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TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board
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SUBJECT: Municipal Panel: Litter, Illegal Dumping, Homeless Encampment Cleanup

SUMMARY

StopWaste periodically convenes a panel of staff members from member agencies to speak to the Recycling Board on current issues related to solid waste and recycling. At the February 8 meeting, representatives from Alameda, Albany and Fremont will discuss their respective approaches to the cleanup of litter, illegal dumping and homeless encampments.

DISCUSSION

Cities routinely deal with litter in public spaces, as well as illegal dumping and debris generated through homeless encampments. These types of discards present a range of serious challenges to the cities, including issues such as runoff into waterways, visual blight on public and private property, and bulky, toxic and/or infectious clean up challenges. Homeless encampments provide additional social, legal and public relations complexities regardless of the debris issues.

The panelists will discuss how each of their cities has approached these issues, and their relative success and continuing challenges facing them.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.