



INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: July 3, 2013

TO: City Manager
 DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
 SUBJECT: DEBRIS REMOVED FROM CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

APPROVED: DATE:

The City Council continues to explore measures aimed at reducing the negative impact that residents are experiencing in parks and open spaces. Recently, City Council approved a one-time budget adjustment of \$50,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department to address illegal encampments and debris throughout the city. This Information Report identifies how those funds have been spent towards this effort. In addition, inquiries were made at the City's budget hearings as to the amount of debris that is collected in the City of Santa Cruz's parks. That information is also contained in this report.

The following table lists the expenditures from the \$50,000 budget adjustment approved by City Council on February 26, 2013:

Task (expenditure)	Amount
RTC Rail right of way clean up between Swift St. and Almar Ave.	\$ 1,000
Cowell's Beach Cave: eliminated void behind rip rap to by filling with concrete	\$ 9,868
Pampas Grass removal (condition of approval from Coastal Commission to fill Cowell's Beach Cave)	\$13,050
(2) Parks Maintenance Aides (Seasonal staffing estimated to 6/30/2013)	\$ 7,732
Safety gear and clothing	\$ 546
Supplies and materials (ie. trash bags, fuel, vehicle charges estimated to 6/30/13)	\$ 5,550
Labor Ready camp cleanup services	\$ 4,285
Total Expenditures	\$42,031

Park Debris Removal

Parks and Recreation staff remove debris from the City of Santa Cruz parks on a daily basis and either deposit it in dumpsters located at Harvey West, DeLaveaga or San Lorenzo parks, or haul the debris directly to the landfill. From June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013 over 255 tons of debris was removed from Santa Cruz parks. Park Ranger crews removed approximately 40 tons of debris between October 1, 2012 and June 1, 2013 from the City's open spaces and San Lorenzo River. This amount represents 13 tons from Pogonip, over 3 tons from Arana Gulch and 20 tons from the San Lorenzo River.