

2015 Advisory Body Annual Report

Advisory Body Name:

North Richmond Waste & Recovery Mitigation Fee Joint Expenditure Planning Committee (NRMFC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:

Meetings are regularly scheduled for twice a year, with special meetings scheduled from time to time at the discretion of the Committee. The meeting dates and times for the 2015 calendar year are identified in Section 3 of this document (page 1 and 2). This year, all meetings were held at Richmond City Hall located at 440 Civic Center Drive in Richmond.

Chair (during the reporting period):

Dr. Henry Clark, North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council

Staff persons (during the reporting period):

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development:

- Demian Hardman & Justin Sullivan

Richmond City Manager's Office:

- Lori Reese-Brown & LaShonda Wilson

Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

1. Activities

The NRMFC made recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors and Richmond City Council on the use of money collected through a Waste & Recovery Mitigation Fee established as result of an Environmental Impact Report to mitigate impacts from the expansion of the West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill (WCCSL) Bulk Materials Processing Center (BMPC) located in the North Richmond area. The Committee provided feedback to City/County Committee staff about recommended uses of the mitigation fee for the purpose of defraying the annual costs associated with the collection and disposal of illegally dumped waste in the North Richmond area as a result of the BMPC expansion.

2. Accomplishments

In 2015, the NRMFC received a Tonnage & Revenue update along with informational reports on all expenditure plan strategies. Committee members also provided direction to County/City staff to postpone a Funding Request Proposal and continue funding the 2014/2015 non-profits into the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan. The County Board of Supervisors and Richmond City Council approved of these recommendations, which are reflected in the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan (attached as Exhibit B).

The NRMFC recommended 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan involved a five percent (5%) increase in funds to each Expenditure Plan strategy except strategies 9 & 12 (Strategy 9 allocates \$100K and strategy 12 allocates \$50K). The Committee also recommended the release of a new Funding Request Proposal in Fall 2015 for the 2016/2017 Expenditure Plan. The five (5) Community Based Projects (funded in Strategy 9) and three (3) Neighborhood Community Garden projects (funded in Strategy 12) provided updates about how their programs are helping reduce illegal dumping and/or blight.

3. Attendance/Representation

The seven member Committee is comprised of three Richmond City Council members, one member of the Board of Supervisors, two North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) members that are residents of unincorporated North Richmond, and one incorporated North Richmond (NR) resident. Bylaws were approved for this Committee in 2008, which included designation of alternates and

procedures for removal of members based upon number of absences without prior notification. The level of participation for each Committee member is outlined in the table below as well as the status of a quorum being achieved for each meeting date.

In January of 2015 Committee member Nathaniel Bates was replaced by City Council member Edwardo Martinez. Nathaniel Bates was instead designated as the Alternate for the Richmond City Council representatives. In April 2015, the Board of Supervisors appointed Robert Rogers as the Alternate to Supervisor Gioia, to replace Luz Gomez. The Board of Supervisors also approved David Meza as the Alternate for the North Richmond MAC members representing the unincorporated area. The Incorporated North Richmond Resident (City of Richmond appointment) and associated Alternate seat have been vacant since May 2014. The City will continue seeking volunteers that can be appointed to fill those vacant Member and Alternate seats in 2016.

2015 Meeting Dates & Attendance

Committee Members & Alternates	Feb 20 2-4 pm	May 29 Meeting Cancelled	June 5 Meeting Cancelled	June 12 2-5 pm	Appointed By
Dr. Henry Clark, Chair – North Richmond MAC	Yes			Yes	County
Jovanka Beckles, Vice Chair – Richmond City Council	Yes			Yes	City
Edwardo Martinez – Richmond City Council	Yes			Yes	City
John Gioia, Supervisor – Board of Supervisors	No			No	County
Gayle McLaughlin – Richmond City Council	Yes			No	City
Beverly Scott – North Richmond MAC	Yes			Yes	County
VACANT– Incorporated N. Richmond Resident	No			VACANT	City
Nathaniel Bates – Richmond City Council, Alternate	No			Yes	City
Luz Gomez – Board of Supervisors, Alternate*	Yes			N/A	County
Robert Rogers – Board of Supervisors, Alternate*	N/A			Yes	County
David Meza – N. Richmond MAC Member, Alternate**	VACANT			VACANT	County
Incorporated N. Richmond Resident, Alternate	VACANT			VACANT	City
Quorum achieved	Yes			Yes	

* Luz Gomez was the Alternate until Robert Rogers was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors on April 21st

** Appointed by County Board of Supervisors on April 14th and resigned as Member in May 2015.

4. Training/Certification

All Committee Members/Alternates and County Committee Staff are current on all required trainings.

5. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

The Committee will have its next meeting on February 19, 2016. Anticipated topics to be discussed at this meeting are likely to include budget planning for the next Expenditure Plan cycle (FY 2016/2017), including future revenue projections, proposed funding allocations for existing and potential new strategies, and review of new Funding Request Proposal applicants for fiscal year 2016/2017. On May 27, 2016, the Committee is expected to determine which applicants are awarded funding for strategies 9 (Community Based Projects) & 12 (Community Gardening Projects) and consider recommending approval of a new 2016/2017 Expenditure Plan to the County Board of Supervisors and Richmond City Council.