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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday May 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

911 Communications Center

Members present: Charlene Rothstein, Christina Walsh Bonnie Klea,  
Marge Brown, Elliot Maggin, Adam Salkin and Alec Uzemeck  
Others present: Chris Rowe

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Christina Walsh presented a problem that was originating at SSFL and that is affecting surrounding communities. Groundwater is being pumped from nearby several canyons and the water is being sent to a distant treatment plant and is being discharged to canyons near to the plant. As a result the original canyons are being starved for water and plants and trees are dying. Christina has recommended to DTSC that the plant discharge be extended to the dry canyons. The Committee agreed that Tom Seckington DTSC be invited to a future meeting to explain the status and future of this pumping and the dry canyons.
3. Development of Dayton Canyon was discussed and the history of contamination and investigation. No information has been available since 2008 concerning any cleanup plans prior to construction. Centex, the developer, has recently requested grading permits.

4. Discussion continued about the archaeology and development impacts at Dayton Canyon. Were the archaeological studies that were promised in the EIR completed and what was disposition of the six critical areas that were identified as possible sites that could contain relics. These may be in the area of development.
5. The Committee agreed to seek current information and to determine if Dayton Canyon could begin development. A letter is being prepared by Chris Rowe which will be sent out requesting information. The letter will be sent to the developer and to the LA City Planning Department to request a delay in issuing any permits or approving any waivers.
6. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Environment meeting will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:0PM and at the 911 Center.