

**North Richmond Waste & Recovery
Mitigation Fee Joint Expenditure
Planning Committee Meeting**

Thursday, February 2, 2006

3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Richmond City Council Chambers

1401 Marina Way South

Richmond, CA 94804

Members in Attendance:

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia

Richmond City Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

Richmond City Councilmember Richard Griffin

Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes

Incorporated Area Representative Lee Jones

Members Absent:

Unincorporated Area Representative Dr. Henry Clark

Unincorporated Area Representative Joseph Wallace

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Public Comment**-none
3. **January 13, 2006 Meeting Minutes**-Approved
4. **Committee Structure**-The Committee elected Councilmember Bates, Chair and Incorporated Area Representative Lee Jones, Vice Chair
5. **Resource Binder**- The Committee reviewed the binder's contents and additional information was passed out.
6. **Tonnage Projection**-The Committee asked Republic Services to estimate the amount of tonnage expected to go through the transfer station. Shawn Moberg, Republic Services General Manager estimated 130,000 in annual franchised tons plus another 130,000 tons of annual non-franchised material and 26,000 tons of bulky materials.
7. **Keep America Beautiful Effort**-Lola Ejiwunmi, Program Coordinator – Keep North Richmond Beautiful (KNRB) discussed her organization's efforts, which focus primarily in the unincorporated area. She explained how they monitor blight "hot spots". KNRB coordinates cleanups of the railroad tracks and Wildcat Trail and Creek. KNRB helps maintain parks and school gardens. It also advertises RSS's special cleanups to residents.

Lola is also the North Richmond Community Services Coordinator (CSC). The CSC is responsible for staffing a hotline and dispatching RSS, County and/or City collection trucks depending on the location and type of waste. The CSC also maintains a database of potential offenders which lists the addresses contained on letters found in illegally dumped materials since April 2005. Letters from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office are sent to those addresses on the list informing them that illegally dumped garbage bearing their name was found. Letter recipients that respond talk to Lola to explain why their materials might have been found. Resources, however, are not available to follow up with those that do not respond to the letters.

Attorneys from the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office spoke about the need for sufficient documentation in order to prosecute. They wanted more coordination with the Police/Sheriff's Departments. Committee member Viramontes raised the issue of illegal haulers and their contribution to illegal dumping. A discussion followed regarding surveillance, use of cameras, evidence thresholds for prosecution, code enforcement work, sting operations, and penalties for illegal dumping.

8. **Service Area Map**- The committee adopted the area that is highlighted in blue & green on the map titled "North Richmond Illegal Dumping/Litter Collection Areas" as the primary funding area for the purpose of mitigation fee expenditure planning (now contained in Tab 5, previously contained in Tab 4).
9. **Illegal Dumping Prevention Strategies**-The committee requested that City, County and West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority staff 1) prepare a list of best practices to prevent illegal dumping in N. Richmond and 2) form a committee of attorneys/law enforcement personnel to assure police officers have a clear understanding of the types of evidence needed by prosecutors to file illegal dumping cases and to develop legal strategies to apprehend and penalize illegal dumpers.
10. **Staff Responsibilities**-It was clarified that both John Gregory, of the Contra Costa County Chief Administrator's and Janet Schneider, of the Richmond City Manager's office serve as committee staff members. Additionally, Contra Costa County Community Development staff, Steve Devine of the West County Integrated Waste Management Authority, Everett Jenkins and Lillian Fujii would serve as resources.
11. **Set Agenda for Next Meeting**- The Committee decided to delay setting a meeting until the staff was prepared to present the information requested to the Committee.