

Illegal Dumping Ad-Hoc Committee

Draft Record of Action for February 2, 2023

Members Present:

Supervisor Diane Burgis
Supervisor Federal Glover

Staff Present:

Tim Kraus, Environmental Health (EH); Kristian Lucas, EH; Brian Balbas, Public Works (PWD); Chris Lau, PWD; Michel Mancuso, PWD; Capt. Craig Brooks, Sheriff's Office (SO); Lt. Levi Terrill, SO; Sgt. Marvis Haley, SO; Lt. Mark Rodriguez, SO; John Kopchik, Conservation and Development (DCD); Deidra Dingman, DCD; David Brockbank, DCD; Joseph Losado, DCD; Jo-Anmarie Ricasata, DCD

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Introductions

Supervisor Burgis convened the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes)

Public Comments: There were no public comments provided.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the September 29, 2022 Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

MOTION by Committee Member Glover

SECOND by Committee Member Burgis

MOTION PASSED.

Public Comments: There were no public comments provided.

4. RECEIVE status update regarding implementation of the Board approved CCC Illegal Dumping Initiative.

The Committee approved a waiver of the Better Government Ordinance to allow three maps to be presented that were not previously available.

MOTION by Committee Member Glover

SECOND by Committee Member Burgis

MOTION PASSED.

Staff summarized the information contained in the “Illegal Dumping Initiative Dashboard” and “Status Updates” column for each of the yellow highlighted strategies contained in Table 1 – Strategies to Combat Illegal Dumping attached to the staff report for this item. Staff presented verbal updates on the following strategies:

- RV Abatement – Strategy #40

Staff reported that these cases of derelict RV, boat, and trailer abatements are unique due to the need for specialized towing equipment. Unlike standard vehicles that only require a standard tow truck, these items lack salvage value, making it challenging to find towing companies willing to take them. Some of these items are in such poor condition that they are questionable even when being towed, with staff occasionally following behind tow trucks to ensure safety. Additionally, there have been instances of these items being burnt, reducing them to just a frame for removal.

- Enforcement– Strategy #45

Staff reported that as efforts to recruit an additional illegal dumping deputy are ongoing, collaboration with station house commanders and resident deputies have begun to address illegal dumping issues and identify signage placement, a recent addition in specific areas.

In some instances, individuals caught engaging in illegal dumping have voluntarily committed to cleaning up debris, thus avoiding enforcement action.

Compared to several years ago, there is a noted increase in enforcement efforts in the recent past, particularly from the perspective of prosecutions and legal proceedings. This reflects a notable shift towards more vigorous pursuit of justice, which is viewed as a positive development.

- Surveillance Cameras – Strategy #46

During the last interdepartmental Illegal Dumping Think Tank meeting in September the contract with the surveillance camera vendor was discussed, as it was nearing its end. The contract has since been extended for six more months, concluding in April, to explore active camera monitoring. The vendor now employs a third-party monitoring service operating 24/7.

Staff encountered technical glitches, challenges with camera placement and lighting, and maintenance issues. The possibility of expanding the camera system

is under consideration, with plans to issue a more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify potential vendors capable of delivering enhanced services.

- Outreach and Engagement - Strategy #5 Public Outreach Campaign, Strategy #16 Community Clean-Up Event, Strategy #56 Community Partner Engagement

Staff proposed a community-focused illegal dumping clean-up initiative discussed during the December Think Tank meeting. The intention is to select a community that has been affected by issues related to illegal dumping and demonstrate County support. The idea involves partnering with community groups, selecting one community at a time for an illegal dumping clean-up event. The goal is to support communities affected by illegal dumping, enhance visibility of County efforts, and boost confidence in our proactive approach.

- Identifying Trends - Data, Reports, Maps, Metrics

Staff presented initial datasets and discussed the importance of identifying trends through the analysis of data, reports, maps, and metrics as a part of ongoing efforts.

Public Comments: There were no public comments provided.

Supervisor Burgis Comments:

- a. Concerning clean-up initiative: Suggested Bay Point as a potential focal community where we can collectively demonstrate our support and engagement, fostering a sense of community pride and care.
- b. Concerning clean-up initiative: Mentioned another opportunity, which is Coastal Clean-up Day in September. This presents a chance to consider additional communities for clean-up efforts.
- c. Concerning clean-up initiative: Acknowledged the available grant funding and expressed the view that conducting initiatives off-cycle is beneficial. She also emphasized the importance of making grantors excited about our efforts, believing it could lead to continued investments from Caltrans.
- d. Advised staff to take the opportunity to leverage the Caltrans Clean California Community Days activities in March. Engaging with Caltrans and actively promoting the event together would be beneficial. There is a shared commitment to making this event a success, with the expectation that it could potentially lead to increased grant funding in the future.
- e. Suggested staff explore if there is any correlation between the time of year and the data we are collecting. Analyzing seasonal trends could provide valuable insights into patterns or variations in the data. Conducting a thorough analysis of the data

over different seasons could reveal valuable information that may help inform future decisions or strategies.

Supervisor Glover Comments:

- a. Concerning clean-up initiative: Expressed support for the idea and mentioned that similar initiatives are already taking place across the district in collaboration with various franchise haulers such as Republic and Garaventa. He emphasized the importance of highlighting these efforts and the dedicated individuals involved, believing that it could have a significant positive impact.
- b. Expressed the desire to conduct these efforts independently and off-cycle, emphasizing the importance of creating a distinctive county-led initiative.
- c. Concerning Surveillance Cameras: Expressed full support for the investment, contingent upon its proven value. Emphasizes the importance of finding a suitable vendor and the ability to accurately evaluate its worth on a case-by-case basis.

5. *Consider scheduling next meeting.*

The committee has agreed to hold regular meetings twice a year, specifically in early September and at the beginning of the year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments provided.

6. *Adjourn*

The Committee adjourned the meeting.

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