

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

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 20, 2015  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Richmond City Hall - Council Chambers | 440 Civic Center Plaza | Richmond, CA 94801*

### Members Present:

Dr. Henry Clark, **Chair** - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area  
Edwardo Martinez, Member - Richmond City Councilmember  
Luz Gomez, Alternate Member - Contra Costa County Supervisor  
Gayle McLaughlin, Member – Richmond City Councilmember  
Beverly Scott, Member - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area (*arrived at 2:17pm*)  
Jovanka Beckles, **Vice Chair** - Richmond City Councilmember (*arrived at 2:26pm*)

### Members Absent:

Vacant Seat – Richmond Incorporated Area Resident

### Meeting Agenda:

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

Committee Chair, Dr. Henry Clark called the meeting to order at 2:08pm. Beverly Scott joined the meeting at 2:17pm. Jovanka Beckles joined the meeting at 2:26pm.

#### 2. Public Comment on any item not on the agenda (*not to exceed 3 minutes*)

Jeanie Holland (Prevention Services Coordinator) announced that CHDC is in contract with all of the non-profits previously awarded funding.

#### 3. **APPROVE** the May 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Upon Jovanka Beckles arrival at 2:27pm, Gomez moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by McLaughlin. Vote was approved (4 Ayes) 2 abstentions (Beverly Scott and Edwardo Martinez).

#### 4. **RECEIVE** the following reports:

##### a. Committee Board Advisory Body Annual Report – 2014;

Staff summarized reports of the Committee's actions for the previous year. Staff informed Committee members' three (3) alternate seats and a member seat for the city of Richmond resident need to be filled.

##### b. Tonnage & Revenue Update;

Staff provided an overview of revenue including a surplus of \$11,000 over the past six months. McLaughlin asked clarifying questions to understand the expected surplus amount. Staff predicts that after this year surplus is expected to increase to \$22,000 because of the improving economy.

##### c. Expenditure Plan Strategy Implementation Update status reports;

Staff informed committee members data was collected from January-December 2014. Staff analyzed the data and reported trends for strategies 1, 3, and 6. Committee members & staff discussed the reasoning behind these trends and concluded it's not more dumping, but increased feedback from community members resulting in more data and reports. McLaughlin expressed concerns about vouchers. Jeanie Holland informed the committee that voucher information is included in newsletters, distributed electronically and mailed to each household. Other committee members raised the ideas that the annual clean-up & bulky item pick-ups might be positive reasons why less vouchers are used.

Martinez was interested in the number of citations issued. Deputy Ferraro informed the committee of the difficulties when trying to cite an individual without conclusive evidence. Tips are usually vague and he believed that a lot of dumping is from individuals who are from outside the north Richmond area.

**d. Summary Close-Out of Expenditures to date – 2013/2014 Expenditure Plan**

Staff informed Committee of the prior expenditure plan and the \$81,719.70 of rollover funds allowed to be used as unobligated funds. Staff clarified available remaining funds for both strategies and community based projects. Staff informed Committee members this was from the last fiscal year and that funds would be allocated towards the 2015/2016 expenditure plan.

**5. RECEIVE Tonnage Revenue Projections data and PROVIDE direction to Committee Staff about the proposed development of the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan**

Staff provided two funding allocation scenarios to move forward with and that the 2015 projected revenue is substantially higher than last year with a 13% increase compared to a usual 2-3%. Scenario 1 shows the same allocation of funding for each strategy that was given for the current Expenditure Plan (July 2014 thru June 2015). Scenario 2 is scenario 1 with a five percent increase to each strategy except Strategies 9 and 12 (Strategy 9 allocates \$100K and \$50K to Strategy 12). Staff also recommended that a Request for Proposal (RFP) not be proposed this year and that CHDC remain in contract with the current projects into the new 2015/16 Expenditure Plan. Dr. Henry Clark wanted to know how funds were estimated. Staff clarified funds were received through garbage companies' projections. Gomez advocated for conserving roll over into stable funds allocated to each strategy and that she agrees with funding the current non-profits into the next year.

Debate over cameras was discussed and where they should be place was resolved when staff informed the committee new batteries had been bought and that camera locations was up to the illegal dumping officer.

*Gomez motioned* that we postpone doing an RFP and continue funding the current projects for the next fiscal year; expedite a release of the 15/16 RFP process to sometime in the fall of 2015; that the \$100,000 for strategy 9 and \$50,000 for strategy 12 be locked in, while leaving the other strategies funds up for debate, and that funding be effective from July even though the expenditure plan was approved in September. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6 Ayes). Staff clarified that in the May meeting committee members would allocate funds for the other remaining strategies and that an RFP discussion would be held. Gomez mentioned she would like to see pictures and hear updates about the projects in the May meeting.

**6. Receive Presentation(s) – Verbal update(s) about mitigation funded strategies from the Community Services Coordinator and others**

Committee members were provided updates on the Green newsletters, the youth sports programs and the North Richmond Green Team project. Reach also provided updates with their program and offered their appreciations for funding. McLaughlin education temple voiced concerns with receiving funds and staff explained that advanced payment could be made available next year for their project.

**7. ADJOURN to next regularly scheduled meeting – Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 (2pm – 5pm)**

Committee Chair, Dr. Henry Clark adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.