

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF AND FUTURE USE OF THE SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY

WHEREAS the West Hills Neighborhood Council is an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles under the City Charter and is the nearest community in the City of Los Angeles to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site; and

WHEREAS West Hills is the community in Los Angeles that is most likely to be affected by contamination from the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site and by cleanup efforts that include truck traffic to and from the site, airborne contamination and emissions, potential groundwater contamination, and contaminants in the groundwater that may have a potential for vapor intrusion;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that:

[1] The West Hills Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the future use of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory not be used for residential purposes;

[2] The West Hills Neighborhood Council encourages the use of the Nine Balancing Criteria for the remediation of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory;

[3] The West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends ongoing monitoring of airborne emissions and dust from remediation, monitoring of surface water and groundwater, and monitoring of soils at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site until it [DTSC]* deems that the site is cleaned according to all relevant and applicable laws;

[4] The West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends the future use of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory as parkland or open space based upon the final characterization of the site;

[5] The West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends the protection of some of the test stands on the NASA property if it can be done in a manner that is protective of public safety and will not impede the cleanup beneath the test stands;

[6] The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports all environmental laws that are applicable to this site that are protective of endangered species and wildlife that uses the site as a major wildlife corridor; and

[7] The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports all laws that are applicable for the protection of the cultural and archaeological aspects of this site, which is considered sacred to the Native American community and has archaeological sites that are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends to the City Council and the City Attorney that this resolution be recorded as part of a Community Impact Statement for West Hills. The West Hills Neighborhood Council also requests that the City Attorney present this resolution with any other letters from elected officials and community groups when submitting any recommendations to the City Council or to Judge Samuel Conti or his peers relating to *NRDC, Committee to Bridge the Gap, and the City of Los Angeles v the Department of Energy*.

*the word DTSC was placed for clarification because the previous paragraph in the original resolution which mentioned the California Department Of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) was voted upon by the West Hills Neighborhood Council to be removed from the resolution.

Respectfully submitted by:

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