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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 8, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center

23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

APPROVED

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co Chair, Char Rothstein and Brad Vanderhoof

Council Attendees: Joanne Yvank-Garb, Myrl Schreiber and Bonnie Klea

Public Attendees: Ron Ziman, Patrick Aguirre, Jan MacQuoid, Christina Walsh and Gibson Myambura

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.

Steve read the rules for the management/ conduct of the meeting.

The minutes for the July 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: Alec was able to bring an SSFL Stormwater Report prepared by the Independent Panel, which showed no exceedances for the past rainy season and a marked improvement in actual levels when compared to similar past rainy seasons. Also results for the Human Health Risk Assessment for SSFL surface water were within federal and state limits.

Christina made a presentation, “Understanding Stormwater at the SSFL” regarding the stormwater flows and measurements at the SSFL. She showed maps and photographs of the drainages and pointed out that measurements were not being made at outfall 002 and mistakes made at other outfalls. She pointed out that the northern drainage went to the Brandies Campus and potentially carried contaminants to that site.

Myrl said that the past reports were not as relevant as the current situation and the WHNC should oppose development and take actions to stop the deaths of children.

Brad summarized the points made in the LA River meeting. He said that the general goals were discussed and details for the renovation of the river would be discussed at a future meeting.

Alec presented a list of studies and reports that did not find contamination from the SSFL in the surrounding communities that were sampled. A statement from DTSC at their April meeting also said that there was no evidence of contamination migrating from the SSFL. The conclusions point out that the community properties have not been affected by past SSFL operations. Joan said that she had toured the SSFL and that the stormwater controls and cleanup were impressive. Char expressed her concern with the cancer statements coming from community residents and suggested that they should be examined for future action.

Alec pointed out that the SSFL cleanup and the cancer in the community were two separate issues. The WHNC wants the SSFL to be cleaned up but the evaluation of cancer sources, conditions and cures are far beyond the capability of the Environment Committee and should be taken up with the Council for further discussion and action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.