

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

Monday, July 30, 2007
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Richmond City Hall Chambers
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

Members in Attendance:

Richmond City Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, **Chair**
Incorporated Area Representative Lee Jones, **Vice Chair**
Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia
Richmond City Councilmember Harpreet Sandhu
Unincorporated Area Representative Joe Wallace
Unincorporated Area Representative Dr. Henry Clark

Members Absent:

Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Review and Approve March 9, 2007 Meeting Notes/ Minutes

Approved

4. Presentation – Actual and Projected Tonnage and Revenue

Janna Coverston of Republic Services presented updated tonnage projections for 2006 and 2007. The County has received \$1.17 million in revenue to-date from Republic Services for calendar years 2006 and 2007. The actual tonnage received by Republic Services was over projected tonnage for 2006 and under projected tonnage for the first half of 2007. Ms. Coverston believes that tonnage received for 2008 and 2009 will decline compared to previous years due to various economically driven factors, which will in turn cause a decrease in projected revenue for 2008 and 2009. Ms. Coverston estimates that projected revenue will be approximately \$1.2 million for 2008 and 2009.

Staff reminded Committee members again that all North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee related materials have been placed on the website (www.cccrecycle.org/committee) that has been established for the Committee.

5. Presentation – Status Report from Illegal Dumping Officer

Deputy Felipe Monroe stated that he began April 30, 2007, and has been assigned to work on illegal dumping/blight related offenses solely within the Mitigation Area. To date, he has issued 50 citations for unsecured and uncovered loads and for driver's license violations and has made a few arrests due to warrants. Deputy Monroe stated that he has and will continue to attend community meetings and has already seen a significant impact in the area in the short amount of time he has been in the position. Deputy Monroe discussed patterns and types of dumping and stated that the anticipated surveillance camera system will help provide additional information regarding illegal dumping hotspots. He talked about his coordination efforts with the various County and City entities to address illegal dumping issues throughout the Mitigation Area. A suggestion was made by a Committee member to have a press event to highlight some of the progress that Deputy Monroe has made.

Supervisor Gioia suggested that the new Spanish Bilingual Services Coordinator accompany Deputy Monroe at designated times to assist with translation. Councilmember Bates asked about the feasibility of a reward system and Deputy Monroe responded that rewards may work as an incentive for some people to get involved, particularly property owners.

6. Presentation – July Implementation Update

Staff presented an update on the implementation of the Expenditure Plan. Staff added that this update incorporated the updates that were provided to the Committee in March. Committee members stressed the idea that hiring North Richmond residents should remain a priority.

Committee staff provided an update on the City's surveillance camera project which also includes the Mitigation Area. Committee members asked questions regarding the feasibility of moving cameras to different locations as hotspots change, the ability of the cameras to identify vehicles and violators, types of cameras (overt versus covert, bullet proof, etc.) and other deterrents. Staff was directed to obtain actual cost per camera after initial implementation for the 2008-2009 budget.

**7. Discussion - Proposed Process & Strategies for 2007 - 2008 (2008 – 2009?)
Expenditure Plan**

Committee staff suggested a process to discuss and decide on proposed strategies for 2008-2009. However, due to time constraints, an in-depth discussion regarding the 08-09 Expenditure Plan did not take place. Instead, some Committee members suggested changes to existing strategies or the creation of new strategies and recommended that those ideas be discussed further at the next Committee meeting. Committee member recommendations were as follows:

- Expand the scope of work for the Deputy District Attorney assigned to North Richmond to include quality of life issues and environmental crimes
- Provide compensation for both City and County Committee staff
- Expand art projects/programs
- Increase utilization of youth from the Mitigation Area
- Expand beautification projects

8. Set Date and Possible Agenda for Next Meeting

Committee and Staff discussed the timing of the next meeting; however the next meeting date was not set. Committee members stated that Mondays and Thursday afternoons worked best for scheduling future meetings.