

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2006
3:30 pm -5:00 pm
Richmond City Hall Chambers
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

Members in Attendance:

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia
Richmond City Councilmember Richard Griffin
Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes
Incorporated Area Representative Lee Jones, **Vice Chair**
Unincorporated Area Representative Joseph Wallace

Members Absent:

Richmond City Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, **Chair**
Unincorporated Area Representative Dr. Henry Clark

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

Robert Kochly, Contra Costa County District Attorney provided brief verbal presentation summarizing points in his memorandum to the Committee dated April 4, 2006 pertaining to potential funding for a prosecutor. The District Attorney indicated support for use of Mitigation Fee revenue to partially fund a Community Prosecutor that could work on illegal dumping cases as well as broad range of issues that affect the quality of life for North Richmond residents. He also indicated that his office had began discussions with John Eastman, Richmond City Attorney regarding the City's interest in designated local prosecutor.

3. Review and Approve February 2, 2006 minutes

Approved

4. Explain Revised Resource Binder and Website Update

Committee did not consider this item before meeting adjourned.

5. Present Tonnage and Revenue Projection

Committee did not consider this item before meeting adjourned.

6. Describe Status of Transfer Station

Committee did not consider this item before meeting adjourned.

7. Revisit Service Area Map-focus

Committee did not consider this item before meeting adjourned.

8. Consider Illegal Dumping Strategies

Staff provided brief overview of the 35 potential Illegal Dumping Strategies included in the Summary Table included in the Committee's packets. These 35 Strategies fell within one of the following five categories: Prevention, Education, Abatement, Enforcement or Other. The Committee consolidated these five categories into three groupings: Prevention & Education, Abatement & Enforcement and Community Investment. **The Committee voted to split funding/budget for the current two-year Expenditure Plan cycle between the three groupings, as shown below:**

- Prevention & Education (20%)
- Abatement & Enforcement (60%)
- Community Investment (20%)

The Committee voted to consider funding the following twenty-one Strategies at the next meeting and directed staff to prepare cost estimates for each one:

Prevention & Education

1. On-Call/Bulky Clean-Ups
2. Neighborhood Clean-Ups
3. Voucher System
4. Mandatory Subscription
5. Community Services Coordinator
6. Bilingual Education Coordinator
7. Public Relations Campaign
8. Public Service Announcements
9. Printed Education & Outreach Materials

11. Vacant Lot Clean-up

12. Vacant Lot Fencing

13. Code Enforcement Staff

14. Graffiti Abatement

15. Illegal Dumping Investigator/Officer

16. Increase Nighttime Patrols

17. Surveillance Cameras

18. Reward System

19. Illegal Dumping Prosecutor

Abatement & Enforcement

10. City/County Pick-up from Right-of-Way

Community Investment

20. Beautification

21. Community Involvement

The Committee voted not to fund Street Lighting since there are entities (e.g. PG & E) already responsible for maintaining street lights. **Although the Committee voted not to fund a half-time Bilingual Education Coordinator, they did direct staff to come back with cost estimate for Spanish translation services related to preparing bilingual education and outreach materials.** The Committee indicated that they did not see need for separate funding of Sting Operations since these could be conducted by proposed Illegal Dumping Investigator/Officer. The Committee did feel that use of the Sheriff's Annex and maximizing Illegal Dumping Penalties were worthwhile Strategies, however they did not feel that dedicated funding was needed to move forward.

9. Provide Staff Direction Regarding Soliciting Community Input and Strategy Development

Committee directed staff to prepare draft Expenditure Plan budget for the twenty strategies approved by the Committee under Item 8 and bring back to the Committee for further consideration.

10. Set Agenda and Possibly Date / Location for Next Meeting

Committee directed staff to set next meeting date upon completion of research and development of draft Expenditure Plan budget for those Strategies approved by Committee under Item 8.

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