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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2021

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

APPROVED

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Charlene Rothstein, Saif Mogri, and Faye Barta.

Other Attendees: Aida Abkarians, Joan Trent, Bonnie Klea, Christina Walsh, and members of the public.

The minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

Comments from the Co-Chairs: Steve and Alec said there would be an Environment Awareness Fair that would be held at the Chatsworth Train Station and that the WHNC would have a booth. People were urged to volunteer to manage the booth on that day.

Bonnie said that there would be a film on TV titled "In the Dark of the Valley" that would address local children's cancers and the SSFL.

Saif Mogri introduced our speaker for the evening, Delon Kwan, Assistant Director LADWP, who spoke about past activity, drought, conservation programs and major projects over the next few years. Their system serves 4 million people over 472 square miles and takes water from the Delta, the Colorado River, and the LA Aqueduct. We are now experiencing a drought, but DWP has stored enough water to provide for current needs and is urging conservation and development of local sources. One area of success was that while the population grew by 20 per cent over a decade, the water usage stayed at the same level throughout that period with the use of water saving devices such as low flow faucets, toilets, washers, artificial turf and desert landscaping. The Governor has called for a 15 per cent reduction of usage and the DWP is offering incentives to increase conservation to meet this goal and is increasing resources to clean up more groundwater with 3 new remediation plants and increased capture of stormwater.

After some questions, the suggestion was made to take this presentation to the full Council.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.