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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **MONDAY, May 22, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Marge Brown, and Brad Vanderhoof

Public Attendees: Christina Walsh.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was present.

The meeting Minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup> were approved.

There were no comments from the Co Chairs.

Alec made a presentation about drinking water supplied by the LA Department of Water and Power and water obtained through the purchase of bottled water. The main source of information was the DWP report for 2016 and it included the sources and distribution of water throughout the county, the importance of reservoirs and their construction, and water treatment. Groundwater is an important component of the water supply and DWP's future plans for growing treatment and use of groundwater was discussed.

Reports indicate that eighty percent of bottled water comes from various water companies such as DWP across the country and the remainder comes from streams and wells. All meet similar safety standards, however bottled water is governed under the FDA, which has lesser reporting requirements than the state health monitored water such as that provided, by the DWP. The significant difference between bottled water and municipal sources is that the bottles water costs the consumer 100 to 3,000 times as much and loads landfills with the bottles.

Alec posed the question, should West Hills ask the DTSC if the area is safe or normal relative to cancer risk and the committee decided that contact should be made with DTSC to explain their findings at the SSFL. This is an opportune time to ask for information since all of the testing and reports to the DTSC have been completed by the responsible parties.

Alec to contact DTSC for some statement or approach to West Hills residents concerns.

Char to contact mothers with infant cancer so that the Environment Committee can send a request to the state health department for a cancer cluster investigation.

EIS comment period is over. Christina Walsh wanted copies of Char's response and Char said that she would provide it. Other members have sent their comments to Walsh.

The meeting was adjourned.

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