RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE WEST CONTRA COSTA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (RECYCLEMORE) AND MEMBER CITIES ON THE SOLID WASTE POST-COLLECTION PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND TO SUPPORT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT EFFORTS

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Richmond, State of California, that

WHEREAS, this Council authorized the City to become a member of the RecycleMore in 1991, which is comprised of 6 jurisdictions: the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, and Richmond and Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, RecycleMore Board of Directors entered into the Integrated Resource Recovery Facility Service Agreement and subsequent amendments with West County Resource Recovery, now Republic Services, Inc. in 1994 for recyclables processing, composting, and transfer, transport and disposal of solid waste services; and

WHEREAS, the City has the option of contracting for new post-collection services as a member of the RecycleMore Board or contracting individually, with a contract that will go into effect January 1, 2014;

WHEREAS, while the City and Member Agencies may contract for new post-collection services, the City of Richmond must direct all solid waste through the Golden Bear Transfer Station per an existing contract between the City of Richmond and the Golden Bear Transfer Station through December 31, 2025 for the initial term with right to extend through December 31, 2035; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond financially benefits from all solid waste going through the Golden Bear Transfer Station through a franchise fee of $1.50 per ton, which currently results in approximately $240,000 a year in franchise fee payments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond shall continue to send non-green waste and non-recyclable solid waste to the Golden Bear Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, RecycleMore is gauging the interest of Member Agencies in having RecycleMore initiate a selection process on behalf of Member Agencies that can result in new service agreements for solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials post-collection services; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the City participate with RecycleMore and Member Cities in the procurement process for recyclables and green waste post-collection services; and

WHEREAS, participating in the joint procurement process for recyclables and green waste post-collection services will result in the most competitive process, cost effective service, and highest diversion rates for Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of service agreements by RecycleMore can meet the individual needs of Member Agencies and provide the most cost effective service to the rate payers while maximizing the amount of material that is diverted from landfills through recycling and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the joint procurement process will allow Member Agencies to leverage their solid waste volume and negotiate the best services at lowest cost to the residential and commercial customers within the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Member Agencies also have the option of keeping RecycleMore as the regional AB939 agency or disband and have each city administer its own solid waste programs and services after 2013; and
WHEREAS, the City’s participation in the joint procurement process does not commit the City to continue as a member of RecycleMore after 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby adopt this resolution advising RecycleMore that the City of Richmond may be included in the green waste and recyclables post-collection service procurement, supports competitive procurement efforts and the City of Richmond encourages all Member Agencies to participate in this process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond encourages Member Agencies, to the extent feasible, to continue to send solid waste to the Golden Bear Transfer Station.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a joint meeting thereof held November 15, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes:    Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

Noes:    None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent:  Vice Mayor Butt.

DIANE HOLMES  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE  
City Attorney

State of California  ]
County of Contra Costa  : ss.
City of Richmond  ]

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 100-11, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on November 15, 2011.