Photo Report
Residential Diversion Program, City of Firebaugh
10/1/08 – 10/2/08

A) Broken recycling bins

On October 1, 2008, Board staff drove through most, if not all, of the City's residential sections that were serviced during staff's site visit.

1-2: Several of the recycling bins which Board staff saw set out were notably damaged.

B) Garbage, recyclables, and greenwaste mixed together

Staff observed the City's garbage collection agents collecting residents' trash, greenwaste, and recyclables in the same frontloader bin.

1: The dark-shirted garbage collection agent empties a residential recycling bin into the red frontloader bin.

2: Both the dark-shirted garbage collection agent and the light-shirted garbage collection agent empty residential trash into the red frontloader bin. The residential recycling bin has already been emptied into the frontloader bin and is sitting on the ground next to the dark-shirted garbage collection agent.

C) Clean commercial recyclables, dirty residential materials at local hauler's yard

The City's commercial recyclables and residential materials were unloaded at the local hauler's yard.

1: The City's residential materials (trash, recyclables, and greenwaste mixed together) were very dirty.

2: The City's commercial recyclables were clean.

D) Floor sorting at local hauler's yard

Staff arranged to see floor sorting of the collected residential materials from the City. The floor sort took place on the morning of October 2, 2008, at the local hauler's yard.

1: About five people were performing the floor sort.

2-3: Materials recovered from the floor sort of the residential materials.

D) Floor sorting at local hauler's yard (cont'd)

1-3: More materials recovered from the floor sort of the residential materials.