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**JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Hidden Lake Clubhouse, 8360 Sedan Ave.,**

**West Hills, CA 91304**

Members present: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Marge Brown, Christina Walsh, Charlene Rothstein, Elliot Maggin

Members not present: Barry Seybert, Bonnie Klea

Other attendees: John Luker, Elizabeth Hans, Teena Takata

Steve Randall called the meeting to order.

The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and a change suggested by Christine was included. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Since the DTSC held public meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August discussing important SSFL issues, Steve decided to take the items out of order and take this item first. John presented an evaluation of all of the routes presented by DTSC and concluded that of the new alternatives, only the route through Runkle Canyon was remotely viable but at a significant cost and schedule delay for the cleanup. The other members concluded that none of the new alternatives were acceptable and the 2017 completion was unrealistic and that all of the alternate routes suggested for hauling would require right-of-ways, design and construction that would add cost and time even if the 2017 date could be ignored. Christina said the DTSC has twice revealed in their meetings that the 2017 completion date cannot be met. No new date was proposed by DTSC nor any action to revise the AOC's or revisit the cleanup process.

Alec took on the assignment to write a resolution for the WHNC approval to be sent to DTSC.

Christina showed a model in a transparent box, which she constructed showing section of ground including various sediment layers and variable densities and when she added water she was able to introduce groundwater observe groundwater movement and behavior. By adding several different food colorings she was able to show water migration pathways and mobility changes depending on precipitation, groundwater levels, material density, and topography. Key issues are false characterizations that 50,000 years would be required to remediate the SSFL site when the pumping system is turned on. Concern over these claims are due to reasoning being given to perform

“no action” because any action would not result in desired conclusion [50,000 year claim supports a claim of “no return on investment or effort].

Christina took on the assignment to ask DTSC for a full briefing on the groundwater and seeps and springs so that the committee could get a better understanding of the hydraulics and perhaps their relationships to visual interpretations made with the model.

John spoke to his goals and vision for the SSFL after the cleanup is completed. He believes that the site should become parkland under the ownership and supervision of the National Park Service and the Chumash tribe to show the historical items, cultural past and the environment but he is very concerned that the cleanup to background will threaten these items and the area will be of no interest to the NPS, the Tribe or the public. John took on the task to prepare a resolution of goals and vision for the WHNC to review and approve for distribution.

The 16 acre wetlands project was discussed and no one fully understood where this was to be installed or if it had any relationship to the Lederer property. Char agreed to research the project and bring back a report at our next meeting.

Given the length of time given to these items Steve decided that items 3, 4 and 5 would be delayed and discussed at our September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.