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**Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**January 24, 2011 7:00 PM
Hidden Lake Clubhouse
8360 Sedan Ave., West Hills CA 91304**

Attendees: Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Marie Mason, Bonnie Klea, Dawn Kowalski, Barbara Johnson, Adam Salkin, Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, John Luker, Jacquie Young, Alec Uzemeck

1. The meeting was called to order and the minutes from our November meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Alec Uzemeck made a presentation on the SSFL site covering first the contamination containment efforts, second the facilities demolition and the characterization efforts, the agreement history and finally the DTSC Administrative Order of Consent.
3. Surface water runoff was addressed and seventeen outfalls were initially treated by passive filtration, adsorption and sedimentation. However as the need developed for cleaner water the Water Board issued an order for an interim solution which was the removal on the contamination sources in the soil. Soil at three locations was removed and six more excavations are planned for this year. A more aggressive treatment utilizing equipment is being installed to further clean up the surface water draining off the site.
Chemical cleanup of several canyons has been completed and debris removal is underway at all areas. A new pumping facility has been constructed and a piping network is planned for the many wells already installed.
4. Boeing reports that they have removed over 250 buildings and with DOE are seeking approval to remove two large building in the DOE area.
5. Characterization efforts started on 135 areas of concern and installation of wells and sampling of groundwater has occurred over the past twenty-five years. Radiological testing has been done. Presently DTSC is preparing to do a background sampling program in a nearby representative area and EPA has completed their background sampling in areas outside of the SSFL site. This last effort is being done for DOE. In total eleven RCRA Facility Investigation Reports the Groundwater Report have been prepared and submitted to DTSC for review and Approval.

- 6. A history of past contractual agreements were presented starting with the 2007 DTSC, Boeing, NASA and DOE Consent Order, the Boeing offer to clean up the property and donate as a parkland to the state, the California State approval of SB 990, the Boeing lawsuit and finally the DTSC Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) that has been signed by DOE and NASA but not Boeing.**
The AOC was discussed and identified as a new method of site cleanup which has stringent requirements that need new detailed procedures for implementation. The recommendation from Alec Uzemeck was that the procedure development be closely followed by the committee since assumptions and calculations at this point may result in future unnecessary excavations and thus major truck travel for soil removal and return trips with backfill soil.
- 7. Uzemeck made the recommendation that the committee develop and submit a letter to the WHNC that would be addressed to Rick Brausch, SSFL project head at DTSC expressing our concerns with possible consequences to West Hills as part of the cleanup. The committee decided that a draft should be submitted to them before they give their approval.**
- 8. The meeting was adjourned.**