





Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

Via: Scott Carroll, General Manager 

From: Edward Roberts, Code Enforcement Officer 

Date: February 01, 2016

Subject: **Code Enforcement Officer Report – January 2016**

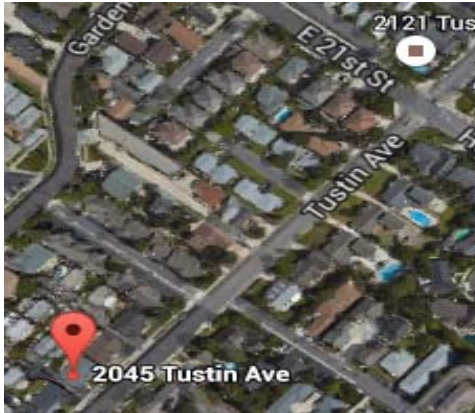
This report summarizes major points for three ordinance enforcement topics covering scavenging, graffiti, and trash container enforcement. For the month of January, the CMSD Code Enforcement Officer focused his efforts on patrols in various parts of the community. The goal is to identify and deter instances of scavenging and residential trash carts left within the public view.

In the month of January, the District saw a number of complaints filed with CMSD Code Enforcement staff regarding scavenging activity in the city. As with most scavenging complaints, the alleged violations take place in the early morning hours. In order to address resident concerns, the Code Enforcement Officer investigated all complaints and adjusted his schedule to accommodate requests for early morning or weekend enforcement. Included below are instances of scavenging that were detected while the Officer was investigating specific complaints.

Proactive Scavenging Investigations: 08

1. **2045 Tustin Avenue**- Officer Roberts observed a male subject pushing a shopping cart containing what appeared to be recyclable material. As Officer Roberts approached the location, he observed the subject rummage through trash carts located in the 2000 block of Tustin Avenue. The individual was contacted by Officer Roberts in front of 2045 Tustin Avenue and advised that scavenging is a prohibited activity. The male subject cooperated with the directive and returned all scavenged material to a nearby CMSD cart. The subject then left the area without further incident.





2. **778 Shalimar Street** – While patrolling the 700 block of Shalimar Street, Officer Roberts observed a female subject walking along the sidewalk with trash bags in her hands. As Officer Roberts drove closer to the female, he observed the trash bags contained what appeared to be recyclable material. Officer Roberts contacted the female in front of 778 Shalimar Street and asked her if she was removing recyclable material from CMSD carts. The female subject was cooperative and admitted to having removing recyclable items from CMSD carts.

Officer Roberts advised the female regarding scavenging prohibition and told her that if she is observed scavenging, she will be subject to immediate citation. The female stated that she understood and left the scene without further incident. All recyclable items that she had were left at the scene and deposited them into a nearby CMSD cart.

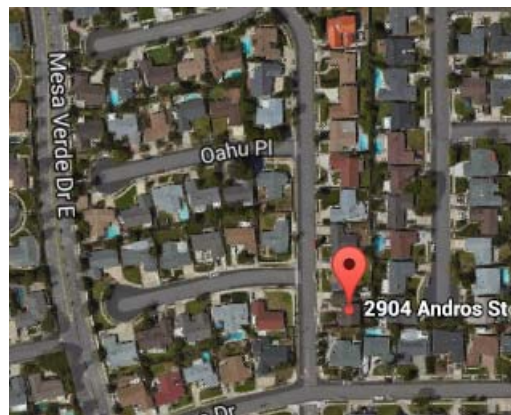


3. **3078 Gibraltar Avenue-** While patrolling the 3000 block of Gibraltar Avenue, Officer Roberts' attention was directed toward a male subject that had a trash bag slung over his shoulder. As Officer Roberts drove closer, he observed the male stop in front of 3078 Gibraltar Avenue and rummage through a CMSD trash cart. Officer Roberts contacted the individual and asked about his scavenging activity. The subject admitted that he routinely scavenges items from CMSD carts. The subject was advised that scavenging is prohibited and was instructed to return all recyclable material to a nearby trash cart. The subject was sent on his way with a verbal admonishment.



4. **2904 Andros Street-** Officer Roberts contacted a male subject at this location for rummaging through a CMSD trash cart. The male subject stated that he was from the neighboring City of Santa Ana and was unaware of scavenging prohibitions. The subject was counseled and advised that scavenging is a prohibited activity and sent on his way without further incident.

After the contact with the male subject, Officer Roberts was flagged down by an area resident. The resident stated that he had observed the male scavenging in the weeks prior and did not know who to contact. Officer Roberts provided the resident with a CMSD business card and encouraged him to contact Code Enforcement directly via mobile telephone should he have any further concerns. The resident was advised and assisted and stated that he had no further concerns.



5. **236 Amherst Avenue-** In response to an electronic complaint (complaint #462) filed by an area resident, Officer Roberts conducted directed patrols and surveillance of the neighborhood. While patrolling the 200 block of Amherst Avenue at approximately 0900 hours, Officer Roberts observed a female subject rummaging through CMSD trash carts at that location. Officer Roberts contacted the female and advised her that scavenging is a prohibited activity. The female subject was identified by her presenting a California identification card and later sent on her way. The female subject has not been observed reoffending since this contact.



6. **286 W. Wilson Street** – While patrolling the 200 block of W. Wilson Street, Officer Roberts contacted a male subject at this location for rummaging through a CMSD trash cart. The male subject was cooperative and advised that scavenging is a prohibited activity. The male was sent on his way with a verbal warning.



7. **2233 Republic Avenue**– While patrolling the 2200 block of Republic Avenue, Officer Roberts observed a male subject that was rummaging through a CMSD trash cart in front of 2233 Republic Avenue. The male subject was advised that scavenging is a prohibited activity and cooperative in his demeanor. The male subject was sent on his way with a verbal warning.



8. **2086 Wallace Avenue** – While patrolling the 2000 block of Wallace Avenue, Officer Roberts contacted a male subject at this location for rummaging through a CMSD trash cart. The male subject was cooperative and advised that scavenging is a prohibited activity. The male was sent on his way with a verbal warning.



END OF SCAVENGING ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Trash Container Enforcement:

In the month of January, there were a few customer complaints reported to the District Headquarters regarding trash carts in public view. The following is a list of locations where trash cart violations were found and addressed by the Courtesy Notice process.

Total Cases: 58

The following locations received First Warnings:

- (2) Alabama Circle-Storage of carts in public view
- (3) Anaheim Avenue-Storage of carts in public view
- (2) Avalon Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (3) Baker Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Boa Vista Avenue-Storage of carts in public view
- (3) College Avenue-Storage of carts in public view
- (1) Dorset Lane- Storage of carts in public view

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- (2) Elden Avenue - Storage of carts in public view.
- (3) Fordham Drive - Storage of cart in public view.
- (2) Fullerton Avenue- Storage of carts in public view.
- (2) Governor Street- Storage of carts in public view.
- (3) Joann Street-Storage of carts in public view
- (3) Maple Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Oak Street-Storage of carts in public view
- (1) Plumeria Place-Storage of carts in public view
- (2) Pomona Avenue - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Puente Avenue - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Raleigh Street- Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Ralcam Place - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Rutgers Drive- Storage of carts in public view.
- (3) Santa Ana Avenue- Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Senate Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (2) Wallace Avenue - Storage of carts in public view.
- (1) Washington Avenue- Storage of carts in public view.
- (2) Westminster Avenue - Storage of carts in public view.
- (4) Wilson Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (2) 16th Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (2) 18th Street - Storage of carts in public view.
- (3) 23rd Street-Storage of carts in public view

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END OF TRASH CONTAINER ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No cases of graffiti on a trash carts were opened in the month of January.

