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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

# **JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

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

Alec called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.

The minutes for the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

The co-chairs did not have any introductory comments.

Marge reported on the status of the gas leaks at Porter Ranch. There has been little progress in legislation to tie the operation of the gas wells at Aliso Canyon to various safety standards. A number of public groups have been lobbying state agencies to correct the operation of the gas wells or to close the entire gas storage site and relocate it to some other location.

Alec explained the EPA method of cleanup for a contaminated property. When a property is tested and the contamination is identified, the owner must determine the end use of the property and establish the present risk based on exposure and toxicity. If the risk is unacceptable by EPA standards then cleanup must occur to bring down the risk to the safe human health levels. The cleanup is related to the end use of the property so that the remediation is sufficient to allow the safe human use of the property.

The next topic was the DTSC SSFL PEIR that has been distributed for public comment. The PEIR is required to list various cleanup methods for future and selection by DTSC management and Alec said that the PEIR included only one method of cleanup, the 2010 AOC and was in violation of CEQA, which calls for the examination of multiple alternative cleanup methods and their impact. Alec recommended that a resolution, which he and Steve have prepared, be approved which calls for the US EPA method of cleanup to be included in the PEIR. The resolution is to be presented for Council consideration at the December meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Alec said that the final report for baseline air monitoring at the SSFL had been approved and was available for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.