

SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY--COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES—AUGUST 19, 2015

HIDDEN LAKE CLUBHOUSE—WEST HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Members present: Tim Brehm, Sharon Ford, David Karchem, Michael Kuhn, John Luker, Barry Seybert, Brian Sujada, Alec Uzemeck, Kathy Weiner, Ron Ziman.

I: **Call to Order:** 7:00PM

II: **Approval of minutes** from July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was tabled as a quorum was not present.

III: **CAG Mission Statement:** Ron read our Mission Statement

IV: **DTSC Meeting:** Alec debriefed us as to a recent meeting with DTSC's new Director, Barbara Lee & Project Manager Mark Malinowski. The take-away message was that the DTSC would never change the AOCs as they are written. But that DTSC may be "revisiting" the AOCs.

The CAG has received criticism as far as our opinions not being diverse in nature.

However, statements of diverse opinions or minority opinions would conflict with our mission to provide a single consensus opinion.

V: **Implementation of CAG Preferred Cleanup:** The CAG supports a responsible cleanup to suburban residential.

There was a question from Mark Osokow about the different types of cleanups. Response: Boeing is cleaning up to the 2007 AOC (suburban residential) and NASA and DOE are tied to an AOC that commits them to a clean up their portion of SSFL to background levels.

Alec raised the question, where do we go from here? We are awaiting reports from the RPs (responsible parties) Once we have read these, we will respond.

Brian & Sharon are putting together a pamphlet (?)

Ron mentions that the public comment period for (?) ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>. And he reminds us that when we comment as the CAG it is counted as a single comment. We could all sign the CAG response and either send in a copy of it or submit a separate comment of our own.

There was a question regarding Super Fund, the Federal program for toxic cleanups. SSFL is not a Super Fund site. California DTSC standards of cleanup are actually more restrictive than those of a Super Fund site.

Alec mentioned that the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances Department Registry (ATSDR) is here to do a health study. There is a meeting set for September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at Corporate Point. As part of the CDC, ATSDR's findings will hold more credibility & are eagerly awaited.

John Luker mentioned that DTSC is looking at the feasibility of a soil study for cocci.

**VI: SSFL CAG Foundation Funding:** Alec reported that the SSFL CAG Foundation will be an entity separate from the CAG and will have as directors: Ron Ziman, Alec Uzemeck, John Luker, Tom Nachtrab & Brian Sujada. This action is in response to the gift from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. A 501C3 nonprofit organization has been established. The directors will control the funds.

As a result of the fact that the donor is anonymous, Elizabeth Harris has resigned from the CAG as she has a grant that could be jeopardized.

**II: Approval of Minutes:** A quorum is present and it was brought forth that the minutes from the July meeting be approved. Barry so moved and Sharon seconded and the minutes were approved with one abstain (not present) and one nay.

**VII: Friendly Amendment:** There was a motion brought forward that the CAG should adopt a view that the AOCs should be revisited to reflect a risk based cleanup by the signatories: DOE and NASA.

Ron so moved and Sharon seconded and this motion passed unanimously.

**VIII: NASA final Soil Report & CAG comments:** John Luker

John gave a slide presentation that detailed NASA's final soil report including the total yards of soil that would need to be removed and the cost of the removal for suburban residential & background or detect scenarios.

Archeology data has uncovered 40 new sites within SSFL according to the Sacred Sites Council.

NASA has an app available for the asking that would show 3 D images of SSFL.

According to the AOCs Confirmation Protocol, any backfill that is used has to be, at least, to background. The soil from a project that John has been working on in Malibu can be used as backfill soil but only in the area that Boeing is responsible for.

Some questions for DTSC: Is there funding available for backfill soil?

What is mitigation?

Is it restorative? How can we accomplish restoration?

Mitigation was said to be done onsite yet no in situ tx can result in non-detect

Where will the soil be removed to?

What routes will they take to truck the soil away?

**Look for John's presentation on our website: [ssflcag.net](http://ssflcag.net)**

Several questions from attendees were answered.

Alec responded to one with the info that the soil samples are showing such a minute amount of contaminant that it was difficult to achieve a benchmark.

No other site has used this method of cleanup and the minute amounts of contaminants that the samples contain could lead to false positives or false negatives.

**IX: Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Weiner

CAG Secretary