

**LONG BEACH NAVAL COMPLEX  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
FINAL MINUTES FROM 18 NOVEMBER 1999 MEETING**

The Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) held a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on 18 November 1999, at the City of Long Beach Community Room, 200 Pine Street, Long Beach, California.

**RAB ATTENDANCE:**

Thomas Macchiarella - Present  
Martin Hausladen- Present  
Jennifer Rich - Present  
Henry Brice - Present  
Mary Butler - Absent  
Doug Carstens - Absent  
Carol A. Churchill - Absent  
Greysen Edward Cooley - Present  
P. James Drake - Absent  
John Essington - Present  
Betsy Foley - Absent  
Howard Hargrove - Present  
Tom Johnson - Present  
Loyd Klock - Present  
Joseph Petway - Present  
Darwin Thorpe - Present  
Karl A. Tiedemann - Absent  
Anna Ulaszewski - Absent  
Maria Vargas - Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Gallice Sondrup, CDM Federal  
John Hill, Navy  
Lee Saunders, Navy  
Sue Hakim, Cal-EPA DTSC  
Ana Veloz-Townsend, RWQCB  
Del Davis, City of Long Beach

**MEETING BEGAN AT 6:30 PM** – Maria Vargas, Community Co-Chair, presiding as Chair.

The Chair welcomed the RAB members and members of the audience and later in the meeting reminded everyone to please sign in (PRINT LEGIBLY) - *"The sign-in sheet is the official record of attendance for each RAB meeting. It is the responsibility of each and every RAB member to sign into the official record. If you do not sign in, you did not attend the meeting."*

Ms. Vargas reminded the RAB members that the meeting was being tape recorded. No objections were voiced from the floor.

**Administrative Issues**

Ms. Vargas requested that the members of the RAB, Navy, regulatory agencies, and community introduce themselves.

Mr. Macchiarella asked the RAB if the new location was acceptable for future RAB meetings. Mr. Thorpe asked about the location of the parking lot, and Mr. Essington asked if the meetings would now be on Thursdays instead of Wednesday. Ms. Gallice-Sondrup explained to the RAB where the parking lot was located, and that the meetings would continue to be on Wednesdays. This meeting is being held on Thursday because the meeting facility was not available on Wednesday this week. The RAB members agreed that this would be an acceptable location for future RAB meetings.

Mr. Macchiarella stated that there have been some personnel changes at the Navy. Alan Lee, the former LBNC Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator (BEC), has moved onto another team. Mr. Macchiarella is currently the acting LBNC BEC. Duane Rollefson and Greg Schaffer, former LBNC Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) have also moved onto another team.

Ms. Rich stated that there are some staffing changes at DTSC as well. Alvaro Gutierrez and Aaron Yue have moved onto other projects within DTSC. Ms. Rich is the interim DTSC RPM through December, and Ms. Hakim will be the full time DTSC RPM effective January 1, 2000.

Ms. Veloz-Townsend introduced herself to the RAB, she is the RWQCB RPM for LBNC.

Ms. Vargas asked for comments on the Draft 21 July 1999 meeting minutes. Mr. Thorpe provided some comments, and Ms. Gallice-Sondrup will incorporate them into the Final meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved with the minor changes.

Mr. Macchiarella stated that the last meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. He apologized for the quickness of the cancellation. He informed the RAB members that they could provide agenda items for upcoming meetings. They should be sent to Mr. Macchiarella or Ms. Vargas. Ms. Vargas stated that Mr. Macchiarella had called her about canceling the meeting, but she was out of town and did not get the message until it was too late. She also apologized for the canceling of the last meeting.

### **General Update of the Installation Restoration Program at LBNC**

Mr. Macchiarella presented an update on the 14 Installation Restoration (IR) sites at LBNC. He explained that the sites have been grouped for different reasons, some are grouped because of their location, some because of their site type, and some because of their schedule.

Mr. Macchiarella began with IR Sites 3 through 6A. These sites are at the post-Record of Decision (ROD) state, which is one of the final steps of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Two of the sites (3 and 6A) require continued groundwater monitoring, and the other two sites (4 and 5) are completed. All four sites will require institutional controls (e.g., deed restrictions).

IR Sites 1 and 2 are located at the end of the mole. The Draft ROD is being reviewed by the BCT. The Proposed Plan (PP) was reviewed by the public and a public meeting was held in June. The remedial action is the removal of debris at a specific spot on IR Sites 1 and 2 and in-situ air sparging with soil vapor extraction on a small part of the site. Mr. Macchiarella stated

that the ROD should be signed in January 2000. Shortly after that the Remedial Design Work Plan will be prepared. The Navy hopes to begin field work in July or August 2000.

Mr. Cooley asked if this would affect Sea Launch, and Mr. Macchiarella stated that it would not.

IR Site 7 is the Long Beach Harbor West Basin. The Navy is currently addressing the regulatory agencies comments on the Draft Feasibility Study (FS). The Navy will have the Draft Response to Comments ready by the end of December. The Navy will make sure the regulatory agencies concur with the Response to Comments, and they will speak with the Port of Long Beach (POLB) about their future plans for the West Basin. The BCT will incorporate, to the extent practicable, those plans into the Remedial Action decision making process.

Mr. Cooley asked Mr. Macchiarella to explain exactly where IR Site 7 is located. Mr. Macchiarella used a diagram and showed the RAB the location of IR Site 7. Mr. Cooley asked how the dredging in the West Basin would affect the toxic materials around Piers 7, 8, and 9. Mr. Macchiarella stated that when the POLB was in the process of attaining the permit for the dredging this sort of situation would have been considered. Mr. Cooley asked if the RAB should be looking at this type of situation. Mr. Macchiarella stated that IR Site 7 is still part of the CERCLA process. When the Navy and the City of Long Beach signed the lease in furtherance of conveyance (LIFO), it was agreed that the POLB would have control of parts of LBNSY and NAVSTA. Some of the property in the West Basin has already reverted back to the POLB. The POLB can proceed with the reversionary property as they see fit, as long as the cleanup is acceptable to the regulatory agencies.

Mr. Cooley asked if there was any connection between the City of Long Beach and the RAB, where the RAB would be notified of the city's plans. Mr. Johnson stated that the dredging at the West Basin is regulated by the Corp of Engineers, the RWQCB, and the US EPA. The public has an opportunity to examine and review the plans during the Public Notice phase when they POLB applies for a permit. In addition, the POLB has kept the RAB informed through presentations and progress reports.

Mr. Essington stated that the *Long Beach Press Telegram* stated that unexploded ordnance (UXO) was found during dredging activities outside of IR Site 7 at Pier J. All the documents for LBNC state that there is no known UXO at LBNC. At the National RAB Caucus, Mr. Essington relayed that there was no UXO at LBNC. The Caucus stated that there would be UXO in the sediment, it's inevitable. The paper stated that the POLB spokesman said it is very odd that they would have found UXO by Pier J. Mr. Essington stated that it is important that the documents accurately reflect that there is the possibility of UXO at LBNC, and that some has been found in the Long Beach Harbor. UXO is a very serious problem, and it has the potential to be very dangerous. Mr. Essington has sent a letter to the Navy requesting that all past documents be amended and all future documents reflect the UXO issue accurately.

Mr. Macchiarella stated that he did not believe the documents for LBNC state that there is not any UXO at LBNC, but instead state that no UXO has been found or is expected to be found at LBNC. Extra review will go into future documents to make sure the UXO issue is accurately reflected.

Mr. Cooley stated that he heard on the radio that the military sites throughout the nation are the dirtiest sites that need to be cleaned up. Mr. Essington said that the problems in Long Beach are much less than other sites throughout the nation. Mr. Cooley added that his understanding was that the Navy ships off-loaded ammunitions at Seal Beach and then came into Long Beach. Mr. Macchiarella indicated that this was correct. Mr. Essington said that across the country, UXO has been found wherever there is dredging around past military facilities.

Mr. Macchiarella continued with an update on IR Sites 8, 10, and 11. These IR sites were grouped together when the RI was done. These were sites with the least potential problems. The Draft FS is currently being reviewed by the regulatory agencies. The Draft FS suggests groundwater monitoring and institutional controls. This set of sites in the lowest priority, because it has the lowest risk and the future use is not an immediate need.

Mr. Cooley stated that IR Site 10 is very close to Building 300, which is also close to IR Site 11. The Police were going to use Building 300, and now another entity is using the facility. How do the sites relate to people working at Building 300. Mr. Macchiarella stated that the risk at these site is within the EPA acceptable range, so it is safe for people to work at Building 300.

Mr. Macchiarella stated that IR Sites 9, 12, and 13 are also in the Draft FS phase. The Draft FS is currently being reviewed by the regulatory agencies. Once the FS is completed, the Navy will issue the PP and hold a public meeting for comments. Mr. Macchiarella will mail a copy of the Draft FS to the RAB review group leaders.

The Navy is currently incorporating comments on the Draft Action Memorandum (AM) for IR Site 14. It is expected to be signed in January 2000. Field work is anticipated to start shortly thereafter.

Mr. Klock asked for a description of IR Site 14. Mr. Macchiarella stated that it was a former dry-cleaning facility. Mr. Klock asked which site contains the NEX Gas Station. Mr. Macchiarella stated that the NEX Gas Station is not part of the IR Program, it is part of the compliance program. The tanks have been removed and cleanup is underway. The concern at the NEX Gas Station is groundwater, and the Navy is using an ex-situ bio-remediation treatment system to treat the groundwater. The RWQCB is the lead regulatory agency for this site.

Mr. Cooley asked if the Navy is doing anything with the hoists in the hobby shop. Mr. Macchiarella stated that they are packaged with other projects, and are being addressed.

### **Presentation of the Early Transfer for Parcel No. 1 at LBNC**

Mr. Hill the Deputy Base Closure Manager, SWDIV, presented an update of the disposal and reuse of Parcel No. 1 at LBNC. Mr. Hill stated that he works on closure issues for SWDIV. He provided an overview of the recent actions at LBNC.

Mr. Hill stated the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) and the Environmental Response Obligation Addendum (EROA) for LBCN are currently being finalized. The RODs for IR Sites 1 and 2 and the AM for IR Site 14 need to be signed before the entire Covenant Deferral Request (CDR) package can be forwarded to the Governor. The boundaries for the Early

Transfer are all of NAVSTA Main Base, the Mole (except the Fuel Pier), 75 acres of LBNSY, Site 6A (Long Beach portion), and a 100-foot annulus within IR Site 7.

Mr. Klock asked when the CDR package would reach the Governor. Mr. Hill stated that once the RODs and AM are signed, the CDR package will be processed through Navy headquarters and approved by the Deputy Secretary of the Navy before it can be sent to the Governor: approximately 1.5 months. In addition, the state needs to prepare negative declarations for IR Sites 1, 2, and 14 and there are some other agreements between the Navy and state that will need to be finalized.

Mr. Hargrove asked about the date for the remainder for LBNC. Mr. Hill stated that the Navy does not have a schedule yet, but the remainder will also go as an Early Transfer. Once the first Early Transfer is completed, the Navy will begin working on the remainder.

Mr. Thorpe asked if the EROA and FOSET were available for viewing. Mr. Hill stated that they were in the Information Repository. However, the public comment period has closed.

Mr. Klock stated that he thought the Early Transfer meant that the POLB would pick up the tab for the cleanup of that area. Mr. Macchiarella clarified that an Early Transfer does not mean that the person taking the property will pay for the cleanup. Only a portion of IR Site 7 is being paid for by the POLB.

Mr. Klock then asked about the purpose of the Early Transfer. Mr. Hill stated that the purpose of the Early Transfer is to give title of the property to the POLB prior to environmental cleanup. This entitles the POLB to certain advantages. This also fulfills some of the goals of BRAC.

A member of the audience asked who now has the 15-acre area that was going to be previously used by the police department. Mr. Hill stated that the City Council voted to give this area to the POLB. The same member of the audience asked if the Navy is always responsible for the cleanup of the LBNC property. Mr. Hill stated that the Navy is always responsible for contamination that is found in the future that is unknown at this time, and was caused by the Navy's former use of LBNC. However, the parties may agree to adjust responsibility for environmental remediation.

Mr. Cooley stated that when the Navy is cleaning up LBNC, then the Navy is paying for the clean up. When the POLB agrees to pay for the clean up, then it seems that the people of Long Beach are paying for the clean up. Mr. Hargrove stated that if the POLB can do the clean up quickly, then they can make more money and this will cost the tax payers less. Mr. Hausladen added that the Early Transfer is a way to move the process along more quickly. The POLB asked to do this because they can do the cleanup faster and more efficiently. This will probably save tax dollars in the long run. Ms. Vargas added that the RAB's role is in respect to the remediation of the site, and that should be kept in mind when speaking about the Early Transfer.

A member of the audience added that this may work as long as it is done right the first time, there can be no mistakes.

Mr. Klock asked how the Least Tern project was proceeding. Mr. Johnson stated that the POLB has constructed a replacement area on the Pier 400 trans-corridor area. The area is 25 acres and

new sand has been brought into this area. The POLB hired a biologist to help set up this area. The POLB is currently preparing a report on the project.

### **Open Forum for RAB Members and Members of the Audience**

Mr. Macchiarella reminded the RAB that they can give agenda items to either Ms. Vargas or Mr. Macchiarella before the next RAB meeting.

Ms. Rich pointed out that there is a handout that contains all the contacts for LBNC.

Having no additional comments, the RAB meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

The next LBNC RAB meeting is scheduled for **19 January 2000** at the City of Long Beach Gas Department.

*These minutes were recorded by Michelle Gallice Sondrup of CDM Federal Programs Corporation acting as the RAB Technical Support at 858-268-3383, and reviewed and approved by all members of the Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).*

*Approved meeting minutes for the LBNC RAB can be found at:*

- (1) The LBNC Information Repository located at the Long Beach Public Library, Government Publications Department; and*
- (2) The Internet at the Southwest Division Naval Facilities Command Web page at <http://www.efdsw.navfac.navy.mil/DEP/ENV/default.htm> - SWDIV Point of Contact: Mr. Lee Saunders (619) 532-3100.*

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MEETING NOTICE**

To All RAB Members and interested parties:

**We regret to inform you that the LBNC RAB meeting scheduled for 15 September 1999 has been cancelled** due to an insufficient number of agenda/action items. The next Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) RAB meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 17 November 1999 at 6:30 P.M.** A meeting notice reminder will be mailed with the new RAB location (see below) prior to the upcoming 17 November 1999 meeting.

Since our last meeting, the City of Long Beach has informed the Navy that the building at 200 Pine Street is not compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act (AWDA) and, therefore, can no longer be used for public meetings. Once again, we are looking for a new location. Attached is a list of locations that Ms. Michelle Gallice has contacted. Cal-EPA DTSC has kindly offered the use of their facility, which is located in Cypress (about 20 minutes from downtown Long Beach). If you have any suggestions in addition to the attached list, or would like to advocate the use of the DTSC facility, please contact Ms. Gallice at 858-268-3383.

A reminder to all RAB members, comments on the Site Specific Environmental Baseline Survey (SSEBS), Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET), and Environmental Response Obligation Addendum (EROA) for LBNC are due by 24 September 1999. They can be mailed or faxed to the person listed below.

If you have any questions or comments about the LBNC RAB, please feel free to contact:

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