

Draft Sleep Subcommittee Report for 10-1 CACH meeting

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Problem statement

1. There are several hundred individuals sleeping outside in Santa Cruz every night.
2. These individuals sleep in scores of locations scattered throughout the community and very few of these locations are structured, monitored or managed in any formal way. (Police officers and rangers do frequently encounter and interact with these individuals but there is no formal system of management.)
3. When police or rangers need to instruct these campers to move along, they have almost no alternative, legal sites to refer them to.
4. These locations are typically unsafe and unhealthy for the individuals sleeping in them and also a source of both negative impacts and serious concern for nearby housed residents and businesses.
5. Though there are several short-term shelter options for people experiencing homelessness, there are times when these shelter spaces are fully occupied. Additionally, there are specific reasons why some individuals cannot or will not utilize these existing shelters even when there is space available.

Proposed solution *(To be clarified as subcommittee continues to meet)*

1. Urgently develop City policy and land use regulations to alleviate the immediate challenges around people sleeping outdoors, including making winter shelter beds more accessible
2. Build the operational, fiscal, and land use criteria for long term solutions around homeless programs such as safe sleeping, safe parking, navigation center/emergency shelter, and transitional campgrounds
3. Identify an alternative site for the individuals at the River St. Camp

Responsible level of government (primary, secondary and other) *To be clarified at subsequent subcommittee meetings.*

Cost of solution including fiscal, staffing, resource and opportunity cost *To be clarified at subsequent subcommittee meetings.*

Revenue to pay for solution (City and others) *To be clarified at subsequent subcommittee meetings.*

Operational plan with evaluation of best and evidence-based practices and siting considerations *To be clarified at subsequent subcommittee meetings.*

Community engagement plan (Full CACH and staff discussion necessary of what it means to make recommendations "before the rains". What timeline does that mean for getting community feedback on draft recommendations, creating finalized short-term recommendations based on community engagement, submitting those to city council for discussion and approval, and implementation of those recommendations? Is it possible to get community feedback on these questions in October to inform for temporary winter plans, with further community engagement to occur on permanent solutions?)

- Who is sleeping outdoors (#1)?
- What is making access to winter shelter so difficult for people?
- What's working and not working at the River St. camp?
- For people using the winter shelter?
- For people living in vehicles?
- For people living outside not in organized/sanctioned facilities/vehicles?
- What are the best sites for campgrounds? Why?

In addition to other stakeholders, need to reach out to people experiencing homelessness to answer the questions above. Coral Street as key location.

DRAFT TIMELINE FOR SLEEP SUBCOMMITTEE (AS OF 9/30)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		OCT 01	02	03	04	05
		CACH: Bylaws and Protocols document, Subcommittee Report Outs, Staff Presentation on Funding Overview	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
		(City council)	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		CACH: Report Outs, Staff Presentation on Public Engagement Overview	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		(City council)	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
27	28	29	30	31	NOV 01	02
		Is there a CACH mtg here?	Small Sleep Subcommittee	HALLOWEEN	Full Sleep Subcommittee	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
		CACH: Report Outs, Staff Presentation on Transitional Encampment Project Charter	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		City Council – possible time in afternoon session	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

		CACH: Report Outs, Staff Presentation on Camping Ordinance	Small Sleep Subcommittee		Full Sleep Subcommittee	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		(City council)	Small Sleep Subcommittee	THANKSGIVING		

DEC 2019

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JAN 2020

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