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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE & TELEPHONIC "SPECIAL" MEETING MINUTES

November14, 2020 11:30 AM
APPROVED

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein and Saif Mogri

Other Attendees: Marge Brown and Bonnie Klea.

At 11:35 AM Co Chair Steve Randall opened the meeting and established a quorum.

The minutes from the October 14th meeting were approved.

Comments from the Chairs; Steve and Alec said that Jeff Garb was to speak this evening on global warming, but he was unable to do so due to personal reasons. We wished him well.

Alec presented the status of the Department of Energy (DOE) cleanup at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site. Recently DOE published a Record of Decision which contained the plan for groundwater remediation at the DOE site and it included pumping and treat, a pilot study for the trichloroethlylene (TCE) plume, bedrock removal and monitored natural attenuation. This plan follows the December 2018 final environmental impact statement (EIS) which included responses to comments covering potential impacts on cultural and community resources.

DOE also announced an agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to amend the prior agreement. The agreement allows the demolition of 8 remaining buildings at the DOE site. This activity aligns with 2019 decision to demolish a total of 18 buildings in Area IV.

Alec said that these efforts look like significant progress in the SSFL cleanup. Bonnie said that DTSC will be holding a virtual meeting on Thursday to share the details of the interim action agreement to remove the eight remaining buildings at the SSFL Area IV. Alec said that he would attend. Char said that she would like to have a presentation on global warming with representatives from both sides of the issue. Alec said that he would look into that.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.