

# SSFL COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

June 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills

I: Call to Order: 7:10PM

Ron Ziman, Co Chair

II: Members Present: Alec Uzemecki, Ron Ziman, John Luker, Barry Seybert, Michael Kuhn, Sharon Ford, Tom Nachtrab, Abe Weitzberg & Kathy Weiner a quorum was present.

III: Discussion about the minutes from our last meeting. It was determined that a quorum of members was not ready to vote them into the record. The minutes will be redistributed in preparation for a vote at the next meeting.

IV: WOOLSEY CANYON TRUCK ROUTE:

Alec Uzemeck, Co Chair

Alec presented a video on Woolsey Canyon with the intent of adding more facts and answering questions

Alec stated that he had taken some criticism because of the estimate of 35 truck round trips that he used in the Woolsey Canyon Truck Route Video. He explained that he choose this number as a conservative approach. More will be known when the EIR is available.

There was discussion about the subject including questions about the destination of the soil from a community member.

You can view the Woolsey Canyon Truck Route video on our website: [ssflcag.net](http://ssflcag.net)

V: AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY/SSFL

Abe Weitzberg

Brandeis Bardin responded to a Joel Grover NBC News report regarding alleged contamination on their property with a fully detailed report of their own. They also hired Tetra Tech, an environmental engineering firm, who confirmed there were no threatening health risks and Abe stated that there was no data to contradict this conclusion.

There was some discussion around this issue and a question was raised about the property being safe enough for backyard gardens. Abe responded that there is naturally occurring arsenic present in the Chatsworth Formation in such high concentrations that backyard gardens are not possible and the discussion about them should be stopped.

Please refer to Abe Weitzberg's report in its entirety at: [ssflcag.net](http://ssflcag.net).

#### VII: DTSC INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

Alec Uzemeck

Alec addressed DTSC's Independent Review Panel's at its April 7, 2016 meeting.

This is a 3 person panel, put together subsequent to SB 83 in 2015, that is responsible for making recommendations for improvements to Department of Toxic Substance Control's programs.

Alec's message to the panel was to consider revising the AOC cleanup standards from "background" to "USEPA" considering the future use of the land and the toxicity levels.

Alec did not think that he or his suggestions were well received by the panel and in fact he has come under some personal attack by panel members.

#### VIII: UPCOMING VIDEOS

John Luker

John shared a "rough cut" of a video that he has made in which he called into question the Work Group and Dan Hirsh's ability to communicate truthfully about the situation at SSFL. He asks very pointed questions of them in the video.

John is compiling information for another video "20 Questions" aimed at the Work Group. He requests CAG members submit questions that they would like answered.

There was much discussion around video. Most agreed that the video had merit but that the tone was a bit harsh. We would like to be able to put the CAG's name on the project.

John is debating whether to release them himself as he is in favor of the confrontational approach.

IX: PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Ziman

Boeing just published a 5,000 page document that discusses SSFL contamination. Christina Walsh wants to speak at our next meeting on contamination at Outfall 2.

Abe suggests that John Luker put the videos out as his own and not the CAGs and then we can support it. Abe is putting out his own videos. Please see: [ssflcag.net](http://ssflcag.net).

Mark Osokow, from the Audubon Society, states that a Brandeis Bardin study on wildlife at the University shows no negative effects. During this study, SSFL was indirectly studied. The Audubon has 6 years of experience at the SSFL site and it finds that the site is thriving with amphibians, one of which is the spadefoot toad, a threatened species. Amphibians are sensitive receptors and would show health effects if hazardous compounds were present.

Christina Walsh commented that the CAG is making it difficult to get politicians on board with the SSFL National Monument Designation.

Adjourn: 8:54PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Weiner

CAG Secretary

