

SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LABORATORY-COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

HIDDEN LAKE CLUBHOUSE

**Members Present:** Ross Berman, Richard Brandlin, Tim Brehm, Sam Cohen, Sharon Ford, Elizabeth Harris, Linda Hays, Michael Kuhn, John Luker, Tom Nachtrab, Barry Seybert, Brian Sujata, Alec Uzemeck, Kathy Weiner, Abe Weitzberg, Ron Ziman. A quorum was present.

- I. 7:00PM Meeting called to order Alec Uzemeck, CAG Chair
- II. Minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting were adopted unanimously.

Alec reported on a meeting that he had with DTSCs Mark Malinowski. Alec was very disappointed with the tone of the meeting in regards to DTSCs thoughts on the CAG. **\*\***(Do you want more on this in our minutes? (ie) our discussion in our informal meeting after the meeting? )

- III. Charter Amendment: Richard Brandlin, Rules Committee Chair  
Section 6: Membership & Member Responsibilities Subsection: G  
This Charter Amendment is a product of the Rules Committee and it deals with meeting attendance. Richard had distributed the proposed amendment to CAG members prior to the meeting. Richard moved that we amend our Charter to read: \_\_\_\_\_  
The motion was seconded by Alec. A vote was taken and the Charter amendment passed unanimously.

- IV. SSFL End Use: John Luker, Communications Co-Chair & Sam Cohen, Finance Co-Chair

John thinks that the narrative regarding the SSFL cleanup has been changing in a positive direction. John thinks that it is moving away from the specifics of the clean-up to “what will we do after the clean-up?” He recommends that we all try to find something that can be agreed on when discussing it.

**Discussion of National Monument status:** The President has the authority to declare SSFL a National Monument through the Antiquities Act of 1906 through an Executive Proclamation.

- A National Monument would require SSFL to be federal property
- Boeing would need Board approval to transfer the property
- Presidential response could be: Yes/No/Maybe & He could stipulate the clean up(?)
- Co-owners: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians & the National Parks Service  
This forces NPS into sole ownership.

Jim Hinz (spelling) Regional Representative of a local Sierra Club had a private tour of SSFL recently. \*\* Actually I found a John Hintz on the Sierra Club website. Is this the person who toured?

Sam distributed two handouts:

**National Monuments & the Antiquities Act;**

Carol Vincent & Kristina Alexander, July 20, 2010

**Comparison of the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory to National Monuments of Noteworthy Archaeological & Ethnological Value;** Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; February 10, 2015

Both publications support the proposal to request Executive Proclamation of National Monument status for SSFL.

Sam has been working on this project for some time and he reports that support is “good”. He has been working with the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell. (?)

Sam reports that the biggest drawback to this plan may be the fact that it would take the process out of the public domain and place it in the president’s hands, a “presidential fiat”

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is a cooperating agency with DOE and will write in a Native American Board. They also still have an application to take excess DOE property at the site.

Sam turned the floor over to Christine Walsh, who has been actively involved in the National Monument proposal. Christine spoke briefly, distributed information & referred us to an online petition (<http://bitly.com/1DNpvXn>). There is a meeting planned on March 26<sup>th</sup> in West Hills that is sponsored by the Chumash tribe with Sam Cohen and Clark Stevens speaking.

For more information you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/ssflnationalmonument>.

After some discussion, John Luker moved that: **The SSFL-CAG resolve to support the creation of a National Monument at the SSFL site.** Alec seconded. The CAG voted and adopted the resolution unanimously.

V. Future CAG Research and Projects      Abe Weitzberg, Technical Committee Co-Chair  
While we are awaiting the EIR and EIS, the CAG should be considering the most worthwhile information to present at future meetings. The following lists a few that Abe thinks are relative.

- \_\_ Soil methodology- How will the RPs take the data and use it to accomplish their work? (ie) how deep, how much, how to sample etc.
- \_\_ How effective are best management practices?
- \_\_ Explain the AOCs to the community
- \_\_ Transportation planning-what trucks, how much soil will each hold, how many trucks per day
- \_\_ Soil & groundwater treatment options-what has been done and what will happen over time
- \_\_ Mitigation

There were other board & audience suggestions:

- \_\_ Have the Regional Water Board report on Health Risk exceedances
- \_\_ National Wildlife Federation-Beth Pratt
- \_\_ Jeff Sketchieh (? SP) Mountain lions
- \_\_ Audubon Society –Mark Osokow

#### VI. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Sharon Ford urged the board to be a part of Earth Day on April 11<sup>th</sup> via having a table to distribute information. Tom Nachtrab commented that he has already made the arrangements for a table.

\*\*This is where I would add discussion about our response to DTSC. The consensus is that they are marginalizing the CAG.....

Adjourn: 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weiner  
CAG Secretary

