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## West Hills Neighborhood Council

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### **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday June 8, 2016**

**West Hills Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills, CA 91307**

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 PM by Steve Randall, Co-Chair

Committee members in attendance were Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Marge Brown and Michael Teitelbaum. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof. There were no May minutes to approve as we did not have a quorum, and approval of the April minutes was tabled for the July meeting.

Steve brought up the attendance record for the past year and explained why two members were no longer on the committee. New Operating Rules were approved unanimously.

The Corporate Point contamination report was tabled as Bonnie Klea was not present.

Steve explained the status of the West Hills Air Sampling being that we need to specify which contaminants we want testing for. Char mentioned that Christina Walsh would most likely know, but she failed to respond. Michael said that he could follow up if Steve would provide him the test company contact information. Some of the contaminants Michael mentioned were things involved in construction, rocketry, Cesium, and nuclear. Marge mentioned contaminants from the Porter Ranch gas leak such as benzene, toluene, formaldehyde and airborne metal dust. Brad stated that air testing is usually for items on the EAP list. Steve asked Brad to try and put a list together. Brad pointed out that they are all harmful. It's just a matter of concentration so knowing which few to test for is difficult. Char mentioned that Chris Rowe might have some idea of what to test for and mentioned that valley fever spores were important.

Char mentioned that Boeing paid for soil samples in the past and Steve suggested that Boeing might be willing to pay for air sampling if they think we will not find any contaminants from their cleanup.

There was some discussion about the Porter Ranch gas leak. There was discussion about the proposed Andora Estates project and its claimed impact on the Nature Preserve wildlife corridor. Brad stated that the Santa Monica Conservancy came out in favor of the project. We had been asked to take a position against the project by two concerned Chatsworth stakeholders, according to Brad because that corridor provides access to the Chatsworth Nature Preserve most of which is located in West Hills. We decided to work in cohort with the Chatsworth NC, and Marge said she would try and find out what their position is. Steve mentioned the importance of the NC's working together to support things that they agree with.

Joan brought up the issue of so many coyotes.

Steve announced that our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM by Steve Randall.