the January 2005 storms. Public Works will discuss the next course of action to replace the kiosk at another location.
2. Tamayo Property	Public Works	Patti Friedman suggested that federal requirements apply to the Big Tujunga Mitigation Bank, which would result in 3-day eviction enforcement. Unauthorized overnight campers have occupied a shack on the property. Purchase has been sent to Board for approval by TTC.
3. Unauthorized Overnight Campers	Public Works & LA Homeless Services Authority	Unauthorized overnight encampments are a constant issue at the mitigation bank. Several bicycles and tents have been observed within the encampments. Parties have occurred near the illegal footbridge by the ponds. A red jeep has been observed driving in the cottonwood area and has left the gate unlocked. Patti Friedman requested a tour of the area for the patrol team, and Belinda Kwan will set-up this meeting. The patrol team has seen the area and they patrol most Saturdays and Sundays.
4. Site Safety	Public Works & CAC Members	LADPW is coordinating efforts for random site patrols twice each week for two hours each day. Patti Friedman suggested that County Park patrol of Dexter Park be combined with Big Tujunga patrols for a more aggressive patrol effort. Bilingual signs should be installed at the entrances of the mitigation bank indicating activities that are not allowed that the associated penal codes and section numbers. LADPW will contact County mapping so that a color-coded map with jurisdictional lines and boundaries be mailed to the community mailing list.
5. Trail Signage	Chambers Group & CAC Members	Chambers Group is coordinating with Terry Kaiser who will help to make and install the trail signs. A trails walk will be needed to determine the location of each post. Chambers provided the aluminum sign icons to Terry for the wood posts, which Terry will price. The posts will be 5½-inch rough cut, treated, brown-colored logs with the trail names routed on each. Removal of the pond signs continues to be a problem. Terry will contact Phil Dudar from Hanson Yard for solutions; attachment of the signs to the surrounding fences is a possible solution. However, this is on hold due to the inclement weather that occurred over the winter.

6. Graffiti	Public Works	Public Works graffiti hotline number is (800) 675-4357. Graffiti continues to be observed. The LA County group that removes graffiti for LADPW does not cover CalTrans property. LADPW will coordinate with CalTrans on this matter.
7. Pond Crossing/Footbridge	Public Works & Chambers Group	The winter storms washed out the pond crossing/footbridge by the Tujunga Ponds. This will no longer be an action item.
8. Water Quality Analysis	Public Works & Chambers Group	MWH has not found a laboratory that can test for Primo. The golf course will be using Primo to control for weeds. CAC members expressed concern over the use of recycled/reclaimed water on the golf course. Public Works reviewed a copy of the EIR conditions from the golf course. Mary Benson received a copy of the 2004 water quality data. Barbara Tarnowski conducted a water quality test and noted high nitrate and low dissolved oxygen. Public Works, CAC members, and Chambers Group will coordinate the next water quality sampling event to observe techniques and determine discrepancies.
9. Trails Monitoring	Public Works, Flood Maintenance & Chambers Group	The trails were in very good shape prior to the winter storms that started in October. Some vegetation cutback will be necessary, especially the poison oak on the western half of the site. Weed removal is necessary in the restoration areas near the Cottonwood Entrance. Chambers Group will contact the subcontractor to remove these weeds. Some trails were washed out during the winter storms; Public Works will work with agencies to determine if they can be put back.
10. Cottonwood Area as a Staging Area	Public Works & CAC Members	New action item raised by Terry Kaiser in anticipation of using the area near the Cottonwood Entrance as a horse trailer staging area in the event of a major fire. Terry Kaiser will submit plans to LADPW and will coordinate with Phil Dudar (Hanson Yard) for obtaining permits.
11. Corral Encroachment	Public Works	LADPW met with County Council and the county surveyed the property. The survey results indicated the landowner was encroaching. LADPW sent the landowner a letter stating damages must be paid. County Council sent the landowner a letter in March 2004 stating they intend to prosecute; no response has been received from the landowner. Public Works is working with County Counsel to address the encroachment issues.
12. Fencing	Public Works	Fencing was to be installed between the Big Tujunga Mitigation Bank and the properties along Sharon Avenue, along the southeastern portion of the site. The fencing is not completed yet due to some issues with a property owner placing fence on their property to close the access to the site. This issue is still in negotiations.