

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVIEWS

Sacramento River Public Recreation Access Study

Name:

Job title:

Type of Position:

Number of Years:

Contact Information:

Interview Questions

Questions Related to Current Law Enforcement Needs

1. Please describe the scope of your law enforcement duties as they specifically relate to the areas adjacent to the Sacramento River.
2. Are these activities in response to people who are there for recreation, or other types of activity?
3. Describe the current law enforcement needs in your jurisdictions as it relates to the Sacramento River.
4. Describe the scope and scheduling of river patrol and/or river search and rescue efforts in your jurisdiction.
5. Do you feel that your law enforcement agency has proper access to the river itself? This would be for efforts related to law enforcement or rescue.
6. Describe the scope and scheduling of land-based patrols adjacent to the Sacramento River.
7. Do you feel that your agency has proper access to lands adjacent to the river itself? Again, this relates to efforts for law enforcement or rescue.
8. Based on your experience in the area, can you describe trends in terms of illegal activity in the area adjacent to the river?
9. How about more general trends in law enforcement in your area?
10. Do you currently have any contact with any resource management agencies related to law enforcement—for example, with Fish & Wildlife Service, Department of Fish & Game, or Department of Water Resources?

Questions Related to Future LE Needs

1. Do you anticipate any changes in LE activities in the corridor in the future? If so, what changes?
2. Do you think that social changes such as increased population or increased access to public lands would affect current LE efforts and needs?

Efforts:

Needs:

3. What is your impression of the need for cooperative efforts among resource management agencies?
4. Is there a specific format that would be helpful to you in terms of getting information or cooperation from resource agencies, such as a bi-annual meeting?

Questions Related to Budgets for LE

Finally, I have some questions regarding budgeting of LE in your area. Our study also includes looking at the anticipated costs of additional law enforcement efforts in the future in the Sacramento River corridor. Additional LE needs in the future could be tied to changing elements in the area such as increased population change, increased access to the Sacramento River for recreation, etc.

1. Would you be able to estimate this cost to your department? This can be expressed relative to present costs if real numbers or unit costs are too difficult to ascertain.
2. Also, we're interested in the budget impact of involvement with agency resource managers in coordinated management efforts. For one of your department members to be involved in a coordinated effort with resource managers, including a bi-annual meeting, can you estimate the cost impact this might have?

Wrap Up

1. Do you have any other comments you'd like to make as part of our study?