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Cc: Nicole Moutoux; Luis Garcia-Bakarich
Subject: Fw: SSMAC 082609 AGENDA & attachments
Date: 08/24/2009 11:47 AM
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David -

I think you or I need to inform Daniel Wiseman that EPA is not prepared to discuss the topic of "TASC at SSFL" at SSMAC or any other public forum and therefore we would appreciate if TASC was removed from this SSMAC meeting agenda. We should tell him that at some point in the future EPA will make an announcement on this topic but we are simply not prepared to talk about this right now.

re: We had our general public TASC Information Session in late May in Chatsworth that was well attended. This SSMAC agenda item unfortunately makes it appear that SSMAC alone has already received TASC assistance and will likely further enflame disunity that exists around TASC at SSFL .

Although I will be working at the site on Aug 25-27, I do not plan attend this SSMAC meeting especially with TASC potentially on the agenda. Are you planning to attend this SSMAC meeting?

I think we need to communicate this to Mr. Wiseman ASAP. If Mr. Wiseman wishes to persist with this agenda item, then we will have to let Mr. Wiseman know that no one at EPA is prepared to speak on this topic and therefore will not be in attendance at this meeting.

Craig

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To the WHNC Board Members, SSMAC Members and participants:

Here is a DRAFT AGENDA, two sets of MINUTES and several other attachments important to the August 26th SSMAC Meeting.

Please take the time to DOWNLOAD and READ the MINUTES and ATTACHMENTS.

They include important materials which we will be discussing and (perhaps) modifying for APPROVAL/REJECTION.

Thank you,

Daniel Wiseman
SSMAC Chair

The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA (draft: 08/20/09)

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Fairwinds Retirement Center,

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(the South east corner of Roscoe and Woodlake – enter from Woodlake)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** and **SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS** with **BRIEF** elaboration of recent activities, conferences, meetings or communications of interest.

   a. ROSTER OF MEMBERS

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Alec Uzemeck	John Luker	Charlene Rothstein
Bob Brostoff	Wally Perfect	Jack Unger
Chris Rowe	Adam Salkin	Daniel Wiseman

   - Discussion & Possible ACTION: ACCEPTANCE of ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
   - Discussion & Possible ACTION: ELECTION of a VICE CHAIR and other SSMAC OFFICERS

   b. PARTICIPANTS:

   c. SPECIAL GUESTS:

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL of the AGENDA and APPROVAL of the June 2009 and July 2009 Minutes**

3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**

a. We presented a plaque in appreciation to our hosts the Fairwinds Retirement Center at the last WHNC Meeting (August 5, 2009)

b. The Recommendations of the SSMAC were presented to WHNC and PASSED:

- Structure & Operations of SSMAC
- Implementation of Federal EPA "TASC" and California EPA "EEI" educative materials.
- Support for the SSMPA Amendments to AB102 (Smyth)

4. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT on matters not on this agenda – 10 minutes.

5. Introduction of the Federal EPA (TASC) and the California EPA (EEI) educational programs (handouts). QUESTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS: Which presentations would you like to hear?

6. Current Status of Corporate Pointe – The Zone Change request of MEPT (represented by Trammel-Crowe & JMBM) was approved by City Council (CF #09-1510) on 08-07-09.

a. Open – for discussion
b.
c.

7. Current Status of SSFL

a. Progress toward a Consent Understanding was announced by Maziar Movassashi (MMovassa@dtsc.ca.gov) with the replacement of Norm Riley by Rick Brausch (rbrausch@dtsc.ca.gov). A conversation with Mr. Brausch indicates that the DRAFT CONSENT ORDER has not been signed by anyone. It may be found at dtsc-ssfl.com or dtsc.ca.gov (under "What's New"). It has tacit approval from NASA and DOE but not Boeing. It is presented for discussion purposes only:

- **Open – for discussion**
- Position of DTSC:

- Position of LARWQCB:
- Position of DOE:
- Position of NASA:
- Position of BOEING:

- POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval/Rejection/Modification

- POSSIBLE ACTION: Creation of Response Letter (see DRAFT #1, below)

b. The Federal Department of Energy (DOE) has presented plans in its latest newsletter,

http://www.etec.energy.gov/Cleanup/CleanUpdate/SSFL_CleanUpdateAug09.pdf, to describe its $ 40 million RadioActivity Survey for "their" Area IV. In addition there is to be a BIOLOGICAL Survey to identify vulnerable and protected species plus a CULTURAL Survey to describe the Native American (Chumash) and Scientific (SSFL-related) facilities in the area.

- POSSIBLE ACTION: Creation of Response Letter (see DRAFT #2, below)

9. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT – time permitting**

10. Final Remarks, Announcements and Suggestions for future Meetings

11. Adjournment

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The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Fairwinds Retirement Center,

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(South east corner of Roscoe and Woodlake – enter from Woodlake)

1. **CALL TO ORDER and SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS with BRIEF elaboration of recent activities, conferences, meetings or communications of interest.**

2. **The AGENDA was reviewed and approved/**
   The April 2009 and May 2009 Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**
   a, **The Conduct of the Meeting was described by Chair Daniel Wiseman**
   b. **We want to thank the many agency and consultant participants that took the time out of their busy schedules to come and participate in our May 2009 SSMAC meeting and this meeting.**

4. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT on matters not on this agenda – 10 minutes.**
   a. Bill Bowling announced an event at the ACMELA on June 25 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the SRE incident.

5. **Introduction of the Federal EPA-Region IX by Vice Chair Chris Rowe – " "Update on EPA's Radiological Studies at SSFL"**
   - Nicole Moutoux and Craig Cooper – 30 minutes

   A Power Point of this presentation may be found at… http://www.etec.energy.gov/Health-and-Safety/Documents/EPARadSurvey/EPA_Background_Study_Presentation_December_11_2008_R5.pdf

   EPA will be conducting a community meeting on July 15 at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley at 6:30 PM to describe the EPA's proposed Survey of Radioactivity in Area iv of the SSFL.
   The plan is to start conducting the soil testing by mid-August 2009 and produce a finished report by September 2011. The EPA requested and has received $ 1.5 million for the background study and $ 38.5 million for the RAD Studies..

   They are three sampling areas proposed for background testing (50 surface samples per site = 100 and 40 subsurface samples).

Craig Cooper is leading the onsite study to test and report on locations with elevated radiological levels in soil and groundwater. Focus of EPA study is Area IV and the facilities operated by ETEC. Although restricted to Area iv, further considerations may be necessary if contamination is seen to approach (and presumably cross) SSFL property lines.

Studies will be done by the gross gamma scanners and a separate work plan will be. Information will be uploaded immediately and be available. They anticipate the study will take a year and the project manager will be relocated to this area. Water testing will be in a different work plan as well as a plan for the subsurface testing.

Soil samples can figure upwards to 10,000 samples. They will be chasing the edges of the contamination.

Contamination outside of the boundaries will be taken into consideration but it is not definite yet. This is part of the risk assessment.

The gamma scanning work is anticipated to end December 2010.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be funding part of the study. The DOE will be working with the EPA to conclude the study by September of 2011. There is no actual date for ending the study for the EIS mandated by the court. Once the EPA is done, then it will take the DOE another 18 months to complete the EIS.

DOE has appropriated funds for the study and the DOE Recovery Act has provided $38 million. The DOE website will provide additional information. The act requires transparency as well creating jobs.

They are planning to mitigate damages to the flora and fauna in the area as well as cultural relics. Experts will be working to assess the area for Chumash artifacts as well.

EPA is continuing to evaluate the TASC involvement and no decision has been reached.

Hydrogeology Inc. is the EPA contractor for the water studies. Colleen Garcia is the representative that attended the meeting.

6. Current Status of Corporate Pointe – Alec Uzemeck – 5 minutes

The Trammel-Crow Construction Project has been going on for 20 months. DTSC gave the go ahead and has cleared planning. Alec signed off on the negotiated points as chairperson of the Hidden Lake development. He will be part of the monitoring of the development. They want to get back to the EIS, the risk assessment of the site and what the DTSC and EPA are going to do. LACITY Planning department has the case number of: CPC-2007-237-GPA-ZC-CU and the hearing date.

Q-conditions have been added to the plan and we will need follow up to make sure they are followed. If not followed, we will have to call Trammel Crow and report to Code Watch. Planning department will have to review and the landscaping letter will bring up the parking garage already in existence. More complete review report of our committee will have to go and a letter has to be provided.

Further discussions on Corporate Pointe were tabled by Dr. Sauer and Wally seconded. Motion carried.

7. New Environmental Project – 22566 Vanowen Street / 6747 Sale Ave – Should there be an EIR? - Alec Uzemeck – 5 minutes

Wally Perfect stated that all of the data is not in. Daniel Wiseman voiced his concern that there would not be enough staff to assure the safety of 40-45 children 2,3 4 and 5 years of age.

8. Discussion of guidelines for the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee – 50 minutes

These proceedings were attended by our DONE Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst – Tom Soong.

Public health and safety issues may become an issue of concern if there is a substantial correlation. This will be determined in committee.

a. Mission & Vision Statements of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee?

Joanne moves that we retain the current mission statement with the addition of (Simi Hills) and Char seconded. It passed.

Chris Rowe suggested that the SSMAC Vision Statement should be similar to the Cal Dept of Health Vision Statement viz: to protect the public health and the environment of the West Hills and the surrounding communities. The safest, cleanest and healthiest community we can provide. There was no formal motion made on the vision statement.

b. SSMAC Membership. Voting privileges? Use of the "straw vote."

Membership may be based on regular attendance, some knowledge of the subject matter,

Joanne Yvanek-Garb moved that voting membership be limited to WHNC board members and that general membership be open to all interested parties (no second). Dan Brin moved that the WHNC board be asked to determine the voting and membership structure of this committee. This replaced Joanne's motion. Dr. Saur seconded.
The MOTION PASSED: 8 for, 5 against, 1 abstention

The following items of discussion were deferred to the general meeting and a vote by the board:

(1) It was suggested that meetings be guided by Robert's Rules or other forms of Parliamentary Procedures?
(2) Does the Vice–Chair have all authority of the Chair in the absence or inability of the Chair.
(3) The appointment of a first Vice-Chair (Executive Officer)
second Vice–Chair (Program Chairman)
Moderator,
Parliamentarian,
Sergeant at Arms?
What should their responsibilities be?
(4) Shall the officers of SSMAC be an Executive Committee to create the agenda?
(5) Policy on Public Comment. Time limits. Open for presentations and actions?
(6) Connections and relationships between the SSMAC and other concerned parties. Is our Policy (stated above) sufficient?

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be 7/22/09 – same time same place.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES - 07/22/09

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Cliff Ruff (COO/CD3 Zine)	Albert Saur	Dan Brin
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Chris Rowe	Adam Salkin	Daniel Wiseman

Rupal Patel (Renewable Resources ←→ Boeing)

COMMENTS from HONORED GUEST, Mr. Ruff: He came to observe the SSMAC in order to follow-up on the previous complaints that SSMAC had been overly contentious and not conducted in an orderly manner. He will report back to Councilmember Zine.

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL of the AGENDA and APPROVAL of the June 2009 Minutes**
   a. **The Agenda was reviewed, amended and approved.**
   b. **The Minutes of June 24, 2009 were deferred to the next meeting.**

3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**
   a. Conduct of the Meeting. Sign-up sheet.
   b. Thanks to the many agency and consultant participants that took the time out of their busy schedules to come and participate in our June 2009 SSMAC meeting.
   c. Specific thanks are due to our host, Fairwinds Senior Residence. Dan Brin will prepare a plaque to show our appreciation to Pat Luc (General Manager) and Susan Basowski & Annie Vardi (Activities Managers). – ACTION (MSP – unanimously)

4. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT on matters not on this agenda – no requests.**

5. **Current Status of Corporate Pointe – Alec Uzemeck** – 5 minutes

The L.A. City Property & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) heard the Zoning Commissioner's (Tom Glick's) favorable report on the Corporate Pointe @ West Hills (CP@WH)on July 21, 2009. Prior to that there is an agreement between Trammel-Crow (TC) and three local groups; West Hills Neighborhood Preservation CMTE, WH Neighborhood Watch and Hidden Hills Homeowners Assn. At the hearing, Charlene Rothstein asked for the addition of a landscape plan; a request duplicating the written submission of the WH Zoning & Planning Committee. PLUM approved the project pending the landscaping plan. T-C is planning to submit to Building & Safety in November…(perhaps) before it goes to the full City Council.

Questions were raised because the results of the DTSC-supervised testing for VOCs and Radiation are not available, yet. There will be a requirement for the owner of CP@WH (MEPT) to comply with all (DTSC-)required mitigation.

Questions were raised about the legality & promptness of the formal notification. A call to Barbara Greaves, City Clerk support person for PLUM – 1-213-978-1068, revealed that widespread notification is not done unless the property owner requests an appeal to a zoning change, just the "usual" notice and download of agendas on the Council & Committees Calendar at http://lacity.org/lacity/YourGovernment/CityCouncil/CouncilCalendar/index.htm She advised us that we can submit requests to be notified of the progress of this Council File (#09-1510) on the Council File M System (http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/).

6. STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION

a. U.S.E.P.A. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (T.A.S.C.) was introduced. It is an opportunity for community groups to hear/learn about the basics and some of the technical details related to hazardous waste and the clean-up process. Topics that SSMAC participants would like discussed include:

- **Interpretative summaries of technical documents.**
- **Definitions of terms: Risk Assessment, Toxicology, RCRA Facility Investigations (RFI's)**
- **Nature and Hazards of alpha-, Beta- and Gamma Radiation … Sources of each.**
- **Focus on SPECIFIC DISORDERS (Malignancies, organ damage, etc.)**
- **Archeological Evaluation of key properties**

b. The Cal E.P.A. Education & the Environment Initiative (E.E.I.) is a full curriculum for K-12 schools. The subjects covered for the upper grades include some of the same material as the Federal E.P.A. program, above.

ACTION – Recommend that WHNC request Educative Material AND Educational Opportunities from TASC, EEI and other sources. **7-Yea, 3-No, 1- Abstain (pass)**

7. **Current Status of SSFL**

a. All parties to the negotiations (DTSC, LA-RWQCB, Boeing, DOE & NASA) are saying that the Consent Understanding (Agreement or Decree) should be complete, soon…hopefully, within 1 – 2 months.

b. Norm Riley the key person at the DTSC has offered to come to a WHNC or SSMAC meeting to describe it for us … when it is ready. We will then have 30 days to comment and voice our opinion.

c. Some, but definitely not all, of the SSFL testing (Perchlorates, VOCs, Radioactives, etc.) should be available soon and be ready for our consideration and surveillance.

d. The Ultimate Dispensation of the AREA - Possible ACTION

- The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) has suggested an Amendment and some specific language for AB102 (Cameron Smyth, Santa Clarita). This State Bill recommends that the SSFL be turned into a State Park, once the clean-up is concluded. SB102 has passed Cal Assembly and is now in Cal Senate. It may be there for two years. John Luker & Jack Unger of SSMPA described some of the details and read a LETTER (attached) which emphasizes

and justifies the "Final Dispensation to be (formally) open space…named the Rocketdyne/Simi Hills State Historic Park." It asks that the proposed Advisory Committee be established sooner, on January 1, 2010.

MOTION (Luker/Uzemeck): WHNC/SSMAC supports the recommendations of the SSMPA re: SMYTH AB 102 (copy attached) ACTION – MSP (Unanimous) …see ATTACHMENT #1

8. **Discussion of guidelines for the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee**.
…see ATTACHMENT #2. SSMAC deliberated the contents of these Proposed Policies for WHNC Committees and made the following recommendations. ACTION

a. The Proposed Policies are recommended to the full WHNC Board of Directors for final deliberation and approval/rejection.
b. After receiving the initial charge from the WHNC Chair, each Committee may select the style of deliberations and definition of Members from the three choices (listed 2a – 2c). SSMAC opts to use 2c.
c. From this time forward, the MEMBERS of the SSMAC are Albert Saur, Dan Brin,, Alec Uzemeck, John Luker, Charlene Rothstein, Bob Brostoff, Wally Perfect, Jack Unger, Chris Rowe, Adam Salkin, Daniel Wiseman (Chair), Joanne Yvanek-Garb (Secretary), Barry Seybert and Jacquie Young.

FUTURE additions will require a simple request to join (may be verbal) plus a majority vote of existing members.

9. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT – none requested

10. Final Remarks, Announcements and Suggestions for future Meeting
- Propriety of Regulatory Agencies delegating the choice and contracting of Evaluators to Property (Responsible Parties) Owners.

ATTACHMENT #1 - AMENDMENT to AB102 (Smyth)

-------- Original Message --------
Subject:[SSMPA officers] AB 102 Amendment Request from Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) [1 Attachment]
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 2009 12:10:02 -0700
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July 1, 2009

Dear Assemblyman Smyth,

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) has been in existence for nearly forty years, working to protect and preserve open space in the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains. Our group was instrumental in the creation of the current Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park located just South of the 118 Freeway in Chatsworth. We are writing you now to express our support for your bill AB 102 that proposes the formation of a new State Park on the land currently known as the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). We strongly believe this land needs to be protected as permanent open space and that the formation of a new park on the land is the best way to preserve this critical wildlife habitat and allow it to be enjoyed by future generations.

We have reviewed your bill AB 102 as it is currently written and although we agree with the intent, we respectfully request that you incorporate the changes shown in red on the attached markup of the bill. Incorporation of these changes will make AB 102 a better bill resulting in the creation of a better State park.

[Introduction] - Park Name– The bill currently proposes to create and name a new park - the "Santa Susana State Park". We suggest that this name be changed to the "**Rocketdyne / Simi Hills State Historic Park**" for the following reasons:

a) There is already an existing "Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park" located only 2 miles from the proposed new SSFL park site. Having a new "Santa Susana" State Park so close to the existing "Santa Susana" State Park would be very confusing to the general public.

b) Rocketdyne and rocket engine testing is an integral part of the history of the new park site. This site played a pivotal role in reaching the moon and developing our national space program. Recognizing these historical facts in the "Rocketdyne" Park name will help insure that some of the remaining rocketry-related historical artifacts survive in the new park to inform and educate future park visitors.

c) The proposed new "Santa Susana" park is not physically located in the Santa Susana Mountains. The SSFL site is actually located in the Simi Hills. The Simi Hills are both

geologically unique and significantly older than the more geographically- distant Santa Susana Mountains.

d) In addition to the Rocketry History significance, the SSFL is also important because of its Archaeological History, Native American History and Motion Picture History. For example, the Native American cave paintings that your AB 102 bill refers to are listed on The National Register of Historic Places. Because of this historical richness, designating the park as a "Historic Park" is completely appropriate.

Our proposed "**Rocketdyne / Simi Hills State Historic Park**" name addresses all of the above issues.

[Section 1(a)] – Placing Additional Emphasis on Archaeological Protections – The current AB 102 text correctly focuses attention on preservation of the Native American cave paintings however we suggest that additional emphasis on archaeological protection is extremely important and beneficial. Adding the words "**and other archaeological resources and treasures**" to **Section 1(a)** adds this much-needed emphasis.

[Section 1(a)] – Recognizing the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor – AB 102 as written correctly points out that "The Santa Susana Field Laboratory property in Ventura County will play an important role aiding in the preservation of critical habitat and wildlife corridors, as well as historical artifacts of regional, statewide, and national importance" however the SSFL also encompasses a vitally important section of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. We therefore request the addition of the following text: "**This area is also a crucial link in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor**" to **Section 1(a)**.

[Section 1(c)] – Acknowledging Waterborne Contamination - We agree that the contamination of the ground caused by testing at the site was a great misfortune however because ground water is the primary vehicle that moves this contamination, we request addition of the words "**and the water**" to **Section 1(c)**.

[Section 3(a)] – **Specifying an Early Advisory Committee Formation Date** - Currently AB 102 requires the formation of an "Advisory Committee" no later than **January 1, 2012**. We respectfully request that this date be changed to **January 1**, **2010**. Critical decisions need to be taken right now to properly catalogue and protect the archaeological and historical treasures contained within the property. Park planning and design needs to begin at the earliest possible moment. If we wait until 2012, many invaluable historical and archaeological resources may be destroyed and lost forever.

[Section 3(b)] – Adding the Native American Community – We suggest adding "**Native American**" to the list of communities to be represented on the Advisory Committee. The SSFL site is obviously rich in Native American history.

[Section 3(d)] – Incorporating Short-Range Planning – We suggest adding the words "**short-range planning**" to this Section. Short-range planning is vitally important and needs to be on the Advisory Committee agenda along with long-range planning.

[Section 4] - Allowing for the Possibility of Parcel-by-Parcel Land Transfer – In Section 4, we agree that no property should be transferred until such property is cleaned pursuant to Article 7 5.5 (commencing with Section 25359.20) of Chapter 6.8 of 8 Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code (SB 990) however we see no need to rule out the possible parcel-by-parcel transfer should the cleanup processes so permit. Accordingly, we request that the words "**Each parcel of**", "**on each parcel**", and "**each parcel**" be added where shown on the attached markup of the bill.

We appreciate your consideration of our requests. We look forward to working with you, your staff and your fellow legislators to pass this improved version of AB 102 and to create a new State Historic Park on SSFL land.

Respectfully,

Jack Unger
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ATTACHMENT #2 – Deliberated Recommendation to WHNC

PROPOSED POLICIES for WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEES

At the June 24, 2009 SSMAC meeting, we discussed the name, Mission and Vision of SSMAC plus several ways to define a SSMAC MEMBER and their voting privileges. After due consideration, it seemed worthwhile to review and (perhaps) revise the WHNC policies governing all of our committees. This document lays out many of the elements of a policy for review, modification and approval.

ORIGINS of WHNC COMMITTEES

1. **Already in existence and operating satisfactorily – no modifications needed.**

2. **In existence but needing review and revision of their working rules.**
   - **submission of "a REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE" stating the issues for deliberation and recommendation of the full WHNC Board of Directors**
3. **Newly created – Ad Hoc and Standing Committees**
   - Created by the WHNC President (CoChair) with the advice and consent of the full board
   - Creation of a "CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE," time frame and level of authority
   - Assignment of a Leader (Chair) and Members of the Committee.

DEFINITION of the MISSION STATEMENT and VISION STATEMENT

Although Mission and Vision Statements may be part of the initial CHARGE, they may be revised or modified by the committee and accepted after approval of the full Board.

MEMBERSHIP and MEMBER privileges

1. **COMMITTEES make RECOMMENDATIONS which require approval by the full Board.**
2. **If already in existence but needing review and revision, there are the following choices:**
   ACTION item – opened to the decision of each Committee. - UNANIMOUS
   a. **"Town Hall" style in which every person in attendance who claims to be a WHNC Stakeholder may comment on and vote on issues.**
   b. **Committee (voting) Members must also be members of the full Board of Directors.**
   c. **Committee (voting) Members may be members of the full Board and may be non-Board WHNC Stakeholders who affirm their intention by regular participation.**

3. **"Straw Votes" in which everyone present can vote and be counted "YEA" or "NAY" or "ABSTAIN" on an issue is a permissible Committee action - ACTION item – opened to the decision of each Committee.**

4. **Continued Membership & voting privileges are contingent on regular attendance and participation in Committee activities – ACTION – opened to the decision of each Committee. - UNANIMOUS**

AUTHORITY of the OFFICERS of the COMMITTEE

The Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary, and other officers have the same responsibilities outlined for parallel offices of the Full Board. They form an Executive Committee, create the Committee's Agendas, post and file the Committee's documents. – ACTION

The Chair has the responsibility to conduct the meeting in a productive and orderly manner -

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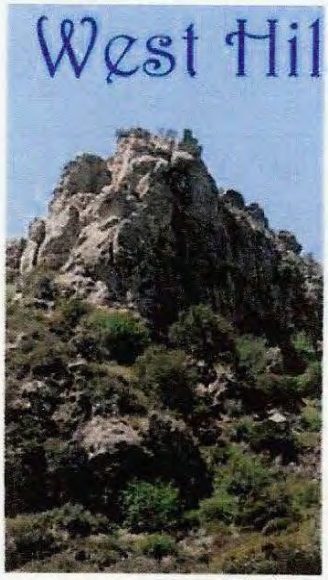

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Dear Mr. Brausch:

The Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee, a standing committee of the West Hills Neighborhood Council reviewed material from the August 19, 2009 DRAFT CONSENT ORDER WITH DOE AND NASA. We realize that this document contains many of the points of consideration which have been the substance of the negotiations between DTSC, the Boeing Corp., DOE and NASA since last January.

We are sure that all concerned regret that a functional agreement has not yet been achieved.

We sense that the tensions between the parties remain high.

The "word on the street" is that there was progress being made and with some consensus for the application of SB990 criteria. The document speaks of a compatibility between SB990 and Federal government guideline. But then differences of opinion about "legal matters" effecting the relationships with a private company resulted in the stalemate we see, today.

If that "word on the street" is unfounded or incorrect, we should see real progress, soon. If the "word" is true, it provides a start point for further discussion and reconciliation.

These negotiations toward a CONSENT AGREEMENT continue in concert with a complex, hopefully thorough, set of evaluations (135 Solid Waste Management Units or SWMUs and Areas of Concern or AOCs) and specific activities (itemized in the document's Attachment 4):

1. <u>AREA I (NASA & Boeing – 5 SWMUs)</u> - LOX Plant, Waste Oil, Asbestos, Leach Field & Lead Shot (Rifle Club) clean-ups.

2. <u>AREA II (NASA & Boeing – 28 SWMUs & 21 AOCs)</u> – Building & Facilities closures and demolition, Skim pond characterization and ground water treatment programs.

3. none specified.

4. AREA IV (DOE – 10 SWMUs & 16 AOCs) – Interrupted Building & Facilities closures and demolition, Radioactive Materials Handling, Metals Lab & SNAP Reactor Facilities characterization,

Apparently, it has been hard to focus on these problems and to develop plans to systematically mitigate them. After 60+ years of existence, we would like to see more specific current work on the clean-up. We do not understand why all of these problem areas have to wait while specific local clean-up activities continue.

At one end of the "solution spectrum" is to clear away and remove all facilities, water features and soils which are contaminated, leaving a "moon-scape" or a mountain top "recreated" with foreign/replacement soil. This would void all considerations of the archeological ecosystem and the historical features of the area and that would be tragic.

We are pleased to see that DOE has added a survey of the biota and cultural features to their Radioactivitiy characterization of Area IV. We would like to see a full characterization of all Areas and the adjacent lands become part of the next set of negotiations. It would be extremely important to the end-points and "final" disposition of these lands by their current owners and tenants.

We must mention the pledge by Boeing found on their website. (http://www.boeing.com/aboutus/environment/santa_susana/)
"Ultimately, delivering Santa Susana as open space upon completion of cleanup activities is our shared vision." This intention is fortified by Assemblyman Cameron Smyth's proposed AB102. SSMAC/WHNC endorses this concept and this goal.

As always, the SSMAC will offer a monthly opportunity for all parties to come together, present their positions and opinions in a non-threatening environment. You have our pledge to continue to work with all concerned toward mutually accepted end-points.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Wiseman	Stephen Lenske	Edwin Dockus
Chair, SSMAC/WHNC	Co-Chair WHNC	Co-Chair, WHNC

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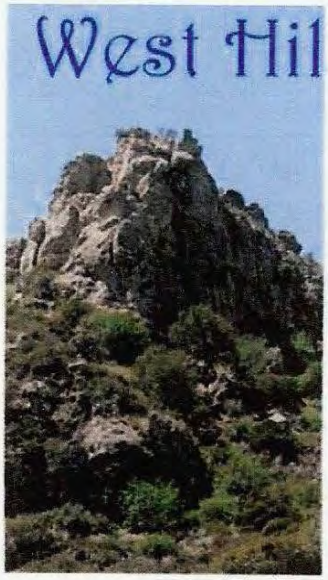

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Dear Stephie & Thomas:

Thank you for you ongoing participation in the SSMAC meetings.

We are particularly please to see DOE add Archeological (Biological and Cultural) characterizations of Area IV to your Radioactivity Assessment. Your proposal is described at **http://www.etec.energy.gov/Cleanup/CleanUpdate/SSFL_CleanUpdateAug09.pdf**

Members of the SSMAC have been expressing their interest in preserving the natural ecosystem and historically significant features of the SSFL and environs.

We now hope that similar Archeological Assessments will extent to all areas of the SSFL.

It is particularly important that preservation of the ecosystem and historical importance of the SSFL be integrated into the DTSC Consent Agreement in order to finish the clean-up process with a plot of land that can be a really valuable resource to future generations. Our long term hope is to see the land made safe for its native plant and animal life and made part of a public park which feature its Native American & Aerospace history.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Wiseman Chair, SSMAC/WHNC	Stephen Lenske Co-Chair WHNC	Edwin Dockus Co-Chair, WHNC