

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2016
WEST HILLS HOSPITAL

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Marge Brown, Reeyan Raynes

MINUTES: A quorum was present, and the members approved the minutes for the February 10, 2016 meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CO CHAIRS:

Alec said that Boeing has made it clear that the Woolsey Canyon and Valley Circle route will be used by the three RP's for their soil trucks and therefore the selection of the cleanup process will be critical and must have the minimum of soil removal from the site.

A form letter was signed by a number of politicians contained accusations of high risk in various areas at the SSFL site, however Boeing responded in a letter that these high-risk areas were the baselines for their cleanup and after remediation the risks would be reduced to standard health levels. They also said that their cleanup would not include "backyard fruit" standards since the site would always be open space without any residential development.

The latest news item by Joel Grover on TV said that there was contamination in the Brandeis campus and Runkle Canyon and a rumour was that the Dayton Canyon development would be the subject of future news broadcasts.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Rosalba Gonzalez from Senator Pavely's office came to the meeting to explain the actions that the senator is taking regarding the Aliso Canyon gas leak. The senator is sponsoring two bills through the legislation, and the first, SAB 380, calls for the temporary closing of the Aliso Canyon gas field operations until the infrastructure is repaired, inspected and deemed to be safe. This bill is slowly moving through various committees. The second bill, SB 887, which is awaiting action, is to strengthen the industry rules of the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Regulation to insure inspections and safe of gas and oil fields throughout the state. Gonzalez asked for public support for SB 380 to encourage swift passage of the bill. The committee voted unanimously to support SB 380 and Alec and Char said they would supply ideas to Steve who was to compose the letter to be sent out to public officials.

Reeyan Raynes spoke about the need for removing debris, which has piled up in Bell creek and has caused property damage after rainfall including washing out the only access road to Bell Canyon homes.. Reeyan said there are many agencies involved but the primary responsibility is with Los Angeles City. The Committee voted support for a communication to the city, however Reeyan asked for some time to determine the best action that the WHNC should take.

Steve said that he had contacted the person who sampled the air at Porter Ranch and asked him if he could do the same task for West Hills. This sampling would be in response to concerns about the Also Canyon natural gas leak and the anticipated dust and chemicals that might come from the SSFL cleanup. The technician said that he could do the sampling and that the cost was not very great, but he did want to know what chemicals that he should look for in the samples. Alec took on the task of contacting Chris Rowe to determine if she had any information on the chemicals that we should be looking for in the samples and that might be harmful to human health.

The meeting was adjourned.

