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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### **JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday February 8, 2023 7:00 PM**

**APPROVED**

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Saif Mogri, Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof and Joan Trent. Other Attendees: Laura Bass and Chris Rowe

The minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

Comments from the Chair(s): Saif Mogri mentioned a couple of council files that affect the LADWP and that may be something to consider for the next meeting.

Public Comments: Chris Rowe mentioned that she was not sure how many Board members get emails from DTSC and how information is conveyed on SSFL. She mentioned a survey and that she will email it to the committee. Char had already sent it in.

Saif made a presentation on the difference between Global Warming and Climate Change. Climate Change is a long term change in the global climate patterns and global warming is the gradual increase of temperatures.

Global Warming is increasing because of human actions which increases GHG, whereas climate change is due to a combination of human and natural affects.

Saif addressed some of the things that we can do to reduce global warming and affect climate change. LADWP is moving away from coal generation, and another is moving away from gas guzzling vehicles to EV's and hybrid vehicles. California is a leader in affecting change, but these changes have to occur globally.

Chris Rowe mentioned that we have reached 8 billion humans on earth and have reached population capacity on earth. We need to educate the world on family planning. Brad mentioned that climate change takes a long time, such as the ice age taking over millions of years. Steve mentioned a chart that showed slight change over the years. The chart ran from 1880 to 2015 and the temperature increased by about one degree in 43 years. In another chart, Steve pointed out that there is a projected increase of 2 degrees by 2060. The second chart showed change happening during the industrial age and the two world wars and then again in 1975-1980. Brad mentioned that the trajectory is really steep and anytime that they redo these graphs, they seem to make the trajectory even steeper. Faye stated that she is concerned about the future generations if we don't change our habits today. Char mentioned a book titled "Unsettled" by Steven Koonin, former Undersecretary of Science during the Obama administration. Char highlighted a few excerpts from the book. There was some discussion on China's population.

Saif left the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.