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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:00 PM

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Environment Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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This meeting is open to the public. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

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1. Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
2. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022 and May 11, 2022
3. Comments from the Co-Chairs
4. Discussion & Possible Action on SSFL Update
5. Discussion & Possible Action on Other Environmental Issues
6. General Public Comments
7. Adjourn Meeting

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### JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2022

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

**DRAFT**

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Charline Rothstein, Faye Barta, Saif Mogri, Rosi Mariconda and Jack Feldman.

Other Attendees: John Luker, Glen Jennings, Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe and Bonnie Klea

The minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

John Luker arrived about 7:35 PM and spoke for about 16 minutes followed by a Q&A. He spoke about the lawsuits that have prevented progress for nine years. 5 years Boeing filed a cleanup plan with DTSC, and DTSC never allowed it to happen. Now Hirsch is asked at the Water Board hearing for more stringent standards and to fine Boeing for not cleaning it up. John stated that because Hirsch and PCRLA stated that they would never compromise, so without a compromise this matter would by necessity end up in the courts and that Boeing should release their EIR right now to start that court process. John believes that the delays are all about politics and money. John repeated his long-time position that he sees no reason that SSFL needs to be cleaned up to background, but to a risk-based standard.

The first comment during the Q&A was by Christina Walsh who spoke for about 2 minutes. Chris Rowe stated that she agreed with everything John and Christina said. Bonnie stated that she was disappointed that Sage Ranch wasn't part of the presentation, and that there's a huge TCE plume under Sage Ranch. Char agreed with John, Christina and Chris. Char stated that she believes the best thing for the community is for there to be a health-based risk cleanup. Christina said that Dan Hirsch is the one who is mandating this AOC on the bases of lookup table values that he does not seem to defend. Also, that people are stuck on sides instead of trying to find solutions that actually happen. Char said that "Here's what I don't really understand; I've had this conversation with several people including Chris." "People who run around this valley saying oh we're you know there's all these cancer clusters and we're all dying from Santa Susana; they continue to live in West Hills. So, if you really believe that, this is a great time to sell, has been for quite a while, why do you continue to live here? I don't get that. So, I think that's a really good question we should start asking."

Comments were made by Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, and Jack Feldman spoke about the water shortage. Char suggested that with the water shortage maybe there should be a moratorium on building. Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.



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### JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2022

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

**DRAFT**

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Charline Rothstein, Saif Mogri, Rosi Mariconda and Jack Feldman.

Other Attendees: Dan Brin, Joan Trent, Aida Abkarians, Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, Erica, Louise Pop, Ken Cohen, Bill Barlak, Robert Worth and caller 1818\*\*\*\*373.

The minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting were not approved due to objections regarding inaccuracies. They will be re-written based upon the recording of the meeting and presented for approval at the June meeting.

Comments from the Co- Chairs: Steve Randall screen shared the DTSC/Boeing Settlement Agreement.

Chris Rowe stated that the Agreement had been signed. Robert Worth inquired about any assistance for cancer victims who may have been affected by the SSFL contamination.

Bill Barlak, retired DWP management, gave a presentation on current and future energy sources and energy storage. The presentation addressed supply & demand, and nuclear, coal, wind, solar, hydro and natural gas energy sources.

Jack Feldman asked why solar is not being stored. The answer was the need for technical innovation and the cost. Battery storage and pumped hydro were discussed. Jack mentioned the new major conservation mandate regarding water use and our sources.

Saif Mogri advised that DWP still offers rebates for grass replacement, efficient washing machine replacement, etc.

Joan inquired about water evaporation from pools. There were suggestions such as a pool cover that also helps heat the pool and requires less chemicals.

Public Comments: Chris Rowe requested that the June Board meeting be rescheduled due to a conflict with an SSFL meeting. Steve noted that there was only a 30 minute overlap and that rescheduling a monthly board meeting would most likely not happen.  
Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.