

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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AGENDA

Thursday, September 21, 2023

12:00 PM

Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis
Supervisor Federal D. Glover

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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Introductions
2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 2, 2023 Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee Meeting [23-397](#)
Attachments: [Record of Action 2-2-2023](#)
3. RECEIVE status update regarding implementation of the Board approved Contra Costa County Illegal Dumping Initiative Strategies. [23-465](#)
Attachments: [CCC Illegal Dumping Initiative Dashboard-September 2023](#)
[Table 1 - Illegal Dumping Initiative Strategy Table-September 2023](#)
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[Figure 1 - Requests for Illegal Dumping Clean Up Received by Public Works in 2022](#)
[Figure 2 – Illegal Dumping Signage](#)
[Figure 3 - North Richmond Illegal Dumping Locations](#)
4. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).
5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
6. Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 23-397

Agenda Date: 9/21/2023

Agenda #: 2.

ILLEGAL DUMPING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: 9/21/2023

Subject: RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 2, 2023 Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Submitted For: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Contact: Jo-Anmarie Ricasata, Conservation & Development Department

Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

Referral Update:

Attached is the Record of Action for the February 2, 2023 Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 2, 2023 for the Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

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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File #: 23-465

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ILLEGAL DUMPING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: 9/21/2023

Subject: Status update regarding implementation of the illegal dumping strategies

Submitted For: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Contact: Jo-Anmarie Ricasata, Conservation & Development Department

Referral History:

On June 11, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors received a presentation from the interdepartmental Illegal Dumping Think Tank team and approved a total of fifty-six (56) illegal dumping strategies recommended by the interdepartmental Illegal Dumping Think Tank. The Board referred implementation of the recommendations to this newly formed Ad Hoc Committee.

Referral Update:

STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES: At the September 21, 2023, Committee meeting, staff members from the Illegal Dumping Think Tank team will make brief verbal presentations about the following Contra Costa County Illegal Dumping Initiative implementation highlights:

- Funding Update

Funding Source	Amount
Clean California Grant - Cycle 1 (revised)	\$614,000
Measure X - FY 22/23	\$600,000
Measure X - FY 23/24	\$630,000

- Enforcement - Strategy #46
- Recreational Vehicle (RV), Boat, and Graffiti Abatement - Strategy #40
- Outreach and Engagement - Strategy #5 Public Outreach Campaign & Strategy #17 Community Clean-Ups
 - Link to Illegal Dumping Initiative Kick-Off Event Video: <https://youtu.be/xwIF911TPww>
- Coordination with other regions and agencies - Strategy #56 Community Partner Engagement & Strategy #49 Legislation
- Surveillance Cameras - Strategy #46
- Identifying Trends - Data, Reports, Maps, Metrics

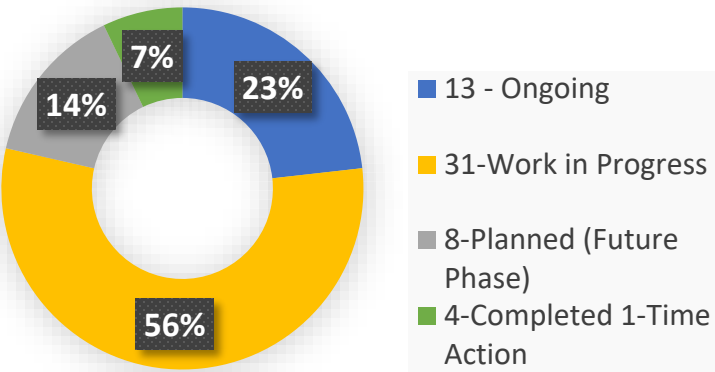
In preparation for this upcoming Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee meeting, staff have updated Table 1 and the Illegal Dumping Initiative Dashboard which are attached and reflect progress applicable to the individual strategies.

Recommendation(s):

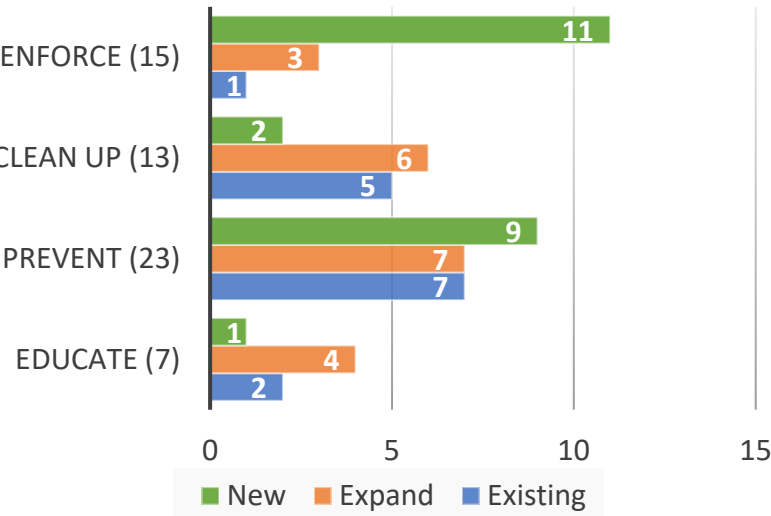
RECEIVE status update regarding implementation of the Board approved Contra Costa County Illegal Dumping Initiative Strategies.

Contra Costa County Illegal Dumping Initiative Dashboard – Implementation Updates September 2023

Strategies by Status



56 Approved Strategies by Category



For Full Implementation Updates,
See CCCIDI Strategy Table

Strategy #17: Community Clean-Ups



Event provided eleven 40-yard debris boxes,
collecting **21.94 tons** for disposal.

Strategy #45: Illegal Dumping Deputies

January 2023-August 2023 Highlights:
53 Mobile Citizen App reports for clean-up
107 Deputy reports written
24 Cases submitted to DA for filing
1 Citation issued
4 Incidents of illegal dumping cleaned-up by suspect prior to enforcement action.

Strategy #33: Waste Tires

1,465 Waste Tires cleaned up
by CCEH between 1/1/23 and 6/30/23

Strategy #53: Prosecuting Dumping Crimes

Between 1/1/23 and 8/14/23
22 cases received by DA
for review
7 cases filed
4 pending review

Strategy #51: Legislation

County sponsored
AB 592
passed Senate, 38-0
and will move to
Assembly for
concurrence.

Strategy #40: Derelict RV/Boat Abatement (Through 8/8/23)

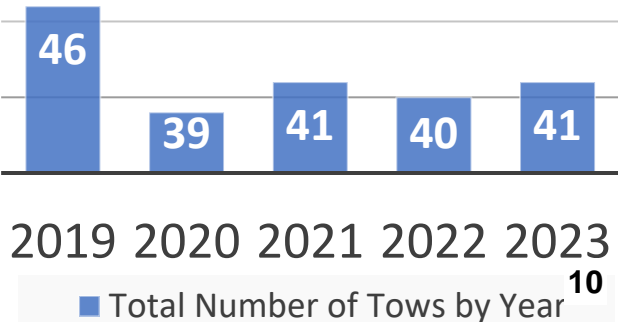


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EDUCATE		EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES			
	1	Countywide Recycling Hotline & Website - Legal options to discard unwanted items/trash		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	2	Printed Outreach Materials by Franchise Haulers - Annual Mailer/Newsletters, Bill Inserts & Bill Messages.		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>
		EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING			
	3	Educate persons living or working in the unincorporated area that only hauling companies approved by the County (permitted or franchised) can legally be hired to pick-up trash.		CCEH, DCD	CCEH provides content for JPA Newsletters (RecycleSmart and RecycleMore) to promote & educate about the County's non-franchise hauler permit program and reasoning for using permitted haulers. Currently there are 5 permitted non-franchise haulers for 2023 with 3 applications still in process.
	4	Seek additional opportunities to raise awareness about and increase utilization of the Bulky Item Pick-up services and/or extra waste pick-ups offered upon request at no additional charge for residential customers within the County's unincorporated franchise areas.		DCD	<i>DCD has compiled data regarding utilization of residential on-call Bulky Item Pick-up services and Extra Bagged Waste Pick-ups to inform and prioritize future outreach efforts. Based on this data, DCD will determine if participation is increasing vs. decreasing, as well as whether participation rates differ significantly from one community to the next within individual Franchise areas. This is one of the services intended to be promoted as part of the "How to do the right thing" outreach campaign effort (Strategy 5).</i>

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EDUCATE	NEW				
	5	<p>Create <u>public outreach campaign(s)</u> with messaging that is effective for applicable target populations (may need carrot & stick since some respond better to one vs. the other) that can be deployed using these various methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Curbside haulers – Mail/Robo-calls/E-Blasts/Direct Face-to-Face or Phone contact * Supervisors' offices – Newsletters/E-Blasts/Direct Face-to-Face or Phone contact * On-line – Social Media (posts & ads) and Digital (internet ads) * Web/Mobile App - Curbside and local reuse & recycling services/facilities * News Media – Print, Radio & TV * Word-of-Mouth (most effective) – Engage community leaders/members/groups to raise awareness (including Youth – e.g. boy/girl scouts, Seniors, Community based non-profit organizations and Religious & philanthropic groups) 		CCEH, PWD, DCD, SO	<p><i>Clean California Local Grant Agreement was fully executed in late 2022. \$220,000 was earmarked to implement several components of this public outreach campaign including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>*Develop New Creative and Messaging in Multiple Languages</i> <i>*.15 and :30 Videos</i> <i>*Quarterly Newsletter</i> <i>*Transit Shelter Postings</i> <i>*Outdoor Billboards</i> <i>*Outdoor Posters</i> <i>*Mobile Ad Messenger</i> <i>*Radio</i> <i>*Social Media</i> <p><i>Grant agreement was approved and fully executed in late 2022. Staff has prepared draft RFP which soon be finalized and released.</i></p>
PREVENT	EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES				
	6	Fencing off road right-of-way dumping hot spot if/when deemed necessary		PWD	<i>No new fencing installed.</i>

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PREVENT	EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES				
	7	Franchise Hauler provided Community Clean-up Boxes		DCD	Utilization of community clean-up boxes so far in 2023: -The Republic/Crockett Franchise includes five 20-cubic yard boxes per year. In 2023, five of five were used. (April-1, June-2, Oct-1, Nov-1) -The Republic/RSS Franchise includes 16 20-cubic yard boxes per year. - The Republic/Allied franchise includes 16 20-cubic yard boxes per year. In 2023, has scheduled the following community clean-up events: October 28 - Pacheco/Mt. View/Vine Hill (six to eight 20- November 4 - Bay Point (eight-ten 20-yard boxes slated) -The Garaventa/MDRR franchise includes 40 40-cubic yard boxes per year. In 2023, they have held/scheduled the following community clean-up events: May 6 – Bay Point (four 40-yard boxes used) TBD – Knightsen (ten 40-yard boxes used) September 16 – Bethel Island (20-22 40-yard boxes slated) October 21 – Byron (five 40-yard boxes slated)
	8	Franchise Hauler provided On-call Extra Bagged/Bundled Pick-ups for residential customers (not available to multi-family)		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	9	Franchise Hauler provided On-call Bulky Item Pick-ups for residential customers in three of the four County Franchise areas (not available to multi-family)		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	10	CalGreen Mandatory Waste/Recycling Tracking & Reporting for covered projects		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>

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PREVENT	EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES				
	11	Coordinate with Resource Conservation District about grant awarded for rural illegal dumping site abatement (for agricultural lands)		DCD	<i>The Contra Costa RCD currently addresses projects and issues like this through the CalRecycle Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program. The next round of applications is due November 10th</i> <i>Funding through this program can support:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•<i>The removal of ongoing or collected illegal dumping</i>•<i>Construction of prevention measures like fences, gates, lights, signage, etc.</i>•<i>Reimbursement for past illegal dumping cleanup with sufficient evidence like receipts, photos, etc.</i> <i>More information can be found at</i> <i>https://calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/GrantsLoans/FarmRanch/ and</i> <i>https://calrecycle.ca.gov/lea/grantsloans/farmranch/fy202223/</i>
	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	12	Mandatory Subscription Ordinance - Expand current complaint based enforcement to proactive enforcement using franchise hauler provided lists		CCEH	<i>No updates for this strategy.</i>
	13	Implement lien process provided for under the County's Mandatory Subscription Ordinance to provide for recovery of costs resulting from forced starts.		CCEH	<i>The adaptation of the Universal Abatement Process for use with Mandatory Subscription is still ongoing. This will be used as a temporary fix until such time that the ordinance can be revised.</i>
	14	Seek-grant funding when offered through CalRecycle's waste tire grant program to subsidize Waste Tire Amnesty Day events.		CCEH	An application was submitted for the CalRecycle's Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant program in April 2023. Grant awards have yet to be announced, but are expected by the end of October 2023.

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PREVENT	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	15	Establish and enforce extended producer responsibility ordinances - Require businesses that make/sell items that are commonly dumped or costly and challenging to dispose of properly to accept old items at the end of product life.		CCEH, DCD	There are currently two organizations with approved stewardship plans for drug takeback (Med Project and Inmar). Med Project is in compliance with the ordinance. Inmar has less than three kiosks in Supervisor Districts 1 and 5 due to Lucky closing their pharmacies. Inmar is currently working on replacing those kiosks.
	16	Maximize existing creek clean-up and/or community clean-up opportunities - Evaluate existing and past usage of clean-up boxes provided for in the County's Franchises to target usage where need is the greatest for maximum effectiveness.		DCD, PWD	See Strategy #7 for utilization of clean-up boxes provided for in the County's Franchises. Community Clean-Up events are held in North Richmond funded by North Richmond Mitigation Fees jointly administered by the County and City of Richmond

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PREVENT	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	17	Implement additional community clean-ups - Identify where additional clean-ups may be needed/warranted and seek to arrange clean-up box services through the applicable County franchise hauler or seek assistance through applicable agency where the County does not control the Franchise. <i>(Future Phase)</i>		DCD	<p>At the February 2, 2023, Illegal Dumping Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, the interdepartmental team proposed organizing illegal dumping clean-up events funded by the Caltrans Clean CA grant program. Bay Point was chosen as the inaugural location, and we partnered with Supervisor Glover's Community Clean-up Event on May 6, 2023.</p> <p>This event marked the official kick-off event of the Illegal Dumping Initiative Program. PIO/Media Communications was engaged to promote the event, program, and available resources. Preparations, including securing debris boxes and safety equipment, were successfully completed. Supervisors Glover and Burgis, along with County staff and family members, actively participated in the community drop-off and collection of illegally dumped items throughout Bay Point, including creeks and waterways.</p> <p>For the overall event, including Supervisor Glover's Community Clean-up Event and the Illegal Dumping Initiative efforts, eleven 40-yard debris boxes were provided and collected 21.94 tons of material. To provide context, a typical Bay Point community clean-up event collects approximately four to seven tons.</p>
	18	Seek additional free e-waste pick-up options (Curbside Haulers or Free Recyclers) <i>(Future Phase)</i>		DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i> <i>Minimal e-waste dumping therefore no immediate need warranting action at this time.</i>
	NEW				
	19	Explore amending the County's <u>Mandatory Subscription Ordinance</u> to streamline process for forcing service starts and facilitating lien as means of reimbursing hauler for mandated services without County having to incur cost first.		CCEH	<i>Given the issues with the mandatory subscription ordinance laid out above, this item, if possible, will likely not be addressed until the mandatory subscription ordinance is in the revision process.</i>

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PREVENT	NEW				
	20	Offer option of disposal vouchers in lieu of on-call pick-ups for those who prefer. (Future Phase)		DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i> <i>Can only be pursued during rate setting time.</i>
	21	Subsidize free disposal vouchers or free disposal day at landfill/transfer station. (Future Phase)		DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i> <i>Can only be pursued during rate setting time.</i>
	22	Explore switching some on-call pick-ups for extra bagged waste to scheduled clean-up days to increase participation. (Future Phase)		DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i> <i>Can only be pursued during rate setting time.</i>
	23	Seek to identify local disposal option for treated wood self-hauled by the general public; more being dumped since in-County Transfer Stations don't accept it. Closest option for public self-haul is in Livermore.		DCD, CCEH	<i>The Contra Costa Waste Services transfer station located at 1300 Loveridge Rd. in Pittsburg accepts treated wood waste.</i>
	24	Seek to identify feasible options for proper disposal of unwanted Recreational Vehicles, Trailers & Boats.		DCD, SO	<i>An annual Measure X investment of \$150,000 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 16, 2021 to continue implementation of this strategy.</i>
	25	Secure commitment(s) to establish <u>free local recycling drop-off sites for mattresses and box springs</u> through participation in the statewide Bye Bye Mattress program - Work with transfer stations and/or other appropriate sites/operators, consistent with neighboring counties.		DCD, PWD	The 1-800-Got-Junk location in Concord operates as a designated ByeByeMattress drop-off site where they accept mattresses and box springs for recycling. They have a limit of up to four units for both residential and commercial vehicles. People can drop off mattresses at this location on Sundays between 8 AM and 3 PM.

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PREVENT	26	Install street signs with info about How To Report posted at key entry ways or at/near dumping Hot Spots so people are reminded how to take the desired action. <i>(Initial Phase - 50 signs @ \$200/each)</i>	45	PWD	To date, all signs designated for installation from the last update have been installed. A total of 52 signs have been installed. Signs that have been vandalized, i.e. graffiti, have been replaced (5 total) or cleaned (8 total). This has occurred on multiple occasions on various sites. Additional funds have been received to fund additional sign installations. Draft locations of additional sites have been identified. Original estimate of \$200/sign only covered the material cost for the signs. It is estimated that it costs a total of \$500/sign to install, which includes the cost of the sign, posts, other hardware, equipment and labor.
	27	Identify capital improvements that may be needed, such as street lighting or barricades. <i>Initial Phase - Currently developing initial phase targeting Bay Point, involves 10 street lights in two specific areas.</i>		PWD	Continuing to explore capital improvement options throughout the County, e.g. streetlighting on roadways with a history of illegal dumping.
CLEAN-UP	EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES				
	28	Blow & Flow Litter Removal (Roads & Creeks)		PWD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	29	Street Sweeping		PWD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	30	Volunteer driven litter removal/consolidation through the Adopt-a-Road Program		PWD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	31	Solid Waste Facility Operator Off-site Litter/Debris Removal: North Richmond Hot Spot Crew Weekday Route & Routine Litter Policing by Transfer Stations & Landfill		DCD	<i>(Existing)</i>
	32	Sheriff's Office: Building community trust & pride in Bay Point by assisting with removal of illegal dumping (free disposal at Transfer Station outside Martinez)		SO	<i>(Existing)</i>

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CLEAN-UP	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	33	Assist with hauling and removal of waste tire piles illegally dumped in the public right-of-way on an as needed basis. CCEH staff will haul away piles of up to 35 waste tires, however they can partner with the local conservation corps to clean-up large waste tire piles (36 waste tires or more) illegally dumped on public lands.		CCEH	CCEH continues to pick up and dispose of illegally dumped tire piles of 35 tires or less. Overall, 1,465 illegally dumped waste tires were cleaned up between 1/1/23 and 6/30/23. Of those, 241 illegally dumped tires were picked up by CCEH staff and disposed of and CCEH worked with CivicCorps to dispose of 887. In addition, CCEH staff had the responsible party remove 305 illegally dumped tires.
	34	Franchise Hauler provided On-call <u>Right-of-Way Debris Removal</u> : Establish service in the one County Franchise area not currently implemented -and- Increase area (currently in place for three of the County's four Franchises) and potential scope/frequency		DCD	<i>Complete</i>
	35	Public Works: Dumping in creeks, roadways outside County Franchise Areas where hauler provides on-call removal service and hazardous waste or oversized items not serviced by the Franchisees. Potential for increasing removal frequency within the existing budget (\$400K) is dependent upon reducing the area Public Works is responsible for (limit to areas outside County Franchise authority).	34	PWD	<i>Right-of-way pickup services are performed by franchise haulers and PWD maintenance crews. PWD also provides right-of-way pickup through the use of a contractor administered by Contra Costa County Watershed Program.</i>
	36	Utilize and make available on-line reporting tool to supplement 1-800-No-Dumping tip line to make it easy for people to report illegally dumped waste in the right-of-way, including ability to upload photos and location coordinates. (Currently pilot testing)		PWD	<i>Complete</i> PWD has launched "Mobile Citizen", a user-friendly smart phone (Android, iOS) mobile application to help residents "on the go" report non-emergency concerns including illegal dumping in unincorporated communities. With Mobile Citizen, residents can simply select illegal dumping, take a photo, provide comments, details about location and then submit. The submitted request is automatically assigned a unique Work Request number and then sent to the appropriate division of Public Works for follow up. A new "Mobile Citizen" web page has been added to the County's website: https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7875/Mobile-Citizen
	37	Coordinate/support more volunteer creek clean-ups if needed. (Future Phase)		PWD, DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i>

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CLEAN-UP	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	38	Expand the volunteer Adopt-a-Road program to include adopting spots/blocks. <i>(Future Phase)</i>		PWD	<i>(Future Phase)</i> <i>PWD will continue to explore expanding the program to include adopting spots/blocks. We have already done some of this as we have been flexible with adopters who want to adopt a defined area smaller than the program's 2 mile segment minimum. We will continue to meet with MACs and subcommittees as interest dictates.</i>
	NEW				
	39	Explore how Franchise Haulers might assist with cleaning up illegal dumping in areas beyond the road right-of-way. <i>(Future Phase)</i>		PWD, DCD	<i>(Future Phase)</i>
	40	Make arrangements with abatement contractors/towing companies for removal of the approximate 48-50 derelict boats/RVs that have been identified by Sherriff's Office.		CCEH, DCD, PWD, SO	In 2023, 41 RV/boats have been abated for the total cost of \$63,793.83.
EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES					
	41	Regulate Solid Waste Haulers & Facilities: Oversee Non-Franchise Waste Hauler Permitting (County Code Chapter 418-2) and Enforce State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Facilities: Illegal Transfer Stations. Continue working with potentially interested cities and encourage remaining cities to pursue adoption of model ordinance designating the CCEH as City's enforcement agency.		CCEH	No other cities expressed interest on adopting the non-franchise hauler ordinance since the previous update. Environmental Health is monitoring the status of AB 592 as it would allow permits to be required for hauling waste on unincorporated streets in our county. AB 592 authorizes counties to adopt ordinances to regulate the transport of solid waste by nonfranchise solid waste haulers on public roads in unincorporated areas of the county. AB 592 passed Senate, 38-0 and will move to Assembly for concurrence.

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ENFORCE	EXISTING - NO PROPOSED CHANGES				
	42	Proactively go after uncovered loads on the road and parked on street.	45	SO, CHP	<i>Lt. Terrill and Deputy Haley worked on an uncovered load / illegal dumping and related sections of the vehicle code easy reference sheet. The information was sent to all Stations in the Sheriff's Office and distributed to patrol deputies. This should create a more proactive approach to illegal dumping and related CVC violations before or to deter illegal dumping.</i> <i>Cheat sheet created and distributed to station houses to crack down on illegal haulers.</i>
	43	Establish process for identifying and using any address containing evidence located in illegally dumped waste to contact the potentially responsible party in order to find out if there is cause for further investigation, encourage them to remove the material to avoid further follow-up regarding the matter and/or simply inform them that enforcement resources are dedicated to this issue and will be aware of and follow-up if found to recur.	45	DCD, PWD, CCEH, SO, DA	Contra Costa County District Attorney's Environmental Senior Inspector is available to be contacted and assist in these investigations. Sheriff's Office is still in the process of trying to hire more per diem deputies, and is creating a plan to have current deputies on overitme assist with this.

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ENFORCE	EXPAND - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING				
	44	Establish process and parameters for pursuing misdemeanor conviction/penalty provided for under County Code Chapter 418-7 for persons hauling waste routinely generated from unincorporated residences & commercial establishments.	45	DCD, SO, DA	Strategy implementation pending the hiring of per diem deputies under Strategy #45.
	NEW				
	45	Dedicate four per-diem deputies (combined total of 3,600 hours per year; equivalent to approx. 1.73 FTE) to investigating dumping crimes.		SO	<i>The Sheriff's Office has one Per Diem Deputy currently assigned to illegal dumping. He has been identifying problem areas for additional enforcement, signage throughout the County.</i> January 2023-August 2023 -53 submissions through Mobile Citizen App for clean-up. -107 Deputy reports written -24 Cases submitted for filing to DA's Office/ 1 citation issued -3 Incidents of illegal dumping cleaned-up by suspect prior to enforcement action
	46	Wireless high definition, license plate reader <u>surveillance cameras</u> with night vision, infrared & solar powered. Remote-controlled to zoom and capture evidence – Place at key entry ways or at/near hot spots. PILOT: <i>Initial pilot of surveillance monitoring service for five rental cameras.</i>	45	CCEH, DA, PWD , SO	Pilot project has ended. Staff is currently in the process of drafting a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for solicitation to establish a new service contract to deploy surveillance cameras throughout the County. The number of cameras that will be deployed will be significantly more than the pilot project. The RFQ will be sent out in the next two months and depending on successful negotiations with a new vendor/contractor, surveillance cameras will be in service in the coming year.
	47	Establish a well-publicized tip line, mobile app and/or other user-friendly alternative to make it easy for witnesses to report illegal dumping/dumpers and share photographic evidence when applicable. (could be linked to # 36)	45	PWD, SO	In addition to traditional phone and email methods, PWD has established two online request options to report illegal dumping. The first option is the Mobile Citizen App. The second option is the PWD Customer Portal found on the PWD website. In 2023 to date, PWD received 516 illegal dumping complaints through the Mobile Citizen App, 95 illegal dumping complaints through the Customer Portal, and 293 illegal dumping complaints from traditional methods.

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ENFORCE	NEW				
	48	Utilize centralized database to capture details related to illegal dumping found to contain address containing evidence as a means of identifying patterns and recurrences (unpermitted hauler hired by different persons at different times, same one-time excuse used in the past, etc.) for subsequent/future investigations, stings, camera installation, etc.	45	CCEH, DA, DCD, PWD, SO	<i>Strategy implementation pending the hiring of per diem deputies under Strategy #47</i>
	49	Work through the Board of Supervisors legislative platform process and/or explore partnering with coalition of other governmental agencies in the region to propose/pursue legislation to establish statewide permitting requirements for waste haulers.		BoS	AB 592 was sponsored by the County. AB 592 authorizes counties to adopt ordinances to regulate the transport of solid waste by nonfranchise solid waste haulers on public roads in unincorporated areas of the county. AB 592 passed Senate, 38-0 and will move to Assembly for concurrence.
	50	Explore potential for obtaining legal authority to allow for impoundment and/or seizure of vehicles used to illegally dump.	45	SO, DCD, DA	<i>Strategy removed due to potential implications associated with individual rights and protections afforded under the Constitution.</i>
	51	Work through the Board of Supervisors legislative platform process and/or explore partnering with coalition of other governmental agencies in the region to propose/pursue legislation to change illegal dumping of non-commercial quantities (less than 1 cubic yard) from an infraction to a misdemeanor and increased the allowable penalties, including higher fines, mandatory community service time, and/or jail time.	45	BoS	<i>In the 2023/2024 State platform adopted by the Board:</i> <i>Sponsored Bill #2: Statewide permitting for hauling solid waste by non-franchise haulers. Permits are required for non-franchise solid waste haulers in unincorporated areas of the County, but no similar requirement exists for cities, which impedes enforcement of illegal dumping.</i> <i>Lobbyists are actively working on bill language.</i>
	52	Request courts to impose appropriate sentences (fines and community service to clean up illegal dumping elsewhere) of people convicted of illegal dumping.	45	DA	<i>DA: The District Attorney's Office is requesting appropriate sentences to include fines and/or community service.</i>

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	53	Dedicate prosecutor resources to prosecuting dumping crimes.	45	DA	The District Attorney's Office has and will continue to expend resources to prosecute illegal dumping cases. Illegal dumping referrals are funneled to a Senior Attorney for filing review and assignment. The DA's Office has collaborated with law enforcement to strengthen illegal dumping prosecutions. Approximately 22 illegal dumping cases have been referred to the DA's Office between 1/1/23 and 8/14/23. Of those referrals, 7 illegal dumping cases were filed with 4 cases pending review.
	54	Use mapping (GIS) to track dumping hot spots to target use of enforcement tools/investigative resources.	45	PWD, DCD	<i>The Sheriff's Office has one Per Diem Deputy currently assigned to illegal dumping. He has been identifying problem areas for additional enforcement, signage, or possible camera surveillance throughout the county.</i> Recruitment of additional per diem deputies is ongoing. A strategy is being developed for current deputies to work overtime and support illegal dumping enforcement and investigations.
	55	Use sting operations targeting specific types of dumping crimes/violations or locations/days & times of day.	45	SO	Recruitment of additional per diem deputies is ongoing. A strategy is being developed for current deputies to work overtime and support illegal dumping enforcement and investigations.
OTHER					
	56	Continue holding interdepartmental "Think Tank" team coordination meetings quarterly, as needed. On-going coordination with cities to facilitate information sharing and collaboration opportunities (e.g. maintain/utilize countywide e-mail list, convene meetings as needed, etc.)		CCEH, DA, DCD, PWD, SO	The interdepartmental team consistently participates in Regional Illegal Dumping Taskforce Meetings hosted by Alameda County and the CalRecycle Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee. These engagements aim to promote ongoing coordination with cities and counties throughout California, facilitating information sharing and collaboration opportunities.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Sites



→ Central County HHW Facility

For residents of Alamo, Blackhawk, Clayton, Concord, Clyde, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Walnut Creek

4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA
Open: Mon to Sat 7am - 2pm
(800) 646-1431



tinyurl.com/CentralHHW

→ Delta HHW Facility (East County)

For residents of Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Oakley, Pittsburg

2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Hwy, Pittsburg, CA
Open: Thurs to Sat 9am - 4pm
(925) 756-1990



tinyurl.com/EastHHW

→ West County HHW Facility

For residents of Crockett, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Kensington, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Pinole, Port Costa, Richmond, Rodeo, San Pablo, Tara Hills, Tormey

101 Pittsburg Ave, Richmond, CA
Open: Wed to Sat 9am - 4pm (closed 12 - 12:30pm)
(888) 412-9277



tinyurl.com/WestHHW

Reporting Illegal Dumping



To Report Illegal Dumping in the Act in Unincorporated Areas



By Phone: **(925) 646-2441** for the Sheriff's non-emergency line

To Report Illegal Dumping for Clean-Up on County Roads



By Phone: **(925) 313-2000** for the Public Works Department



By Web Browser or Mobile Device: Request services in unincorporated Contra Costa County by visiting contracosta.ca.gov/requestservices



By Email: Admin@pw.cccounty.us for the Public Works Department



Contra Costa County

Illegal Dumping Resources



To View These Resources on Your Phone:



SCAN ME

Where Do I Get Rid of...

→ Waste, Recyclables, E-Waste, Appliances

RE:Source (Online Guide)

Looking to part with unwanted stuff? RE:Source is a guide for easy options to reuse, repair, recycle, and safely dispose of just about anything. Be sure to check what can go into your recycling and organics cart before throwing something away in the trash.



Resource.StopWaste.org

→ Extra Waste



On-Call Bagged Pick-up

- Residential customers are entitled to two bagged on-call curbside pick-ups each year at no additional cost
- All items must be bagged or bundled. Bags must be strong enough to hold contents securely
- A maximum of two cubic yards (about twelve 35-gallon bags)

On-call bulky item pick-up is available in most areas. Contact your hauler for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

Programs and Services

→ Home and Worm Composting Workshops

Composting is a great way to reduce waste, recycle your yard debris and help your garden grow. Contra Costa County's Department of Conservation and Development offers FREE virtual home and worm composting workshops several times a year. Sign up for the next workshop online.



CCCRecycle.org/Compost






→ Recycling Hotline

Looking for additional reuse, recycling, and proper disposal resources? Call the County recycling hotline.



1-800-750-4096

For More Info

-  www.cccrecycle.org
-  recycling@dcd.cccounty.us
-  1-800-750-4096



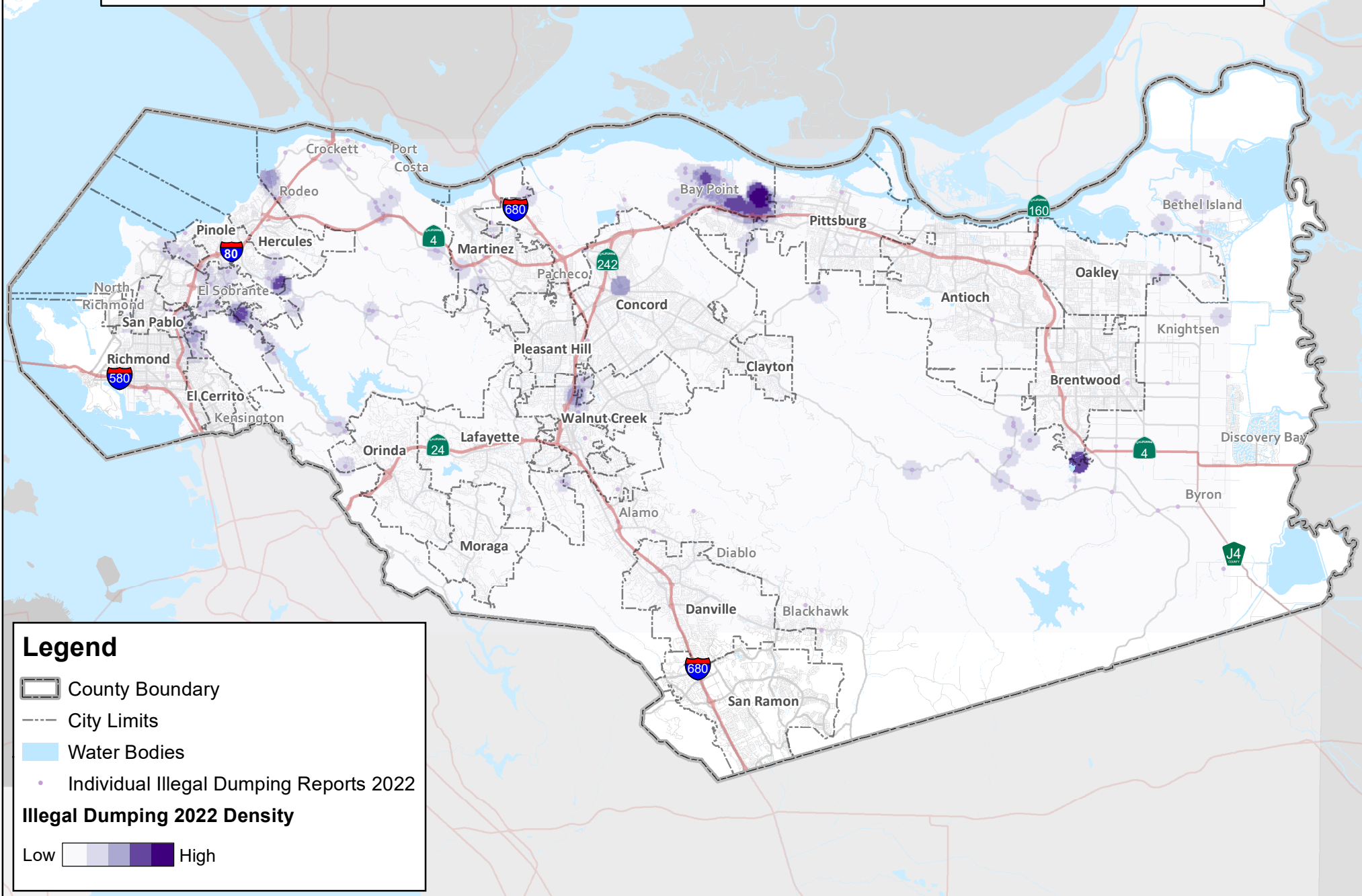
Waste Management Hierarchy

No single approach is appropriate for managing all types of waste and materials. Do your part to put items to their highest and best use.

1. Reduce: the most effective way to manage waste is to not create in the first place. Examples include buying less and repairing items.
2. Reuse: involves finding new uses for products that might otherwise be disposed of.
3. Recycle: involves converting materials that would otherwise be discarded into new products.



Figure 1 – Requests for Illegal Dumping Clean Up Received by Public Works in 2022



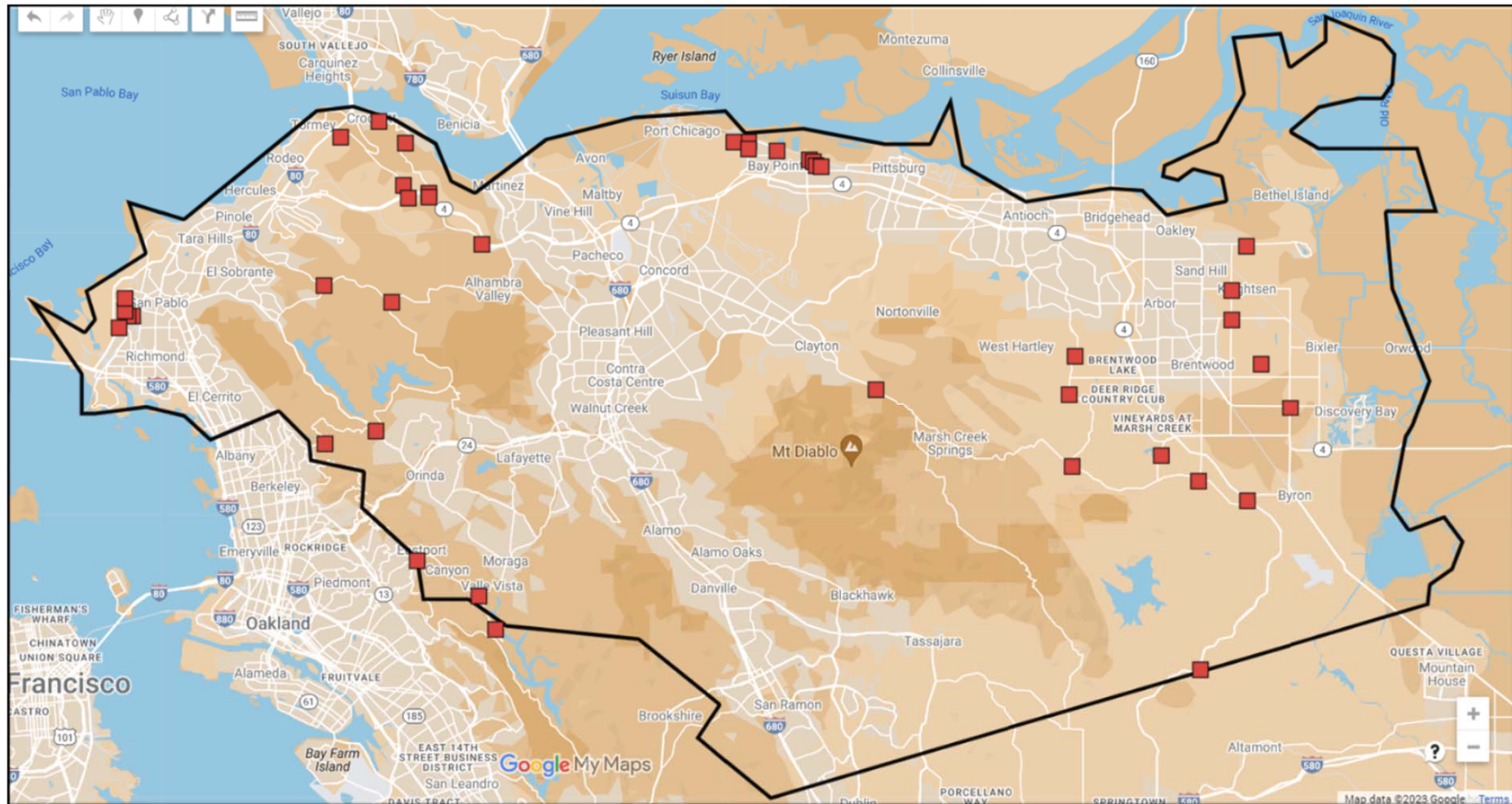
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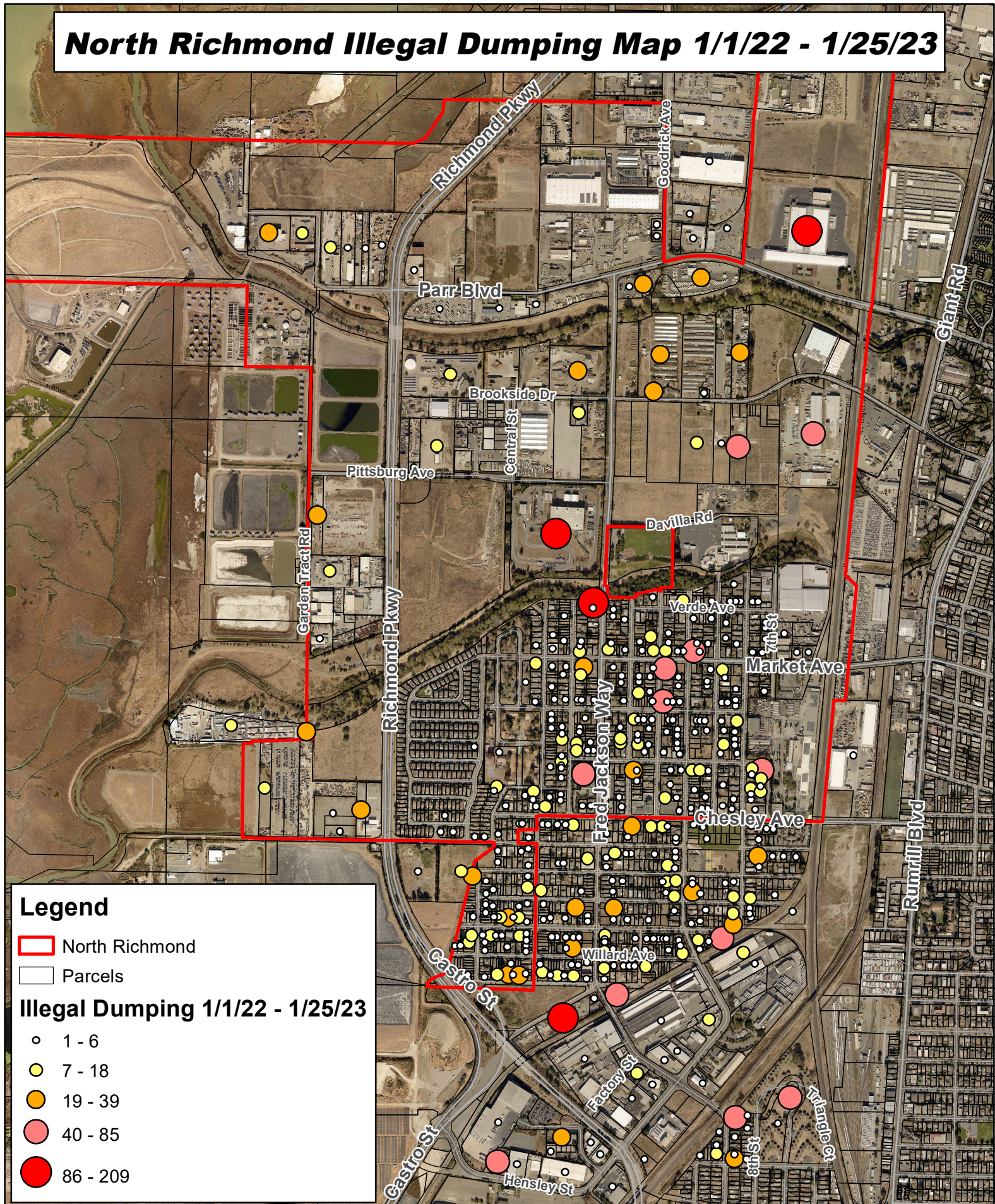


Figure 2 – Illegal Dumping Signage



1. 7th Street & Grove Avenue
2. 4th Street & Grove Avenue
3. Fred Jackson Way & Market Avenue
4. Vernon Avenue & Battery Street
5. Brookside Drive & Fred Jackson Way
6. 420 Cummings Skyway
7. Cummings Skyway south of I-80
8. Mc Ewen Rd north of SR4
9. Carquinez Scenic Drive & Mc Ewen Road
10. Carquinez Scenic Drive & Pomona Street
11. Franklin Canyon Road & Mc Ewen Road
12. Franklin Canyon Road & Cummings Skyway
13. Franklin Canyon Road & Dutra Road
14. Alhambra Valley Road & Bear Creek Road
15. Castro Ranch Road & Alhambra Valley Road
16. San Pablo Dam Road & Wildcat Canyon Road
17. South Park Drive & Wildcat Canyon Road
18. Pinehurst Road & Canyon Road
19. Pinehurst Road @ Alameda Co line
20. Port Chicago Highway & McAvoy Road
21. Driftwood Drive & Port Chicago Highway
22. Port Chicago Hwy @ West end
23. Driftwood Drive & Driftwood Circle
24. Suisun Avenue & North Broadway Avenue
25. Suisun Avenue & Poinsettia Avenue
26. Pullman Ave @ 176 Gibson Ave
27. Pullman Avenue & Crivello Avenue
28. Marsh Creek Rd/S of Vineyard at MC Reservoir
29. Marsh Creek Rd @ 8925 Marsh Creek Rd
30. Walnut Boulevard & Camino Diablo
31. Deer Valley Rd @ Antioch City Limits
32. Chadbourne Road & Deer Valley Road
33. Marsh Creek Road & Deer Valley Road
34. Vasco Road & Camino Diablo
35. Delta Road & Sellers Avenue
36. Point of Timber Road & Byron Highway
37. Sellers Avenue & Sunset Road
38. Chestnut Street & Eden Plains Road
39. East Cypress Road & Knightsen Avenue
40. Pinehurst Road & Skyline Boulevard
41. Vasco Road North of Alameda County Line

North Richmond Illegal Dumping Map 1/1/22 - 1/25/23



Legend

North Richmond

Parcels

Illegal Dumping 1/1/22 - 1/25/23

- 1 - 6
- 7 - 18
- 19 - 39
- 40 - 85
- 86 - 209



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