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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
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**JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center**  
**23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Char Rothstein, Bonnie Klea, Alec Uzemeck, and Marge Brown

Public Attendees: Ron Ziman, Christina Walsh, Sandi Bell, and Steve Bell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**New Business.**

Alec made a presentation regarding cancer clusters with the purpose of describing the characteristics and the available services to respond to perceived clusters. He said that the presentation would not cover specific cancers or their potential cause, but would only address the phenomenon of clusters and the established government agencies that investigate and analyze reported clusters.

Alleged clusters are reported by community residents to state health agencies, which send out representatives to gather information for the cancers; their location, type, treatment, individual's sex, ethnicity, history etc. An area perimeter and time frame are developed for the next step of the examination. The data are compared to the state and national cancer registries to determine if there is abnormality/excess in the numbers of a cancer in the report as compare to registry information. If there is excess, the analysis goes to the determination of a cause or causes. The determination that there is a cancer cluster is very rare and the identification of causes is equally scarce. However, Alec recommended that West Hills residents who feel that there is a cancer cluster should report their data to the state health department for review by professionals in the chance that a cluster does exist.

**Old Business.**

All attendees were reminded that their comments for the DOE EIS were immediately due and that they should submit their information quickly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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