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**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: The Santa Ana River Trails & Recreation Areas and Downey Park are Closed until Further Notice as of Thursday, August 8, 2019**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DOWNEY PARK AND ALL ACCESS TRAILS AND ENTRANCES TO THE SANTA ANA RIVER ARE CLOSED DUE TO THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF A BACTERIA OUTBREAK IN THE WATER**

Downey Park and all access point to the Santa Ana River are closed under the direction of the Riverside County Environmental Health and Disease Control Department due to a possible outbreak of the Shigella Bacteria in the riverbed. This bacteria has caused an estimated 600,000 deaths worldwide annually. This disease is more common in young children and complications from Shigella could include blood poisoning infections in the human body. The City's Park Rangers are now in the process of closing Downey Park and posting the necessary placards/signs that will notify the public of this condition. Riverside County staff will commence their testing of the Santa Ana River in order to confirm the existence of this bacteria. To date, six (6) individuals have tested positive for this bacteria in Riverside County. Downey Park will remain closed until further notice from Riverside County.

The Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Department along with City of Jurupa Valley Code Enforcement Officers and Park Rangers will be working together to notify homeless individuals and providing assistance as needed.

For more information, contact the City of Jurupa Valley Code Enforcement Department at (951) 332-6464 or email: [isalas@jurupavalley.org](mailto:isalas@jurupavalley.org) (Irwin Salas, Senior Code Enforcement Officer)

**DO NOT ENTER THE SANTA ANA RIVER AT ANY LOCATION UNTIL THE AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR USE.**

If assistance with small or large animal rescues is needed, contact the Western Riverside County Animal Shelter at (951) 358-7387 during regular business hours. In an after-hours emergency situation, call (951) 358-7387. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, always call 9-1-1.

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