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JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 13, 2016

**West Hills Hospital, 1st Floor Conference Room
7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills, CA 91307**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Alec Uzemeck, Co-Chair

Committee members in attendance were Alec Uzemeck, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Marge Brown, Bonnie Klea; a quorum was established. Also in attendance were Brad Vanderhoof, Teena Takata, Bob Dager and Janis MacQuoid.

The April and June minutes were approved.

Teena Takata and Bob Dager explained the origin and present functions of the Santa Susanna Mountain Park Association, and its primary purpose, the preservation of open space. The organization works with the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and the Mountain Recreation Conservation Association, and these two groups are major players in the conservation and purchase of property. The SSMPA is opposing the development of Andora estates, which would narrow the wildlife corridor between the Simi Hills and the Chatsworth Nature Preserve and rejects the development in the Sepulveda Dam area, which is wildlife refuge and is also a flood basin for the San Fernando Valley. The development of housing near Aliso Canyon is being resisted. During the past year the SSMPA took a proactive role after gaining the support of 10 Neighbourhood Councils to keep the NASA portion of the SSFL from being sold and for the present the property sale is on hold.

Alec reviewed the contamination at Corporate Pointe. Very little information is available about the origin of the contamination and there is no status report covering the entire cleanup. Alec did say that numerous technologies have been applied and changed over various areas of the site but the reasons for the changes were not explained. He did find out who the project manager is at the WQCB and he will contact her for more information about the cleanup.

Steve said that he sent a letter to Councilman Englander on June 9th requesting assistance with obtaining air sampling for West Hills in locations of excavation and the resulting dust. But to date he has not received any response. He said that a number of members had made commitments to gather further information for the chemicals to be included in the test list, however none of these commitments were completed. Members mentioned a number of contacts and sources of information and they agreed to complete their assignments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM by Alec Uzemeck.