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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co Chair, Alec Uzameck Co Chair, Char Rothstein, Marge Brown, Brad Vanderhoof, and Bonnie Klea.

Members of the Public: John Luker, Wendi Gladstone, Kamara Sams, Mike Bower, Chris Rowe. Jarrod Degonia and a LAPD officer.

At 7:05 PM Alec Uzameck called the meeting to order and a quorum was present.

Alec explained that the minutes from the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were being withheld until the language describing the disruption was approved. Steve said that he and Dan Brin agreed that there should only be a minimum of description without names in the minutes. Alec said that the city attorney agreed with that idea, but Alec did add an offer in the minutes, to give copy of the meeting recording to anyone upon his or her request. The final draft will be sent to committee members and given approval; the minutes will be posted to the Committee Website. The minutes for the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

There were no comments from the Chairs or the Public.

Wendi Gladstone of the SSMPA made a presentation concerning borer parasites attacking mature trees. The borer leaves behind a fungus that does the basic damage and the SSMPA has sampling kits out in various areas to attract the borers for study. John Luker spoke about the recently obtained open space at Dayton Canyon and the efforts underway to establish a trail system that ties into existing trails in open space. He discussed the lime kiln that exist in the area that was probably used in the early 1900's for producing a basic ingredient for building materials. The SSMPA is applying for monument status for the kiln and the WHNC will join the effort.

Kamara Sams and Mike Bower from Boeing spoke to the actions taken to make the SSFL property a conservation easement that permanently keeps it as open space. Boeing submitted a revised work plan to DTSC that cleans the property to a recreational standard rather than the past residential standard since this revised cleanup would be in line with the end use.

Alec presented the Boeing storm water report that primarily covered the 2016-2017-rain season, which was the largest rainfall in five years. Several years ago, Boeing hired a number of experts to work independently with the LA Region Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) to develop and install a storm water system that would monitor and treat all of the water coming down from the SSFL to the LA River and the Callegas Creek. The system has been installed and improvements continue to be constructed that use various bio treatments and a treatment plant. As of March 21, 2017, the date of the presentation, there were no exceedances in the sampling of discharged water from the SSFL. There have been some exceedances since then but the system has performed extremely well. For residents, there are a number of observations: the storm water is not used for drinking water, virtually all of the storm water is captured and treated to tight standards, and no contaminants are being carried down from the SSFL to surrounding communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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