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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2021

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

APPROVED

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Charlene Rothstein and Saif Mogri.

Other Attendees: Aida Abkarians, Myrl Schreibman, Faye Barta, Chris Rowe, Bonnie Klea, Tariq El-Atrache, Myrl Schreibman and members of the public.

The minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Saif Mogri made a presentation about hydrogen and its future uses. The chemical is 75% of the universe and its uses here on earth could be for cars and others combustion applications without creating harmful greenhouses gases. However, the methods used to create hydrogen are harmful and many nations have research programs underway to produce hydrogen with reduced costs and harmful byproducts. California is conducting research for uses such as mixing gases with hydrogen to reduce carbonization.

Alec gave his time on the agenda to DTSC managers, who got last minute approval to present the status and plans for the SSFL cleanup. The discussion began with the 2007 AOC which called for DTSC to identify the best cleanup technology to be used and that was risk-based cleanup and this DTSC agreement included Boeing, NASA, and DOE. Demolition of buildings and investigations of soil and groundwater were underway and then a new 2010 DTSC AOC was created with only NASA and DOE participating, DTSC called for cleanup to background or detect. Investigative reports were prepared and submitted to DTSC and are under review. The next key steps are for DTSC to complete an Environmental Impact Report, estimated for 2021 and the Program Management Report in 2022 leading to feasibility studies and detailed plans. Several questions came from the attendees about the schedules, harmful effects, and risks to the community. DTSC responded to some questions by saying that they are conducting meetings with Boeing and could not comment on any details at this time.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.