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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co Chair and Char Rothstein

Public Attendees: Patrick Aguirre and Christina Walsh

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.

Steve read the rules for the management/ conduct of the meeting.

There were no comments from the co-chairs.

The accuracy of the minutes for the September 12, 2018 meeting were questioned and the minutes' approval was tabled until Alec checks the meeting video for confirmation.

### Public Comment:

Christina said that the video of her presentation at our September meeting cut off her head and that was she feels ridiculed, dehumanized and disparaged and wanted the video "taken down" from our web site. She also wanted contaminants contained in the smoke from the Woolsey fire at the SSFL examined and results shown to the public. Further she wanted residents to be told of the dangers of the smoke, that they should stay in their homes, wash off the shoes before entering their homes and wash their hands which may have some contaminants on them. Steve said that numerous agencies were examining the smoke and to date they have not found any threats but will continue to monitor the air quality around the SSFL.

### New Business:

Alec made a presentation about Los Angeles drinking water. At present the drinking water comes from Northern California, the Sierras, the Colorado River and groundwater from the San Fernando basin. The Department of Water and Power anticipates the water sources outside of the city will diminish due to drought, competition from other communities and prices will increase and the keystone to alleviate these problems is the groundwater in the SF Basin, which in the past provided up to 30% of the requirements but now only contributes 10% due to spreading of contamination of the groundwater from past industrial and commercial businesses operations. DWP plans to treat the groundwater, capture more storm water to replenish the ground water and use recycled wastewater for irrigation. The goal is that groundwater will supply 50% of the required total amount for Los Angeles by 2030.

### Old Business.

The committee agreed that various concentrated cancers should be examined, and various agencies and legislators should be contacted to start investigations.

Public Comment

Patrick explained the videotaping of Christina's presentation in the September meeting. During her speech she held various charts and maps at waist height and in order to capture the detail for the video, Patrick focused on her material, which resulted in her head being off screen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.