

**Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Referral Submittal Form**

Referral No. 2022.15
Assignment Date: 04/19/22
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than noon on Thursday prior to Board meeting:

Date: 4/7/2022	Submitted By: LUIS ALEJO	District #: 1
Referral Title: Collaboration Regarding Salinas Gabilan Creek Encampments & Environmental Concerns		
Referral Purpose: To collaborate with the City of Salinas, the Salinas Regional Sports Authority and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding homeless encampments along Gabilan Creek near the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex causing environmental and nuisance concerns		
Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required): There are a growing number homeless encampments along Gabilan Creek in Salinas along the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex that have caused a variety of environmental and safety concerns for local neighborhoods and businesses for some time.		
Last February, I observed numerous encampments and about 12 vehicles along the levee causing concerns as those levees were not designed to have numerous vehicles parked on them. I also observed motor work being conducted on one of the vehicles. Numerous fires along the creek have caused the Salinas Fire Department to come on site several times, and I have observed night time fires from a distance via Constitution Boulevard.		
Most recently, we received concerns from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on March 27 who expressed that the encampments are detrimental to the health of the habitat and species found in the Gabilan Creek and destabilize the sediment resulting in silting over. The agency further expressed that there may be liability for a failure to address the public nuisance and environmental violations.		
As a result, this referral requests that County staff collaborate with the City of Salinas, the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to find solutions to address nuisance and environmental concerns from the state agency, and provide a share in the costs as the property is owned by the County of Monterey.		
Classification - Implication		Mode of Response
☐ Ministerial / Minor ☐ Land Use Policy ☐ Social Policy ☐ Budget Policy ☒ Other: <u>Homelessness/Environmental</u>		☐ Memo ☒ Board Report ☒ Presentation
		Requested Response Timeline
		☐ 2 weeks ☒ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ Status reports until completed ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Specific Date: _____

**ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s)
Completed by CAO's Office:**

Department(s): <u>County Administrative Office</u>	Referral Lead: <u>Nick Chiulos</u>	Board Date: <u>04/19/22</u>
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:
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Analysis Completed By: _____	Department's Recommended Response Timeline
Date: _____	☐ By requested date ☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ 6 months ☐ 1 year ☐ Other/Specific Date: _____

REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:
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Note: Please cc Karina Bokanovich, Rocio Quezada and Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.