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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304** **APPROVED**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co Chair, Char Rothstein, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Alec called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.  
The minutes for the April 23rd meeting and the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Steve presented the revised Operating Rules and these were approved. He confirmed that Bonnie Klea is not a member of the committee.

There were no public comments.

The review of the various areas of the environment was being made to suggest items of interest to West Hills that should be examined by the Committee. The first subject was air pollution. Since 1950 auto exhaust pollution has been reduced by 25 percent while the population tripled during that time period. A recent study found that aerosols, paint, nail polish and deodorant gases have become a major source of pollution but are not regulated as other sources.

Alec said the RP's have begun air sampling outside of the SSFL in order to establish a baseline for critical chemicals and nuclides and the sampling will continue for one year. After cleanup excavation begins the air will be monitored and measured against the baseline in order to identify any need for mitigation. The committee agreed that Alec should contact Boeing and request that their expert attend one of the Committee meetings to explain the details of the air monitoring and its relevance to West Hills.

The contamination of soil and the pollutants were discussed and the subject of possible West Hills residents' backyard contamination from the SSFL was brought up. A 2007 study by the RP's examined the results of 18 off-site sampling programs and did not find contamination, and DTSC has said that are many such sampling examinations made without any findings. Nevertheless, many residents are concerned about the safety of their backyards and any fruit or vegetables grown there. The committee decided that Alec would approach DTSC to request they provide speakers for some public meeting to explain the information that DTSC has.

Groundwater was the next topic. There is a trend throughout California to use groundwater for storage, and while being used, would be replenished by the capture of rainwater and percolated down through the soil. This avoids the need for dams, additional use of streams and transport from water distant sources. However, groundwater in the San Fernando Valley is contaminated; local agencies seeing the need for this water are building a processing plant in North Hollywood to remove pollutants. Three other remediation facilities are planned as part of this project. The Committee decided that it could not add value for the groundwater cleanup and reclamation. The committee felt that participation in any sewer projects was not feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.