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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 12th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending-Alec Uzemeck, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Margery Brown, Christian Kiillkkaa, Chris Rowe, John Luker

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Last months minutes were approved.
3. A draft resolution addressed to the DWP and City Council District 12 office regarding the Chatsworth Nature Preserve was discussed. The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council sent a very similar letter requesting that the restored pond be restored to the original size. It was also suggested that LADWP engage the community and resource agencies, Recreation and Parks, the National Park Service, Tree People, etc in how to manage this resource for the future. Chris suggested that the Native Plant Society and the Audubon Society also be mentioned. Alec agreed to modify the letter.
4. A letter was drafted to the Boeing Company reminding them that our community was promised testing of our seeps and springs in Dayton Canyon. Dayton Canyon receives drainage in outfall 8 from Rocketdyne. Chris Rowe said that no path was found connecting Rocketdyne and Dayton Canyon perchlorate. She was reminded that Christina Walsh found many violations of the NPDES permit at that outfall between 2004 and 2008 with detects of perchlorate. We feel it is our duty to further investigate the canyon with the impending construction. The committee approved the letter but did not vote. Alec is to make a minor revision.
5. The issue of the NASA draft EIS was addressed. Several board members disagreed with paragraphs in the letter. Opposition was raised over bringing this large issue to the board and asking their support for a risk based cleanup versus the Agreements on Consent. Trucking issues were raised on whether it should be viewed as thousands of trucks or 2-5 trucks per hour as stated by Allen Elliot previously. Objection was raised over the paragraph that indicates that we have no off site cancer and it was suggested that it be eliminated. It was brought up that all the test stands had to be removed but the previous discussion with Allen Elliott (NASA) indicated that the flame bucket removal would allow clean up under it. The NASA

issue proved to be extremely controversial and a board member said she would not support a motion to the board that would recommend breaking the AOC. Alec will revise the letter for further review.

6. John Luker distributed copies of a questionnaire to send to NASA regarding the AOC.

7. The meeting was adjourned