

Clear Waterways Organization (CWO)

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Response to homeless camp pollution

In the process of trying to gain access and permission to clean up the homeless camp pollution, Clear Waterways came up against obstacles:

1. Clear Waterways needs railway safety training and permission from Union Pacific's Railway Police in a process to gain access to this private property. We have communicated with Senior Special Agent Youngblood, of Union Pacific regarding this. We continue to follow up on this issue.
2. Clear Waterways needs permission from the State of California to traverse their property to clean up the homeless camp pollution.
3. The clean up of the garbage and human waste from homeless camps led to a law suit against the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for an unspecified amount, as communicated to me by Lieutenant McVay of Sheriff's, Coastal Operations. He made a suggestion that we contact: Sgt. Warren Holtke of Santa Barbara's Police Department, the Santa Barbara Public Works, Streets Division, and The Santa Barbara Chamber Of Commerce President, Ken Oplinger. After these communications, we reached out to Salud Carbajal, Santa Barbara County's First District Supervisor regarding this issue.

Cleaning up or protecting our waterways can be met with many hurdles. We are working to follow up, and deal with this pollution in the proper way by providing waste services proposed in the environmental report.

