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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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1. Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
2. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022
3. Comments from the Co-Chairs
4. Discussion & Possible Action on Release of Genetically Engineered Mosquitoes
5. General Public Comments
6. Adjourn Meeting

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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2022

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and a quorum was established.

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

Other Attendees: Joan Trent, Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, Bonnie Klea and Sriya Datla.

The minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting and from the May 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Discussion began with a review of the DTSC/Boeing agreement describing the cleanup to residential standards with removal of radioactive areas to be cleaned to background. The use of a residence with backyard garden standard was questioned since the end use of the property would be open space and not for development. During the cleanup, Simi Valley said that they did not want any conveyance of contaminated soil through their area using rail lines, special rail lines or conveyors. Bonnie brought up the radioactive contamination at the SSFL, Corporate Pointe and Hidden Lake and she was requested to bring in what evidence she may have on Corporate Point or Hidden Lake contamination. Char said that results of past testing of the groundwater in Hidden Lake had been negative.

One of the attendees mentioned various announcements and positions being issued by various government offices about the cleanup, without any consultation from the neighborhood councils, and it was suggested that the Committee and Council should issue statements regarding the cleanup to be sent to agencies and elected officials to remind them of the WHNC positions and participation in the cleanup.

Some community members have claimed that the SSFL contamination has caused children's cancers and that a cancer cluster exists in the West Hills area. However, Dr Mack of USC and agency experts have denied that there is a causation or that a cancer cluster exists. This is an example that warrants a WHNC opinion, and it should become a regular practice on community issues. Discussion centered on the SSFL and the community knowledge of the facts and risks and the need for the WHNC to communicate accurate information.

The Committee welcomed the new member of Youth Advisory Committee and wished her well in representing the future generations of West Hills.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.