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County Authorizes Additional Resources for Individuals Presently Encamped on the Santa Ana Riverbed Between Taft Avenue/Ball Road and Memory Lane

Santa Ana, Calif. (February 15, 2018) – Pursuant to the approvals given by the Orange County Board of Supervisors during a special Board meeting today, the County of Orange will be providing additional motel stays, shelter spaces and related services for individuals presently encamped along the Santa Ana Riverbed between Taft Avenue/Ball Road in Anaheim and Memory Lane in Orange (also referred to as the “Project Area” for the County’s [environmental remediation project](#)).

Through its approval of the recommended actions, the Board of Supervisors will be implementing the provisions of a stipulation reached in federal court February 14 between the County and attorneys representing seven individuals experiencing homelessness along the Santa Ana Riverbed.

The actions approved by the Board of Supervisors include authorizing and directing County departments to (1) provide individuals currently encamped in the Project Area with short-term motel/hotel stays and transportation services as well food vouchers for the duration of their motel/hotel stay; (2) expand temporary shelter capacity at Bridges at Kraemer Place; (3) install temporary, short-term capacity shelters at existing County-owned properties, as approved by the Board; (4) negotiate and execute a contract for an additional 100 shelter beds and related services at the WISEPlace shelter for women; and (5) coordinate with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other organizations regarding the delivery of services for veterans experiencing homelessness.

The shelter options and services approved by today’s Board action are available to those individuals presently encamped in the Project Area. Through existing survey data regarding individuals who have been encamped along the riverbed and familiarity with the individuals there over time, the County will be targeting its delivery of resources to those individuals who have actually been encamped in the area.

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