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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020
Online and Telephonic
APPROVED

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein and Brad Vanderhoof.

Co-Chair Steve Randall opened the meeting and established a quorum.

There were No comments from the co-chairs.

Alec introduced the topic for the meeting - Should the Committee approve a letter to DTSC and DOE opposing their agreement to use the 2010 AOC to remove ten buildings in Area IV? The 2010 AOC requires cleanup to background.

The WHNC approved a resolution in December 2017 asking that the DTSC PEIR include another alternative that uses US EPA risk-based cleanup which provides total clean up with a minimum disruption of the environment and community.

The following comments were made: The committee should wait until after the upcoming DTSC SSFL status meeting to pick up any additional information. The committee should not comment since the decision has been made by Los Angeles City that cleanup work should proceed under the 2010 AOC. Per the city attorney, the Committee should not communicate directly with other agencies. Communications should go through Councilman Lee. Health issues could be put into the letter to give emphasis to the seriousness of the cleanup. Wait until the buildings are removed before communicating regarding the remainder of the site cleanup. Cleanup of radiological material should be cleaned up to background and the remainder of the cleanup should use risk-based criteria. DOE has limited budget.

The preponderance of the Committee members and the public felt that the letter to DTSC and DOE should be delayed and revisited after the DTSC status meeting and this plan was accepted by all.

Public Comments: none

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.