

Meeting Notes from the 11/21/16 Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) Neighborhood Forum

Attendees:

City Councilmember Jim Prola, Andrew Mogensen (Planning Manager), Tom Liao (Deputy Director, Community Development Department), Cynthia Battenberg (Director of Community Development), Rich Spediacci (Waste Management), (Waste Management), Davon Ward (Waste Management), Osvaldo Jauregui (Waste Management), Erika Solis (Waste Management), Michael Stella (Engineering & Transportation Department), Reh-Lin Chen (Engineering & Transportation Department), Liz Jimenez (Public Works Department). No public attendees.

Welcome & Introductions:

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Rich Spediacci, Senior District Manager for Waste Management, introduced Waste Management present and described their duties.

Status/Update from Waste Management Staff:

Rich Spediacci presented a Powerpoint presentation updating activity in 2016. Notable news included:

- Waste Management reduced staff due to losing a contract with Oakland: down to 244 employees from about 278 employees two years ago. However, the renovated outdoor Material Recovery Facility (OMRF), which began construction in Spring 2016, will add about 25 to 28 employees when completed in 2018.
- The Multifamily recycling/sorting upgrade was completed in 2nd Quarter 2016 and enables WM to more expeditiously

process additional recycling from a new contract with Oakland.

- Up to 85% of the liquefied/compressed natural gas powered WM vehicle fleet has been achieved. WM anticipates a 100% CNG fleet by 2018.
- The new Wood Waste Footprint will be completed in early December 2016 and will eliminate noisy wood grinding.
- The Earthcare Center has been relocated adjacent to the CNG station area to make way for the updated OMRF and for better public access to the Center.
- Lost contracts with Oakland, Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda have led to reduced truck and tractor traffic along Davis Street.
- Falcons – beginning in January 2017, the Falconer program hours will change to 8 am to 4 pm, adjusted during bird season (from the current 6 am to 11 am hours from Monday through Friday).
- Tarp Loads – WM continues to remind customers to tarp loads and to offer the sale of tarps. WM has been discussing with San Leandro Police Department about ticketing and fining un-tarped vehicles.

Questions/Additional Comments:

- Councilmember Jim Prola commented that complaints regarding WM have continued to decrease since the forum began.
- Director Battenberg noted that the ongoing Davis Street Transfer Station Master Plan improvements are innovative (and WM should make the public more aware of these groundbreaking efforts) and represent a substantial financial investment in the City.