
The Atlantic Richfield Agreement

The County is nearing completion of the Institutional Controls Agreement (ICA) with Atlantic Richfield, and a public review meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10. This is the third in a series of publications to provide information about the agreement.

What is the 1994 Conveyance Agreement?

- In this 1994 agreement, Atlantic Richfield conveyed to the County the Old Works Golf Course, as well as, hundreds of acres of other land, including the East Yards, Red Sands, and Mill Creek parcels. Much of this land was intended to be redeveloped.
- The County agreed to pay for Superfund maintenance on these properties, and if the golf course failed, to pay to convert the golf course to another use (like a park).
- The County agreed to pay redevelopment costs on the conveyed properties, and to not sue Atlantic Richfield for any problems associated with the property.
- The County accepted potentially significant Superfund liabilities with the properties.

What problems did the 1994 Conveyance Agreement create?

- Did not provide funding to maintain the golf course remedy if the golf course revenue wasn't adequate.
- Did not provide long-term funding for the County's maintenance obligations on the other properties.
- Maintenance plans were not developed for any of the properties, leaving the County's obligations undefined and therefore difficult to achieve.
- Funding was inadequate for redevelopment of conveyed properties.
- Unintended liabilities were likely assumed by the County.

How will the IC agreement fix these problems?

- Provides funding to maintain the golf course Superfund remedy.
- Provides long-term funding for Superfund maintenance of the other properties the County received.
- Maintenance plans have been developed with a defined scope of work.
- Provides the County with funding for Superfund redevelopment costs.
- Maintenance obligations have been clearly defined, and Superfund remedy obligations remain with Atlantic Richfield .
- Provides funding for the golf course, but if it fails, the golf course reverts back to Atlantic Richfield without additional cost to the County.

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