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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING **MINUTES** WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2019 @ 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), Char Rothstein, Myrl Schreiber and Brad Vanderhoof.

**Public Attendees:** Patrick Aguirre, John Luker, Wendi Gladstone, Ron Ziman, Bonnie Klea, Christina Walsh and Janet Murphy.

### **Opening Business;**

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.

The meeting minutes from September 12, 2018 and November 14, 2018 were approved.

Steve Randall did not have any comments. Alec Uzemeck announced that DOE had released their Final Environmental Impact Statement for Remediation of Area IV and the Northern Buffer Zone of the SSFL.

### **Public Comment;**

There were no speakers for public comment.

### **New Business;**

John Luker and Wendi Gladstone related their experiences during the SSFL fire, and since they were at the site shortly after the fire started they were able to observe the burning areas and direction of the growing flames. They spoke about the Sky Valley Volunteers who are planting oak acorns at the SSFL and Sage Ranch to replace many trees that have been killed by drought and parasites. John mentioned that the organization has received donations but he will approach the Council in the future for a grant.

Alec described the interim report from DTSC regarding the air sampling that was taken by DTSC and various federal, state and local agencies. The report concluded that the results were negative for contaminants and radionuclides.

Boeing was collecting data from the test stations around the SSFL to provide real time data but the results of those readings were not available at the time of the DTSC report. Alec presented conflicting opinions from other organizations and said that a consulting organization was attempting to gather samples from homes in the area to have these examined for contaminants that may have come from the fire or other operations at the site.

### **Old Business;**

For future committee efforts, Myrl suggested that we get a speaker to come and explain the impacts and consequences of the fire on the overall environment and lessons learned. John suggested that we contact Rosie Daggett to come and speak at our meeting. Christina said that the SSFL fire burned 80% of the site and that only 3 air samples were taken and she suggested that the committee ask Boeing and DTSC about the air samples and water runoff and potential contamination moving downstream. Finally, it was recommended that we bring in speakers from the agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.