

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
WEST HILLS HOSPITAL

CALL TO ORDER: Alec Uzemeck called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Reeyan Raynes, Marge Brown, Simone Best, Bonnie Klea.

MINUTES: A quorum was present and the members approved the minutes for the December 9th meeting.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was no discussion of the status of the Dayton Canyon development since Char was unable to attend the meeting.

Alec presented a gas site infrastructure description and operational history for the gas storage at Aliso Canyon. Marge gave an update on the current gas leak, its effects and the possible radioactive components in the escaping gas. She discussed various mitigation actions such as relocation of residents, legislation being introduced and the monitoring of the gas movement. It was mentioned that Councilman Englander was asking for an expansion of the monitoring and assistance to include Northridge, Chatsworth and Granada Hills. The Committee agreed that residents had observed the effects of the gas leak in West Hills.

The committee felt that a resolution should be prepared and presented to the full Council calling for expansion of the threat area to include West Hills and specific actions that should be implemented in West Hills regarding the gas leak. These recommendations, from the officials, might include air monitoring, a warning system such as the one used in the past for smog and air quality, and advice for residents for restriction of outside activities, sealing of building windows, etc.

Further recommendations were made which would have the gas company do a full inspection of its well infrastructure, make necessary repair or replacements and complete capping of wells that would not be used in the future. Alec accepted the assignment to prepare a resolution for the WHNC that would be sent to Councilman Englander and other officials provided that the Committee would have the opportunity to review and modify the resolution before it went to the WHNC.

Reeyan gave a short report on the planned construction of a housing tract in Bell Canyon. Further discussion was curtailed since the developer would be giving a full presentation at the next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting next week.

There was a general discussion of the Rocketdyne site in Canoga park and the possibility of radioactive soils being at that location. It was mentioned that the required agencies were examining the property.

The meeting was adjourned.