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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA **Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:00 PM**

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1. Call to order and establish a Quorum
2. Comments from the Co-Chairs
3. Review Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020
4. Culture, heritage and cleanup at the SSFL - Christina Walsh
5. General Public Comment
6. Adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2020
Online and Telephonic

Committee Members in Attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Brad Vanderhoof, Saif Mogri

Other Attendees: Marge Brown, Dan Brin, John Luker, Myrl Schreibman, Chris Rowe, Christina Walsh, Kate Madison

Co-Chair Steve Randall opened the meeting at 7:08 PM and established a quorum.

The minutes from March 11, 2020 and June 10, 2020 were approved.

Comments from the Chairs: Steve did not have any comments.

Alec commented relating to the activities and status of the cleanup at the SSFL. Alec stated that he attended the DTSC meeting and found that their position was unchanged, and that they were to have the responsible parties comply with the 2010 AOC. While checking with the DOE, he stated that he was told that 9 of the buildings had been demolished and the remaining one would be removed shortly under an interim action. Alec further stated that he had attended the stormwater status meeting and the experts said there were no permit exceedances or threats to health. Also, that Boeing and NASA were continuing to cooperate with the experts and were installing mitigation measures on power poles, rusting metal poles and paving. Air monitoring continues to establish baselines that will be used when major excavation occurs in order to measure safe actions and corrections when required. Water cleanup continues as an interim action and Boeing is seeking approval for interim action for some soil removal. Finally, the tribes and NASA will be meeting with the State Historical Preservation Commission on Friday.

John Luker spoke about national parks and said that the SSFL after cleanup would become the world's largest urban nature preserve. DWP is cooperating and perhaps may add 4,000 acres to the park space. The parks become a teaching aid for children, habitat restoration and public visits. The SSFL could become a national park perhaps renamed Sky Valley which would encompass Chumash history, artifacts caves and pictographs on their religious land and would keep the existing rocket test stands.

Public Comment: A number of attendees mentioned that the State Historical Preservation Commission would be meeting on Friday and that the SSFL was on their agenda. The Chumash are applying for historical culture recognition at the SSFL. Chris said that Christina had communicated with Obama's office to get national park recognition for the SSFL. Char said that the Storm water meeting showed that none of the exceedances were a health risk. Alec requested that more speakers volunteer to speak at the meetings and that Melissa missed the Brown Act deadline but was welcome to speak at our next meeting. Alec also said that he would issue draft meeting notices earlier so that speakers would have more time to prepare.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.