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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills

Call To Order: Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall and Alec Uzemeck, Co-Chairs. Steve Randall took the lead at this meeting.

Attendance: Steve Randall, Bonnie Klea, Alec Uzemeck, Margery Brown, Christina Walsh and William Bowling

Minutes: Steve read last month's minutes and they were approved by all.

New Business:

-Environment Committee Operating Rule Changes:

New members must attend 3 meetings in a 6 month period to be eligible to be considered for membership in this committee.

Christina Walsh offered to post our meeting agendas 72 hours prior to our meetings.

Item 11 of our Operating Rules was changed as follows: No committee, committee officer, or committee member shall make any representation to any agency on behalf of the committee without board approval.

Steve proposed passing these changes and the motion was seconded by Bonnie Klea. The changes were passed by unanimous vote.

-Presentation of SSFL seeps and springs by Christina Walsh: Christina explained how water flow from areas of SSFL has been changed or is non existent. There is pump down with that water being sent for processing and then being replaced in a different stream that somehow prevents it from reaching Bell Canyon. There are now areas with no water where there used to be flow which is causing extreme drought conditions in areas adjacent to Bell Canyon. Christina wants the pump down water to be replaced to a location that will allow that water to exit into Bell Canyon as it used to.

Christina explained that TCE was found at 1400 ppb where the limit is 5 ppb. She said that she has been appealing to the Regional Water Board for 3 or more years to correct this devastating situation and was planning to attend the Water Board meeting on June 12 to present an appeal again. She will report back to the committee in July.

-Presentation of SSFL Related Health Studies and Off Site Contamination by Bonnie Klea:

There was a discussion about the 11 retinoblastoma babies whose families came forward in 2006. They were unable to get the cancers listed on the cancer registry and appealed to state Senator Sheila Kuehl, according to the Daily News on April 12, 2008. The Health Department did a much criticized health study which looked at a wide area and an 18 year time period instead of an 8 year time period and a 10 mile radius. None of the families had the cancer gene. This type of cancer is seen in 250 babies per year in all of the United States and Canada. We had 11 babies in an eight year time period in 30,000 families—an astounding number

The Cohen study in 2006 of contamination pathways was discussed. Dr Cohen had 2 maps of off site contamination and recommended no gardens within 2 miles of SSFL and extreme caution within a 2 mile radius.

The Morganstern Study from 2006 on cancer incidence in communities surrounding SSFL was brought up again which found high numbers of bladder cancer and melanomas.

Two studies that were highly criticized were 1992 California Department of Health Studies which had 5 votes of no confidence and 3 abstentions and the Boeing Worker Health Study which studied death statistics only and not incidence of cancers among the workers.

Alec Uzemeck said that despite all the health studies it is impossible to positively link the incidences to SSFL.

The committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Hidden Lake Clubhouse. Next month's discussion will include discussion of our operating rules.

Meeting Adjourned