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GUTIERREZ-PALMENBERG, INC. (GPI):

DAN CLAMAY

MICHAEL STONE

GUESTS:

MICHAEL JAMES

LOREN SANBORN

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. I think we will get
2 started.

3 Welcome to our December Restoration Advisory
4 Board meeting. We kind of started, I guess, kind of a
5 tradition last year when we met here at the Admiral
6 Nimitz House.

7 As most of you, well, as all of you know, we
8 generally meet at the Casa de la Vista over on Treasure
9 Island.

10 But we thought, as a change of pace, we would
11 do something special for Christmas, that we would meet
12 here at the Nimitz House. It worked out well last year
13 and we decided to try it again.

14 I hope none of you had difficulty getting down
15 here. I know it's a little darker here on Yerba Buena
16 Island, and a little hard to find things on the windy
17 roads. It's not quite as laid out on a grid as Treasure
18 Island. I hope everybody got here okay.

19 Just for those, just for your background, this
20 is actually the second oldest building on the Navy base

1 right now. This was built in either 1900 or 1901, so
2 it's just about 100 years old either way.

3 It was built as the commandant of the naval
4 training station. Originally, way before Treasure
5 Island was built, the Navy established a naval training
6 station here on Yerba Buena Island in about 1898, and so
7 this was one of the early buildings built, and then the
8 main training station and buildings were down on the
9 flat area where some of you may have parked out in that
10 broad area there, with all the main buildings of the
11 naval training station.

12 The naval training station operated until about
13 1923 when it moved to San Diego. And then the Naval
14 Station existed here up until World War II. And then
15 the Navy started operating out of Treasure Island, but
16 also continued to operate out of Yerba Buena Island.
17 YBI took a little more of a back seat and became more
18 residential in nature, as most facilities moved to
19 Treasure Island.

20 The only building on the Navy base that's older

1 than this is the Army torpedo building, which is not
2 accessible. It's way at the east end of the island
3 here. It was last used as an old warehouse. That was
4 built in about 1891.

5 MS. SMITH: I walked through it.

6 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes. Sometimes with the
7 CalTrans work, the roadway there has been closed off.

8 So this was later used for the admirals who
9 worked on Treasure Island or in the area. It was last
10 occupied by the commander in San Francisco, who was the
11 head admiral for the Bay Area here.

12 And then since the base has been closed, the
13 building has just been used for special events like
14 this.

15 There is also six other quarters, not quite as
16 big as this one, but a pretty good size right down the
17 road here. So there is quarters 1 through 7.

18 The reason it's called the Admiral Nimitz
19 House, Admiral Nimitz, the head of the Pacific Fleet
20 during World War II, he retired to the Bay Area after

1 World War II.

2 And then as he was getting older, the Navy
3 invited him to live here on Yerba Buena Island in this
4 house. And he lived here from 1963 until he passed away
5 in 1966. He is buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery
6 over in San Bruno. So it's been called the Nimitz House
7 ever since.

8 All of you should have an agenda. There is
9 additional copies of the agenda in the back there.

10 Are there any comments concerning tonight's
11 agenda?

12 (No response.)

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: The next item is public
14 comment.

15 I guess we had two visitors. Did they leave?

16 MS. HARRIS: Yes, they left.

17 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. I'm sorry they
18 didn't stay longer. I wanted an opportunity to welcome
19 them.

20 But we do have a public comment period at the

1 beginning of each meeting.

2 I hope to see more residents of the island,
3 people who work on the island, anybody interested in the
4 island to attend more meetings. Some members of the
5 public here we would like to see more often.

6 So, hopefully, we can start to feel more
7 recognition among the residents here on the island and
8 see more attendance at the meetings. There is not a
9 requirement to be a regular member. These are all
10 public meetings. Anyone can attend, and are welcome to
11 attend, as often or as little as they would like. There
12 is no necessity for actually becoming a member.

13 So there being no public comment, we also have,
14 well, we have used this as a quick announcement period.

15 Is there any announcements we want to make up
16 front in the meeting?

17 Dale?

18 MS. SMITH: Pat said she was going to make a
19 comment on the DOD.

20 MS. NELSON: Right.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: I got that listed on the
2 agenda.

3 MS. SMITH: No problem.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Great.

5 Well, the first item, and I'm just going to do
6 this informally, is to talk about our fiscal year 2001
7 program. Since we are in -- well, we are in December
8 now. We are actually in the third month of the federal
9 fiscal year, which will end the end of September of next
10 year.

11 And I want to talk about some of the major
12 activities that we are conducting this year.

13 Our two main contractors, who most of you are
14 familiar with, are Tetra tech, doing our engineering and
15 planning; and IT Corporation, who does the actual
16 remediation type work for Tetra Tech.

17 For the planning portion of the program this
18 year, our goal is to complete the remedial
19 investigations and the corrective action plans for the
20 major sites.

1 As you know, we have 25 IR sites. 16 of those
2 are CERCLA sites, which need to have a completed
3 remedial investigation. The other nine sites are
4 petroleum sites, which end with a corrective action
5 plan.

6 So our goal in 2001 is to move ahead with the
7 remedial investigation. We should be pretty far along
8 in the remedial investigation by the end of the calendar
9 year.

10 MS. DEMETRIOS: Yes.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: And then we will be moving
12 into the feasibility study, and then eventually the
13 record of decision and state remedial action plan. And
14 that's the end point of the documentation portion for a
15 CERCLA site.

16 We also have a number of sites, or a couple of
17 sites that we are proposing no further action on. And
18 so some sites will end, a number of the 16 CERCLA IR
19 sites will end with a no further action when we
20 determine that no cleanup action is necessary.

1 And then the rest of them will move on through
2 the end of the completion of the RI, the feasibility
3 study, and the RAP and the ROD. So those are the 16
4 CERCLA sites.

5 But, we are still, even though we are
6 completing the investigation phase of those CERCLA
7 sites, we are still, we are conducting some cleanup
8 actions in the CERCLA sites. As most of you are
9 familiar, we have conducted now three removal actions at
10 the north end of the base in the Site 12 area.

11 We originally did the 1207/1209 soil removal.
12 We did a soil removal in Building 1133. And we are in
13 the completion -- well, we completed the soil removal in
14 the former storage yard for PCBs. We are in the site
15 restoration phase of that project. The soil removal has
16 been completed. We are moving to restore the site, as
17 well as looking at some other, closing out some other
18 issues that are related to that project.

19 But we also plan to conduct additional removal
20 actions or remedies within the Site 12 area during

1 fiscal year 2001.

2 We made, in conjunction with the regulatory
3 agencies and the city, we are proposing, we will be
4 proposing to, in place of completing a ROD, to, instead,
5 go ahead and conduct interim cleanup actions that would
6 then serve as the final remedy so that we would, rather
7 than wait, and it looks like some of our records of
8 decision, that we may not have those completed until
9 very late in the calendar year 2002, about two years
10 from now.

11 We would, instead, in advance of that record of
12 decision, conduct cleanup action as necessary in advance
13 of the record of decision. So that by the time we got
14 to the record of decision, if the remedy is done
15 appropriately as the final action, then when we get to
16 the record of decision, there is no further work to be
17 done.

18 MS. SMITH: And what sites are those, just
19 briefly?

20 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, this would be

1 anything in relation to Site 12.

2 MS. SMITH: Okay.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: And right now, we have four
4 debris areas of concern. We have gone over these in
5 some previous meetings:

6 Area A; Area B; Building 1207, 1209, even
7 though we took an interim action, it looks like there is
8 some additional soil work to be done there; and in
9 Building 1231 and 1233; and any adjacent areas that
10 require a remedy.

11 So we would take those actions during 2001
12 rather than wait to complete a ROD.

13 Yes, Natasha?

14 MS. HARRIS: As far as Building 1211 is
15 concerned, has there been any additional meetings or
16 anything that you guys have come up with as far as
17 removing the soil, or whatever your action plan is going
18 to be, in regards to that building? Because the one
19 building, I think, that's occupied, is the building that
20 I live in.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Right.

2 We have had a number of meetings, actually
3 quite a few meetings related to not only 1211, but the
4 rest of the Site 12 area.

5 What you will probably see as a resident in a
6 letter fairly soon is the Navy at this point, and
7 everything we do is in conjunction with the regulatory
8 agencies, the city, as well as gathering input from, you
9 know, the public and particularly people who are
10 affected by the action, such as yourself and the other
11 residents of 1211, but it's likely that the Navy
12 proposal will be to maintain the interim measures, the
13 sodding, and then go through a period where we look at
14 different alternatives, and everyone has an opportunity
15 to look at them and comment, and then we would select a
16 remedy, and then that work would be conducted beginning
17 in about the June time frame.

18 So that's our proposal.

19 Now, we haven't finalized that discussion, and,
20 obviously, you're hearing it in advance of drafting a

1 letter to the residents.

2 MS. HARRIS: Because I know back in September,
3 I think that's when we had our first meeting. We, just
4 like you had just said, the sod wasn't an intermediary
5 type of remedy, and you're still saying four months
6 later that it is still intermediary.

7 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Inter-measures.

8 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

9 So, basically, there has been no progress
10 that's been made.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, the progress that's
12 been made, we are looking to come up with a solution for
13 all of the area and conduct it all at once, and provide
14 a range of alternatives that both the regulatory
15 agencies, the city, the residents -- and residents can
16 comment on. And that process will take -- the draft of
17 alternatives would be available probably in February?

18 MS. DEMETRIOS: Yes.

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Of this year, well, two
20 months from now. That would be alternatives that the

1 residents and everyone else involved would have an
2 opportunity to look at and comment on.

3 So we are looking, we are taking the time to
4 study different alternatives to make sure that we are
5 providing a good range of alternatives rather than just
6 to go in there and start digging up soil.

7 MS. HARRIS: You guys are going to have the
8 alternatives ready in February?

9 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes.

10 In fact, we are working on that. We are
11 starting on that in the beginning of the month of
12 January.

13 In fact, we had a meeting today to look at,
14 kind of start to have a brainstorm session of looking at
15 different alternatives.

16 And so we are going to firm those up into a
17 document that would be then available to go out for
18 public review towards the end of February.

19 MS. HARRIS: But you said you will not be
20 actually carrying out whatever the alternatives are

1 until June, so that's almost eight months from when you
2 guys found out about this problem.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, it's part of the
4 federal CERCLA process that requires that we have to
5 take a series of steps.

6 Part of that step in looking at these
7 alternatives is to provide a comment period, which is a
8 minimum of 30 days, and then we have to collect
9 comments, evaluate them, and then go through a process
10 of making the final selection of the cleanup remedy
11 which would, we would be doing sometime in May.

12 And then we would be able to get out into the
13 field in June.

14 And, of course, we would start the work in
15 those areas that ought to be done first, like Building
16 1211. In fact, I would say that's the first area we
17 would work on.

18 MS. HARRIS: In June?

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: In June.

20 Now, that's a proposal. We haven't gone out

1 with a letter to the residents yet. We are still in
2 discussion with the city and the regulatory agencies,
3 but that's the direction we are heading in right now.

4 MS. HARRIS: And speaking of the letters, we
5 were supposed to receive letters each month updating us
6 on the status of what is going on.

7 We haven't received any letters since the first
8 one. Are you going to start sending these letters
9 again?

10 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes. Actually, we realize
11 that.

12 We are intending to send the letter out within
13 the next few weeks just after the first of the year to
14 apprise the residents.

15 MS. HARRIS: And will you continue to send
16 letters each month like you initially promised at the
17 community meeting?

18 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: If that would serve the
19 needs of the residents, there may be, you know, there
20 may be some month, 30-day periods when -- I think I

1 would leave it up to the residents, if the residents
2 would like to receive a monthly letter.

3 MS. HARRIS: Actually, that's what we had
4 decided in September. You agreed to send out letters
5 each month to keep us apprised of what's going on with
6 the situation, being that, you know, we don't know
7 what's really going on.

8 Unfortunately, I'm here to kind of get an idea
9 of what you're doing. But we don't have any information
10 of what's going on in our homes.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. Well, I think that's
12 a valid point.

13 MS. NELSON: Who is responsible for sending out
14 the notices, or the updates, the letters?

15 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: The Navy.

16 MS. NELSON: Okay.

17 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: It would be us.

18 MS. NELSON: So it doesn't go to the Stewart
19 Company and they distribute it or something?

20 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, we work with the

1 Stewart Company, since they are the housing manager.

2 But because we are the property owner, the
3 letters have been coming directly from the Navy.

4 MS. HARRIS: I would appreciate a letter even
5 if nothing has happened that month just to let me know
6 that you guys are concerned about us that month, or
7 whatever, or you haven't had an opportunity to have a
8 meeting; something saying that.

9 MS. NELSON: Are we the -- we -- our activities
10 a regular topic at a monthly meeting that the residents
11 have?

12 MR. RIST: Yes.

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Sure.

14 MS. NELSON: I'm sorry. I'm Pat Nelson. I'm
15 with the community RAB.

16 I want to be sure I understand.

17 MR. RIST: Yes. I wanted to add, to address
18 your earlier question, we went through the process of
19 evaluating whether or not the sod would be an effective
20 barrier for a period of months. We did that in

1 consultation with many toxicologists and looked at how
2 the city proposed to maintain the sod along with the
3 Navy, and to ensure that the residents weren't going to
4 be exposed in some way.

5 And after going through that lengthy evaluation
6 and discussion process, and what we have done at other
7 locations, at other sites, we determined that given what
8 they would be doing to maintain it, we could live with
9 that.

10 MS. HARRIS: Doing what to maintain that?

11 MR. RIST: The city and the Navy to maintain
12 the sod, to inspect it on a regular basis is what we had
13 been told.

14 MS. HARRIS: My sod hasn't been inspected.
15 It's the same thing. They were supposed to mow the
16 lawn, John Stewart or someone was supposed to maintain
17 the lawn, but I have been doing it myself.

18 MR. RIST: So it hasn't been happening.

19 MS. HARRIS: No. Grass grows pretty fast out
20 here. It would be pretty bad looking.

1 No, nobody has come to check on the status of
2 our sod.

3 MR. RIST: Okay. No watering?

4 MS. HARRIS: I water because I have a little
5 sprinkler thing that goes in circles.

6 MR. RIST: It sounds like something that we
7 need to revisit.

8 MS. HARRIS: They said at one time they would
9 put a hose over the back gate. That's how they were
10 going to water.

11 MS. SMITH: They were going to flood it?

12 MS. HARRIS: They were just going to literally
13 place the hose over the back gate to water the lawn.

14 MR. RIST: Who said that?

15 MS. HARRIS: This was information that I got
16 from John Stewart.

17 April called me and said that that's how they
18 were going to water it, since people aren't always home
19 during the day.

20 I know they come on Wednesdays to mow the front

1 lawn.

2 MR. RIST: They don't take care of the back?

3 MS. HARRIS: No. I have a little sprinkler
4 that I throw out.

5 MR. RIST: So we need to revisit this issue,
6 the Navy and the agencies, immediately, it sounds like.

7 MS. NELSON: The city?

8 MR. RIST: No. They were part of the agreement
9 to maintain it.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Stewart.

11 MS. HARRIS: They were borrowing my little,
12 what is it, shrubbery. It's not a lawn mower.

13 MS. SMITH: Weed whacker.

14 MS. HARRIS: Weed whacker. I don't even know
15 what it's called. I only know what it looks like.

16 MS. NELSON: It's an arm that goes
17 (indicating).

18 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

19 MS. SMITH: And it has a string on it. It's
20 called a string mower.

1 MR. RIST: That's something I'm glad you
2 brought that up to our attention, because that's
3 something we need to revisit right away. That's not
4 okay.

5 We were under the impression that it was being
6 evaluated, watered and taken care of. If that's not the
7 case, something needs to be adjusted.

8 And then to answer your second question, the
9 focus of our meetings since September has been Site 12.

10 There has been work on the petroleum sites
11 carried out by Sarah and the other folks, but the rest
12 of the team has really focused on Site 12, specifically,
13 to get to a remedy and solution to these outstanding
14 areas of Site 12, as soon as possible.

15 That means evaluating risk based on current
16 information, time frames, everything. It's just been
17 meeting after meeting, just really trying to get to the
18 bottom line, what we have to do out here and how fast.

19 MS. NELSON: Are all the units leased?

20 MR. RIST: No.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: In the housing area?

2 MS. NELSON: Yes.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Throughout the housing
4 area?

5 MS. HARRIS: Our building, particularly.

6 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: It's probably about 600 and
7 some odd that are leased at this time, about two-thirds.

8 MS. NELSON: A third not leased?

9 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes.

10 MS. SMITH: Did the residents get notification
11 about the offshore problem, the bulge, is that what they
12 got notification of two months ago?

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: No. This is all
14 concerning --

15 MS. SMITH: There is an extraneous dump that
16 occurred off the island. We thought there might be
17 something that was thought to be hazardous.

18 MS. HARRIS: To 1211?

19 MS. SMITH: No. It's off the island.

20 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: There's an area offshore in

1 the water where we had detected a little bit of, I
2 think, lead and a couple of other constituents.

3 MS. DEMETRIOS: Nothing offshore.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Nothing detected offshore?

5 That's why we are actually going back offshore.

6 This was all in the water.

7 MS. SMITH: Well, no. It was detected
8 offshore, I believe.

9 MS. DEMETRIOS: Yes. There are a couple of
10 samples but not the density people were looking for.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: We didn't have enough data
12 and that's why we are going back out there. This is all
13 in the water over here (indicating).

14 We have an investigation site that covers the
15 offshore area all the way around both islands. That's
16 due to, primarily due to the fact you have stormwater
17 outfalls that run directly into the bay, and anything
18 that washes off the street -- a vehicle, oil and grit
19 and that -- may go into the bay.

20 But that's, I think, what we are talking about,

1 Dale --

2 MS. SMITH: So you don't notify them about
3 everything. You just notify them about site specific
4 issues.

5 MS. HARRIS: They don't notify us about
6 anything. That's the point.

7 MS. SMITH: Well, yes, and checking the sod,
8 that's a further point.

9 You only notify them, the agreement was just to
10 notify them about Site 12 activities.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, part of the process
12 for public participation is the Restoration Advisory
13 Board.

14 So as you know, we go over the whole program in
15 the course of these meetings over the month, and we have
16 notified the residents and other people who work here on
17 the island of our meeting dates.

18 MS. SMITH: I'm talking about the letter.

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: But in terms of the letter,
20 I think what we are talking about here is that Building

1 1211, which is located approximately here (indicating),
2 this is adjacent to Buildings 1207/1209, and we had
3 conducted some sampling in the backyards back in the
4 September time frame.

5 We had detected lead in the backyards of some
6 of these buildings, some of these units of Building
7 1211. And then we called the residents into a meeting
8 and gave them the results.

9 And the Navy, the regulatory agencies, the
10 city, made the decision we would go ahead and sod the
11 backyards, provide a cover while we are preparing the
12 final remedy to come in.

13 MS. SMITH: But then I'm asking about the
14 letter that Natasha said hasn't been arriving on a
15 regular basis.

16 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, this is a letter
17 specifically addressed to their building, 1211.

18 MS. SMITH: So it doesn't cover other things
19 happening, necessarily, in Site 12. It's specific to
20 their building.

1 MR. RIST: Correct.

2 The other thing that we have done recently is
3 develop an outline for a quarterly newsletter that was
4 going to all residents and all occupants, actually, to
5 notify them of the environmental activities.

6 And then we are also going to have a Site 12
7 specific fact sheet that lays out, and probably in some
8 sort of a regular update to keep them informed of any
9 activities that would be going on, either close to a
10 specific building or even site wide.

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So we are working to
12 provide a number of publications.

13 Actually, there is one going out, I think, in
14 the mail today. And that's on the flier that's going to
15 all of the residents concerning the fencing that we are
16 putting up in the vacant areas of Site 12.

17 That is a one-page fact sheet that is going out
18 to all the residents either today or in the mail
19 tomorrow. There are copies at the back there if you
20 want to pick one up.

1 MS. NELSON: Is that also sent to the RAB
2 members so that we know?

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes. I think we could
4 probably include the RAB members on the mailing list
5 directly for the fact sheets.

6 We can do that for this flier. This one we
7 just mailed out, we are in the process of mailing out to
8 the residents.

9 But anything we hand out at the meeting
10 tonight, we can incorporate into the mailer that goes
11 out to everyone that's on the RAB mailing list.

12 MS. SMITH: That would be good.

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So in terms -- maybe just
14 to kind of summarize -- in terms of the fiscal year '01
15 program, we are working on completing the, moving ahead
16 with the documentation on the CERCLA sites. However, we
17 are focusing on Site 12 as one of the CERCLA sites that
18 we would be conducting interim actions, interim cleanups
19 that would be designed to serve as the final cleanup.
20 We would be going ahead and doing that in 2001 to

1 expedite that.

2 That's not the only site we are doing that on.

3 We are also going to be conducting some interim
4 actions of a number of our petroleum sites as part of
5 our 2001 program. Those would include the fuel line
6 areas.

7 So this would be the cleanup work that would
8 start during 2001.

9 It may not be completed during the year, but we
10 have awarded contracts to start the work this year.

11 And that would include the fuel lines that run
12 in various locations around the island; not all sections
13 of the island need cleanup, but some do.

14 Also, the old gas station, which probably
15 people have seen. There is a small fuel farm and gas
16 station located over here (indicating). That's Sites 14
17 and 22. We will start cleanup there.

18 And also in this area, Site 25, the old
19 seaplane maintenance building that surrounds Building 2.
20 That's another one of our more significant petroleum

1 sites.

2 MS. SMITH: What about that site that's just
3 over on YBI?

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Actually, that's also --
5 and these sites, the fuel line, the old fuel farm and
6 gas station, Site 25, also possibly some areas on the
7 Coast Guard base that were formerly part of the fuel
8 line, Navy fuel lines that were on the Coast Guard base.
9 We are still working with the Coast Guard on that.

10 That would be, those groups of cleanups would
11 be more oriented towards groundwater treatment, and in
12 situ, in the ground treatment of soil.

13 We also have another set of petroleum sites
14 that we will be starting on this year that will probably
15 involve more soil, actual soil removal.

16 Those would include, as pointed out, Site 16
17 over here (indicating), which really just looks like it
18 has kind of a thin layer of petroleum soil at the
19 surface.

20 MS. SMITH: It's just heavily used by people.

1 Tourists come over. I see them all the time.

2 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: It's been blocked off.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: This area has been blocked
4 off.

5 MS. SMITH: Well, it has been blocked off.

6 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: For a long time now.

7 MS. SMITH: Yes, but it's an attractive
8 nuisance.

9 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: It is an attractive
10 nuisance.

11 MS. SMITH: Because somehow it attracts people.
12 I see people down on the shoreline. I don't know how
13 they get in there.

14 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, you will see people
15 down there, because anybody with a boat, they take their
16 dinghy, or they swim, they go out to the beach here
17 (indicating).

18 MS. SMITH: Yes.

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: But this area is actually,
20 this park area here is actually closed off. That's

1 where Site 16 is located.

2 It's really not a major site. It doesn't look
3 like very much soil removal will be necessary there. So
4 that's one of them, will be soil removal.

5 Also, Site 15, which is in this area here
6 (indicating).

7 Site 6, which is the old fire fighting school
8 over here (indicating).

9 And then Site 20, which is the . . .

10 MS. SMITH: Hobby shop?

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Hobby shop. That's what it
12 was. It was originally a maintenance shop. That's why
13 the fuel was there. It was last used as an automobile
14 hobby shop by the Navy, and that's located here
15 (indicating).

16 As well as a couple of USTs. Those will be
17 more soil removal related cleanups.

18 And that would be the bulk of our program for
19 2001, to move ahead with the documentation, conduct a
20 number of petroleum cleanups, and focus our efforts here

1 on Site 12.

2 And that constitutes about a \$30 million
3 program for 2001.

4 And then there will be a follow-on program in
5 2002, that we would, where we would award contracts for
6 cleanup of the remaining sites.

7 MS. HARRIS: On the fences that you're going to
8 be installing, is there going to be a notice as to why
9 there is fences there?

10 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, that's part of the
11 fact sheet. We talk about the fact that these are areas
12 where debris, we've identified where debris disposal had
13 occurred, and we previously sampled these areas. We
14 feel it's appropriate to fence them off in order to, for
15 us to continue with the investigation and cleanup of the
16 area.

17 MR. SCHALIT: Jim, that's not the question she
18 asked.

19 The question she asked was whether the notice
20 on the fence --

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Oh, I'm sorry.

2 MS. HARRIS: Some people aren't going to get
3 them.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: I'm sorry.

5 Yes. There is a sign that will be placed at
6 intervals on the fence. I think we end up with about
7 20, 24 signs. So it will be evident to anybody
8 approaching the fence from any direction.

9 And it will say -- and I think Steve is
10 probably looking for --

11 MR. EDDE: I am looking for the sign.

12 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: But it says something to
13 the effect: Investigation area. Keep out.

14 And there will be Steve's telephone number is
15 on there as the Navy's point of contact; as well as a
16 number for the Department of Toxic Substances Control as
17 a point of contact.

18 So there is a warning sign to keep out with two
19 telephone numbers.

20 MS. HARRIS: And it will say something about it

1 is a hazard, it may be a hazard to someone or something.

2 MR. RIST: The sign will read: Caution. Area
3 under environmental investigation for hazardous
4 substances. Unauthorized persons keep out. Or for more
5 information, contact the Navy or Cal-EPA.

6 MS. HARRIS: Okay.

7 MR. EDDE: Dave has memorized it. Good God.

8 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: And then we are looking at
9 putting up a supplemental sign. That's like the
10 official sign.

11 And then there may be a supplemental sign that
12 might provide a little bit more detailed information
13 about maybe something will be updated periodically,
14 planned cleanup activities, or planned in the year 2001,
15 or maybe provide some other information.

16 MS. SMITH: I know the Army has put up signs
17 saying what the chemicals of concern are, or what the
18 general ones are, which you might consider, because PCBs
19 and PAHs are pretty serious things.

20 MR. RIST: That's in the flier.

1 MS. SMITH: But the flier isn't going to be on
2 the fence.

3 Somebody just walking isn't going to have the
4 flier in their hand.

5 There are two approaches that need to be -- and
6 you haven't completed renting all the housing. Will
7 those people necessarily get the fliers when they move
8 in? They may not.

9 But a sign on the fences saying PAHs, PCBs,
10 lead contamination, stay out, that's a sobering thought
11 to people. The Army puts those signs up. They have put
12 them on Angel Island and they have done it at the
13 Presidio.

14 MR. EDDE: Is there a welcoming packet for new
15 residents?

16 MS. HARRIS: There is a welcoming packet, along
17 with about 1,000 different pages, there is a lot of
18 pages of information.

19 MR. EDDE: Is that right?

20 MS. HARRIS: I'm sure they are not going to go

1 and read this whole document.

2 MR. EDDE: Well, we can ask the John Stewart
3 Company to include the documentation that the Navy puts
4 out with the welcoming packet, at least so it's there.

5 MR. SCHALIT: And a cover sheet saying
6 something that would catch more attention, like
7 environmental investigations, in large type.

8 MS. SMITH: On red paper.

9 MR. SCHALIT: Or orange.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I appreciate your concerns,
11 but most kids take that as a sign to see what's going
12 on.

13 MR. SCHALIT: Yes.

14 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: The signs on the fence, a
15 lot of times when you start trying to, you may stop and
16 think about it, but a lot of kids say: Well, I'm going
17 to go see what that's about.

18 MS. SMITH: Well, that's what I'm saying. It
19 encourages them.

20 When I was on Mare Island, they had signs that

1 didn't say what was the exposure. It made everybody,
2 including adults, very curious. Instead of cautioning
3 us, we were suddenly, why is this an off place? Why
4 can't we go in here? It's by the cemetery.

5 MR. RIST: Well, we began with the statute in
6 law.

7 I appreciate what your concern is, we will
8 address that, possibly to have a second sign that calls
9 out a little more some of the concerns, and some ways
10 for more information as well.

11 But we haven't arrived at what to do there yet.
12 I understand what you're saying.

13 MS. HARRIS: Where will these fences be in
14 relation to Building 1211?

15 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, Building 1207/1209
16 area would be within the fenced area.

17 So the fence will be adjacent to, will be at
18 Building 1209 adjacent to 1211.

19 In fact, the sketch, maybe a little . . .

20 MS. SMITH: It's hard to see.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: The graphic on the flier
2 there shows the locations of the fences.

3 MR. RIST: I think we're going to run, Natasha,
4 from the corner of Building 1209 directly to the back
5 fence behind the building.

6 I don't think there is going to be a fence
7 between 1209 and 1211 and then from the point 1211 and
8 the back fence.

9 I believe it's going to be the corner of 1209
10 to the back fence.

11 So you will have grass out away from the
12 building should you need to go out.

13 But I'm not certain. That could be the other
14 way, too.

15 MS. SMITH: You're saying you're basically
16 going to fence off her backyard as well.

17 MR. RIST: Well, the end of it.

18 MS. SMITH: Okay.

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: The intent, we have to keep
20 the egress from the occupied residents.

1 MS. SMITH: Yes.

2 MR. RIST: The intent of the fence was to
3 generally break up the flow of traffic, foot traffic,
4 through these areas and keep people out of certain
5 areas. So that would deter anybody from generally
6 walking behind. You will see they can't continue on.
7 So they will have to come back out to the street.

8 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Any other comments or
9 questions?

10 (No response.)

11 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: In terms of field
12 activities that are going on right now, this month and
13 next month, we, of course, have what we are calling
14 interim measures. That would be the installation of the
15 fencing, and, you know, as Natasha pointed out, the
16 maintenance of the sod, which we are going to look into.

17 Any interim measures, anything related to that
18 in the Site 12 area.

19 And then we are also still doing some work in
20 the former storage yard area with site restoration, as

1 well as some additional sampling.

2 And then we are starting some product recovery,
3 some fuel recovery, floating fuel, in the Site 15 area
4 here (indicating), the fuel line, in the fuel line area
5 (indicating). So that work will be starting within the
6 next month. And then we have also -- and that's all
7 being done by IT, our remedial contractor.

8 And then Tetra Tech, we have been installing
9 some wells at various locations along the perimeter of
10 the island for our tidal study. And we will be
11 continuing to work on those wells and take measurements
12 from them next month and over the next several months.

13 We are also going to be doing a soil gas
14 investigation in this corner of the island here
15 (indicating), where we had previously detected methane
16 gas in the soil. So we will be doing further
17 investigation to characterize that.

18 We are also doing some, in the same area of the
19 former storage yard, we are conducting some additional
20 indoor air monitoring for PCBs in the vacant buildings

1 there.

2 We have completed the soil removal, but we did
3 detect some PCBs in the indoor air. Of course,
4 detectable doesn't necessarily mean that there is an
5 issue. It just means you are able to detect it with
6 instruments at pretty low levels.

7 So we are going back to conduct some additional
8 air monitoring to compare that with the results that we
9 have previously gotten, as well as to sample additional
10 vacant buildings in the area.

11 MS. SMITH: Those buildings don't, I don't
12 recall those buildings being terribly significant in
13 terms of usage.

14 Do you suspect that future users would tear
15 them down and build something else on the site?

16 I mean, it's not like the hospital or the
17 medical clinic, which was a really cool building and
18 valuable.

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: You're talking about the
20 whole island in general?

1 MS. SMITH: No, no, no. I'm talking about the
2 storage yard.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, the storage yard, it
4 was a former storage yard. But it is now a residential
5 area.

6 The storage yard was there before the housing
7 was built, and then the storage yard was removed.
8 Actually, that was the very earliest housing that was
9 built, the 1100 series of housing.

10 So that's the area where we did the PCB and
11 soil removal last summer, completing the soil removal in
12 August, and then we have been continuing to complete our
13 work there along with the, including the restoration of
14 the site, putting back all the pavement and the grass.

15 MS. SMITH: Okay.

16 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Part of this was in
17 response, we asked, what about the soil that was left
18 underneath the building. We are going to do interior
19 monitoring just to be sure there is no migration.

20 MS. SMITH: Right.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Right. Exactly.

2 So those are the current field activities going
3 on this month and next month.

4 We do have a field schedule and an upcoming
5 document schedule.

6 We have kind of gone through several different
7 modifications of the document schedule in response to
8 comments in order to address comments concerning
9 information, necessary information related to the
10 upcoming documents.

11 So a number of changes in the document status
12 sheet were related to comments we received at the BCT
13 and other meetings about information, additional
14 information that would help keep track of the document
15 status and points of contact to go to.

16 Some of these are more, are really oriented
17 towards the Navy and the project team members, so CTO,
18 contract task force.

19 Probably, Virginia, if we're going to be
20 providing this at the RAB meetings, we should provide a

1 list, a glossary list at the bottom.

2 MS. DEMETRIOS: Yes.

3 MR. SCHALIT: Nathan, will any of these require
4 capital?

5 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Well, it would be nice to
6 have them available.

7 MR. SCHALIT: Well, whether it comes from the
8 EPA or whoever it comes from.

9 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, if it's a non-NPL
10 site -- the US-EPA has a separate program for NPL sites.
11 The non-NPL sites, there wasn't a program. And then,
12 later, the TAPP program was authorized to address
13 non-Superfund sites.

14 MR. EDDE: I think EPA has another program. I
15 think there is another program in EPA that Alameda
16 tapped into at one time, before it was an NPL site.

17 I will check that out to make double sure.

18 MR. SCHALIT: I heard EPA stopped it.

19 MR. EDDE: That could be.

20 MS. HARRIS: Number 10, it says for Site 12, I

1 see your name there, and it says the final draft is not
2 until the end of June.

3 So that means that it probably wouldn't start
4 until July or later, is that correct, on number 10 down
5 there?

6 MR. SCHALIT: If you're looking at number 10,
7 it says the draft final to the agencies is 4/6.

8 MS. HARRIS: 4/6. And then it says that's the
9 draft final.

10 And then the final final is 6/27.

11 MR. SCHALIT: Sure, but that's after the
12 comments that come in on the draft.

13 MS. HARRIS: So what is this final final?

14 MS. SMITH: The final document, what she's
15 asking is, when is the work going to start?

16 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

17 MR. SCHALIT: That's different.

18 What I'm saying is, if there is a draft final
19 4/6, the work has to start before then, because you
20 can't start a draft final until the work is done.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: No. Actually, that's a
2 mistake. It's a mistake.

3 MR. SCHALIT: Then get it cleared.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Actually, it's a mistake in
5 here. We are looking at it right now.

6 It wasn't supposed to be -- no. This is the
7 work plan for the cleanup. So you're right. The work
8 plan has to be done before the work can start. 6/27 is
9 not right. Something is wrong.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: You have five Site 12s on
11 here. If we want to talk about Building 1211, why don't
12 you tell us which one of the Site 12s.

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: It's all one.

14 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: There is two on the back.

15 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: There would be one single
16 work plan for Site 12 to cover all of the sites.

17 MR. SCHALIT: And when will that be due?

18 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: But you have five different
19 listings.

20 MR. RIST: As I understand it --

1 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Item 9, item 10, item 11,
2 and then on the back, you have items 1 and 3.

3 MS. NELSON: Well, it seems to me that this
4 should be considered draft.

5 MR. RIST: It looks like to me this schedule on
6 here was taken from a previous draft of the schedule we
7 got for Site 12, which is in error, and that all of the
8 work plans to address the outstanding issues in Site 12,
9 as I understand it, are going to be completed by 5/30, I
10 believe, so the beginning of June, the field work.

11 MS. HARRIS: Are we going to receive a reply?

12 MR. RIST: We ought to redistribute this.

13 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Yes. If there is an error,
14 we should redistribute this to the RAB members.

15 MS. NELSON: So the 5/30 date goes in the --

16 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So something, that whole
17 line 10, there is something wrong with the dates there.

18 So that needs to be adjusted. That's an error.
19 We need to resubmit this.

20 MS. DEMETRIOS: It wasn't an error as of

1 Monday, yesterday, but it is as of our discussion today.

2 So that's what we sent out today. It's not
3 up-to-date. The next meeting will incorporate our
4 changes we made today. It will be updated. We had some
5 discussion today that changed this.

6 MS. RAKER: It's very dynamic.

7 MS. DEMETRIOS: It's a dynamic process.

8 MR. RIST: Whatever is going on, what we are
9 trying to do is ensure that the field activities going
10 on in Site 12 begin in June, and that they are completed
11 by the end of 2001.

12 Regardless of the other things that we might
13 wind up doing in Site 12, it won't require a field
14 activity, either removal or some other type of physical
15 activity.

16 They might be addressed in another process that
17 might be reflected in this schedule and appear to be a
18 contradiction.

19 Right now, what we are really trying to do is
20 make sure that all field activities begin in June and

1 wind up in a few months after that. That's our
2 priority. That's what we discussed. We are in
3 agreement with the interim measures as they are, if we
4 work on that schedule.

5 MS. HARRIS: To backtrack a little bit, how
6 long is the sod supposed to be an effective measure,
7 interim measure?

8 MR. RIST: We wouldn't be comfortable going --

9 MS. HARRIS: If the Navy maintained it like
10 they were supposed to.

11 MR. RIST: We wouldn't be comfortable going
12 beyond the June time frame. That's sort of our window.

13 And now I have to go back and consult with some
14 folks and get together and discuss the issue of
15 maintenance. If that's not happening, then this is
16 going to be a factor in determining what really is
17 appropriate for buildings that are occupied.

18 MS. HARRIS: Is there an additional hazard
19 since I have been mowing the lawn, does that pose an
20 additional risk that was not contemplated initially?

1 MR. RIST: I'm not the person qualified to make
2 that evaluation.

3 But what I promise you, though, when I will go
4 back tomorrow, and I have a meeting with my toxicologist
5 at 8:30 in the morning, I will ask him that very
6 question and get back to the Navy.

7 I would hope that the Navy could also take on
8 that evaluation and maybe consult with us, and we could
9 have an answer within the next day or two.

10 But at this time, I couldn't answer that
11 question. We were under the impression that that
12 activity was going to be left up to the city and the
13 John Stewart Company, with some Navy oversight somehow.
14 If that's not occurring, that's something, as I said
15 before, we need to revisit right away.

16 MS. NELSON: Is there a way to get back to her
17 tomorrow?

18 MR. RIST: Yes. I will be able to. I feel
19 like I need to consult with the Navy.

20 MR. SCHALIT: We have had some rainfall.

1 What does the sod appear to do, has it died?

2 MS. HARRIS: No. I keep it alive.

3 MR. SCHALIT: You keep it alive. What about
4 the others, what about the other areas? We have had
5 some rainfall.

6 MS. HARRIS: The people next door to me, they
7 have spots of dead grass. It died like right away.

8 MS. SMITH: That's not good.

9 MS. HARRIS: Because they didn't water it, they
10 didn't maintain it. So it just died. I looked out my
11 window, and the people, I guess, in 12 and 11D, their
12 sod had died. I haven't seen my other neighbors. I
13 can't see it from my window. I wondered how their sod
14 died so quickly. There were patches of dead, large
15 patches.

16 MS. NELSON: Perhaps it's worth a site visit,
17 Steve. Is that something you can arrange with David in
18 the city?

19 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, as David pointed out,
20 I think the Navy and the agencies need to talk about

1 this and remedy the situation right away.

2 My understanding is, my understanding had been
3 it was being maintained. But as Natasha pointed out,
4 that doesn't look like it's a fact. So we need to make
5 sure we correct that immediately.

6 That was the whole purpose of the sod there, to
7 maintain it until further action was taken.

8 MR. SCHALIT: Is there any redress available,
9 out of curiosity? If the sod wasn't maintained by
10 Stewart, and they were supposed to, legally, can they be
11 forced to replace the sod?

12 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, I don't know. I
13 wouldn't speculate on how that would all fall out.

14 Ultimately, it has to be, the sod has to be
15 maintained. So somebody has to maintain it, repair and
16 maintain it as necessary.

17 We will clarify, I think, the last three items
18 on the document status sheet all related to Site 12.
19 But it may not be as clear exactly what they were
20 referring to. We will clarify why the dates, whether

1 the dates need to be corrected or, if not, what they
2 really mean.

3 But the intent was that we would be starting
4 action in Site 12 at the beginning of June, that we
5 would be completing the necessary documentation at the
6 end of May, and starting that work at the beginning of
7 June.

8 That was the intent. We have to sort out what
9 the paperwork dates mean.

10 MS. SMITH: Also, you have a corrective action
11 for Site 12 with only one-week comment period.

12 MS. RAKER: Which document are you looking at?

13 MS. SMITH: 9.

14 MS. RAKER: 9.

15 MS. SMITH: Is that going to be a very small
16 document that's going to be easy to review?

17 MS. DEMETRIOS: One-week comment period?

18 It goes to the agencies for comment on -- well,
19 they get it on the 13th with comments due 2/23. That's
20 supposed to be an expedited document. So we go out and

1 do the remedies right away.

2 MS. SMITH: So we won't even be able to see
3 this document, let alone comment on it.

4 MS. DEMETRIOS: You get a comment period from
5 2/23 to 3/25, which is 30 days, actually.

6 MS. SMITH: Okay.

7 MS. DEMETRIOS: If you look at it, the agencies
8 get that time period, too.

9 MR. RIST: We expedited the review, hopefully,
10 in the summer.

11 But, again, we will have that public comment
12 period as well.

13 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: But you're talking about a
14 real public comment period.

15 MR. RIST: Yes.

16 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Doesn't the RAB get it?

17 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: The RAB will get the
18 document at the same time the agencies do.

19 MS. DEMETRIOS: It goes out.

20 But, you're right, it's only 10 days.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: But the RAB would have the
2 opportunity to comment in both, during both the agency
3 period as well as the general public period.

4 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Right.

5 MS. DEMETRIOS: 2/13 to 3/25.

6 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. Well, that's all I
7 had for the 2001 program, and the document and field
8 activities update.

9 I would like to turn it over to Pat, who is
10 going to brief us on her trip to St. Louis.

11 MS. NELSON: First of all, I want to thank Jim
12 and the Navy for sponsoring me to the conference in St.
13 Louis. That was a real eye-opener for me.

14 I hope that everyone that is an active member
15 of the RAB will have that opportunity, because it
16 certainly opened up my eyes to a lot of common issues
17 the RABs are experiencing, and also what the services
18 are doing to address public concerns and their programs.
19 So it was a wonderful experience.

20 I notice that we are about half an hour behind

1 schedule, so I won't get into a lot of detail, but there
2 are two documents I will circulate. I will leave them
3 with Jim and Steve.

4 But one thing that was very impressive at this
5 conference, there were a series of open forums in which
6 public comments were taken. And the conference lasted
7 two days. At the end of two days, we got summaries of
8 the issues that were brought up so that we could take
9 them home.

10 It was incredible. The Deputy Undersecretary
11 of Defense, Sherry Goodman, had opened a plenary
12 session. These are very high level people. Ray Fast
13 (phonetic), Paul Yorsheck (phonetic), and Jan Wrightman
14 (phonetic), comprised the opening panel. It was really
15 quite illuminating to find out what's really happening
16 at a very high level to address the concerns that have
17 been brought by forums, such as the Restoration Advisory
18 Board, up the ranks to those that are making decisions
19 about policies and how these former installations are
20 used in the future, and what they are doing with the

1 community that will then take them in and reuse them.

2 There were a lot of RAB members there that have
3 been with issues since 1980. Some of them, what they
4 call USO sites, unexploded ordnance sites down in the
5 San Diego area. The only regulatory agency that the
6 community could address these issues with were the
7 county.

8 MS. SMITH: Was this Camp Elliot (phonetic)?

9 MS. NELSON: I can't remember the name of the
10 installation. I wish I could.

11 But there was incredible depth and breadth to
12 the group that was there.

13 One of the forums I attended was the open
14 forum, where people could bring up all sorts of issues.
15 I was looking for a place to discuss the screening
16 methodology for the soil and groundwater analysis that
17 was done as part of the RI, because that's been in the
18 back of my mind. Our RAB had commented that we had
19 concerns about the quality of the data.

20 Well, the services spent a lot of money to get

1 good data. And there are people that are working with
2 the industry, the laboratory industry, to standardize
3 methods so that better data can be had. They are trying
4 to increase funding so the quality of the data can be
5 assured, because it costs money to do these analyses,
6 even in our own Site 12, where we had addressed this
7 concern, I think back in '95, '96.

8 MS. SMITH: I think so.

9 MS. NELSON: It seems like a long time ago.

10 MS. SMITH: The first time we asked for
11 extended sampling.

12 MS. NELSON: Right.

13 And so because of our efforts, work is being
14 done there and more work is yet to come. So it kind of
15 validated that concern, and I had spoke up with regard
16 to that.

17 But opening the doors to community involvement
18 was another issue. What does the military do with the
19 community? They weren't instructed to have that as part
20 of their mission. And how valuable it has become to the

1 services to have that input at varying degrees.

2 So that was important to hear because I think a
3 lot of us get concerned about are we ineffective, and
4 how can we work better together? And it's something
5 that's being worked on on both sides.

6 So that was a healthy discussion because people
7 have had various experiences with that.

8 Regulatory partnering. Addressing how the
9 regulatory agencies and the services can work better
10 together. We have seen that in our own forum here.

11 And I came back, actually, with the vision of
12 how well our RAB works together. I think it has a lot
13 to do with what we all bring to the group. And
14 certainly Jim and Ernie, and now Steve, have been
15 instrumental in keeping the process moving. So I think,
16 also, you know, the regulatory agencies involved.

17 So I think that can, we have had a very good
18 experience here, whereas other RABs have had tumultuous
19 relationships and the work has suffered and been more
20 prolonged.

1 So I think everybody is kind of getting on the
2 same wavelength there.

3 There was a lot of discussion about range
4 cleanup and what to do with range planning; what to do
5 with installations like White Sands Missile Range with a
6 number of services performing missions there, and there
7 is a lot of unexploded ordnance there. So how do you
8 get out and figure out what you have, which makes
9 Treasure Island look like a clean site.

10 MS. SMITH: It is, relatively.

11 MS. NELSON: It is.

12 MS. SMITH: That's been my argument all along.
13 It should be cleaned up. It's not as gnarly as Mare
14 Island or Fort Ord or East Elliott. It's not at all.

15 MS. NELSON: And, actually, we have a very
16 open-minded community in the Bay Area.

17 A lot of other locations in the United States,
18 part of the community, it's kind of like a company town.
19 And there are others where the installation began as a
20 remote location, and now urban areas are encroaching on

1 it. And it's more adversarial.

2 So it was very broadening. So I look forward
3 to writing a written report and answering any questions.

4 But I think what I will do is, I will pass
5 these around and maybe they can reside with you.

6 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Or if you think it's
7 something to duplicate and send to all the RAB
8 membership, would that be appropriate?

9 MS. NELSON: I think it would be very
10 interesting, actually. It's double sided.

11 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I would like to see a copy.

12 MS. SMITH: Yes, especially the comments.

13 MS. NELSON: Yes. And what is going to happen
14 in the future, there will be a 60-day review of these
15 documents by the participants.

16 There is interest in creating a national
17 advisory board that would meet on an annual basis to
18 give form to the Restoration Advisory Boards and other
19 community groups, working with the services.

20 And there are plans, we don't know if there is

1 funding yet, because at the time of this meeting, we
2 weren't sure which administration got in. Now we are
3 certain of that.

4 There is a commitment of staff, but they need
5 to get funding from the next meeting.

6 So with that, I will thank you again, and I do
7 intend to write up a report. I have been traveling. I
8 came back from this trip only to travel on business for
9 three weeks.

10 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, thank you very much
11 for being able to attend.

12 We will provide copies to the rest of the RAB
13 membership, and if you would like to write up something,
14 we could also include that in a future mailing. I think
15 between the Navy and our consultant, GPI, we will make
16 sure it gets out to all the RAB members.

17 MS. NELSON: And maybe I will just leave it on
18 the table so people can look at them. The Department of
19 Defense has an annual report on the environment, Safety
20 and Occupational Health, the RABs and institutional

1 controls and all sorts of things.

2 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. Well, thank you very
3 much, Pat.

4 Next, organizational business. Nathan, I will
5 turn it over to you.

6 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Okay. We had application
7 for membership from Natasha. And we had a preliminary
8 meeting from the members and voted you in. So welcome
9 aboard.

10 We are looking forward to having someone from
11 the island who will attend on a regular basis. Scott's
12 been fairly good, but he's been pretty busy recently.
13 So it's nice to have another islander.

14 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Our other island member had
15 to resign.

16 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Yes. He had too much school
17 and work.

18 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So you and Scott are the
19 current TI resident members.

20 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: And then, I guess, we will

1 be talking to Tracy about membership ideas about how to
2 increase our membership.

3 Also Scott has volunteered to post things on
4 the island web site.

5 Can we get an e-mail copy of this thing you
6 did, this one (indicating)? Scott will pick out some
7 and put it on there so they could have it posted. So
8 that might be a useful place to start.

9 Also, Dale had volunteered to help me kind of
10 write and give me some notes on a regular basis.

11 The TAPP prompts, we have three and Lew is
12 ready to talk to anybody who wants to push them forward.
13 I think we need to look at the documents and match them
14 to the documents. The idea was to have them in time for
15 the documents.

16 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: I think we could get a good
17 running start on that the first of the year. I know
18 it's been kind of slow going over the last couple of
19 months.

20 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Yes. We haven't had the

1 documents. It's been okay. I don't want to be in a jam
2 when we get them and not be ready.

3 And then one thing we talked about in that very
4 lonely meeting I had with all of you, we talked about
5 the focus groups, and Michael had talked about them on
6 Alameda, and Steve. That might be something we could
7 take a look at in January and February. Maybe if we
8 can't have a lot of members, we could look at different
9 things, and that would be one way people can keep one
10 thing to work on, a commitment. I think that would be
11 helpful to the RAB.

12 Also, I was going to mention a little bit about
13 the Citizens Advisory Board. They have had two meetings
14 now, sort of organizational meetings. They will start
15 meeting regularly, if you look at the bottom of the
16 agenda. The first regular meeting is January 18th in
17 the Job Corps building on the second floor. It's at
18 6:00.

19 That's the regular meeting date, the third
20 Thursday every month.

1 And at this point, it's still trying to set up
2 the rules, because the rules have to be approved by
3 TIDHA, and TIDHA's meeting last week was canceled. They
4 will meet again this Thursday.

5 MS. NELSON: Are they going to meet any more
6 regularly?

7 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: TIDHA?

8 MS. NELSON: Yes.

9 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Well, I went to the door to
10 notice the meeting was canceled.

11 They are supposed to send me better
12 announcements.

13 They have put out a request for proposal.
14 That's that big binder, if you want to take a look at
15 it. They are still working off the draft reuse plan.

16 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: July 1996?

17 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Yes.

18 So this document is still, it can't go beyond
19 the draft until they get an EIR/EIS, and that's in year
20 three.

1 MS. DEMETRIOS: Is it really?

2 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Well, it's been talked about
3 for a couple of years.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: It's likely that there will
5 be draft documents, well, at least for, I assume, the
6 EIS/EIR. But there will be a draft document out
7 sometime in the spring.

8 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: But nevertheless, those
9 documents have gone out. TIDHA will get, they have had
10 their pre-bid conference. I think 100 people showed up,
11 of which there is probably 10 contractors that will
12 actually bid in that group. They are not sure exactly
13 how many.

14 But this is sort of the executive big picture.
15 And, again, looking at the map, there is the Job Corps
16 area, which is that bite out of the center. In this map
17 it's the gray area (indicating).

18 And then this is the marina development
19 (indicating). The developer is being asked to make a
20 proposal on everything else.

1 So it's quite a broad offering. I mean, there
2 is some direction in the reuse plan, but, essentially,
3 they can come up with what they think will work.

4 And the cities will work on if they can trade
5 some property that would be under the Tidelands Trust,
6 say on the interior island, where the Tidelands Trust
7 might not care as much about it, to protect more areas
8 on Yerba Buena.

9 The city is working on that and will work with
10 the developer.

11 So this is out, and they will be looking for
12 proposals next year and then doing a review process and
13 picking a group for the final negotiation.

14 MS. NELSON: That's pretty exciting, actually,
15 and perhaps the EIR will come out after the developer.

16 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: One development is that,
17 originally, it was going to be a combined EIS/EIR, but
18 now there is going to be a separate federal EIS and a
19 separate federal, city, state EIR. So they may be on
20 slightly different schedules now.

1 MS. NELSON: Right.

2 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Okay. And the last thing I
3 think I had was, we had one RAB gathering in San
4 Francisco, and we had another Department of Defense,
5 Department of Air Force, and the Navy had put on a
6 stakeholders conference in Burlingame.

7 They are very interesting, if you can go. Both
8 times, I met people from Alaska, Hawaii, New England,
9 all over the country. People who, the only time they
10 could look at documents was when they went to the office
11 and asked for the document. They had to stay in the
12 office and copy down what they wanted by hand and leave.

13 Not shipped to your door like the Navy has done
14 on this project.

15 So this is a project where if you have a
16 question, the state and the Navy will try to answer it.
17 So I think we are very lucky and it's good to see it's
18 still moving along. I hope with more interest we can
19 get this thing to move along, the part where something
20 happens.

1 Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

3 Under general updates, I think we had a number
4 of announcements.

5 If there is any other announcement?

6 MR. SCHALIT: I had one.

7 Ted Connelly and I have both attended several
8 of the meetings at the Presidio. We have a much more
9 effective meeting here than they do. That's Ted's
10 opinion and mine as well, and that of a couple of other
11 people who attended with us.

12 What goes on in this meeting is a useful
13 exchange of information in which, if a question is
14 asked, it's answered.

15 What happened at that meeting was, several of
16 us asked questions and we got told by the speakers, we
17 don't know the answer to that. They were reading from
18 notes, and they weren't the people who had done the
19 work, and they weren't familiar with the work. It was
20 terrible.

1 That doesn't happen at these meetings. These
2 are much more effective.

3 I would congratulate Jim Sullivan, except that
4 I don't want --

5 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, it's a team effort.
6 Everybody is involved.

7 MR. SCHALIT: -- I don't want the top of his
8 head to get red.

9 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Whatever we do is a team
10 effort.

11 MR. SCHALIT: Okay. Keep those jokes coming.

12 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Meeting minutes, I don't
13 know if anyone has had a chance with the holidays to
14 look at the meeting minutes. If you want to forward me
15 any comments.

16 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Comments?

17 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Actually, that's right.

18 Nathan was the only community member at the
19 November meeting. So I guess Nathan and I, I will get
20 my comments from --

1 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I will give you some
2 comments. There is some confusion on a couple of items.

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Pardon?

4 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I will send you some items.

5 MS. RAKER: Jim, what is the review process for
6 these meeting minutes, generally?

7 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Typically, what we have
8 been doing to date is, I try to balance the amount of
9 time to review them versus getting them out before the
10 next meeting.

11 So what we have generally been doing is, we
12 draft them, we review them internally, to the extent we
13 have time, we send them out to everybody, we get
14 comments at the meeting, sometimes we are able to
15 finalize the document as is at the meeting, or as
16 amended from the discussion in the meeting, sometimes I
17 receive comments after the meeting, and then we go to
18 final. I think we still have, I think I have gotten
19 some comments that we need to finalize the October RAB
20 meeting minutes.

1 And then Nathan will provide the comments on
2 the November minutes for the community.

3 But I would say probably within the next, if I
4 can get comments within the next two weeks or so, by the
5 middle of January -- well, by the next week of January.

6 MS. RAKER: I could get you some at the end of
7 the meeting, give you written comments.

8 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: That would be great.

9 MS. RAKER: Yes.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: And then, normally, we would
11 vote to approve them in the meeting, if we had time to
12 review them.

13 MS. RAKER: All right.

14 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: December BCT meeting. We
15 have a regular BCT meeting once a month, as well as
16 other meetings as necessary.

17 We had our December meeting on December 12th.
18 We covered, we went through our action items list. We
19 have been working on a consolidated action items list.
20 We haven't gone through every item in several meetings,

1 so we took the time in this meeting to go through every
2 single item and discussed the status.

3 We also looked at the, discussed the schedules.
4 The RAB should be getting a copy of our latest version
5 of the overall program schedule, I think sometime during
6 January. I think we will propose to have a presentation
7 on the overall project schedule at our January RAB
8 meeting.

9 And then we also have discussed the work in
10 Site 12, the interim measures, the same things we have
11 been discussing here tonight.

12 And also the work we have been doing at the
13 former storage yard.

14 So those are the major topics at the BCT
15 meeting. You will be getting copies of the minutes from
16 that within the next month.

17 With that, actually, that brings us to next
18 meetings. We were talking about having an open house.
19 At one time we were, well, we at least put on the table
20 of maybe changing the January meeting date to the fourth

1 Tuesday of the month, and then maybe having an open
2 house for residents in association with that.

3 But I think it's probably going to take us a
4 little longer to really get us adequately prepared for
5 an open house.

6 And so I would propose that we keep the January
7 meeting on its regular schedule, which would be the
8 third Tuesday. It falls a little earlier that month.
9 But that would be on the 16th of January. So that would
10 be our next regular meeting.

11 And then the February meeting falls on the
12 20th, and I think we can talk about it at the interim
13 meeting and at the next RAB meeting. But I think we are
14 going to propose to have an open house in association
15 with the February meeting, and probably that would
16 involve having an open house earlier in the afternoon,
17 and then the open house would end with the beginning of
18 the regular RAB meeting at 7:00 p.m.

19 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Yes. I think that's a good
20 idea.

1 MS. NELSON: Celebrate Valentine's Day or
2 Washington's birthday or Lincoln's birthday, or
3 something.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: One quick business:

5 In terms of the meeting, having technical
6 meetings and general meetings, what cycle we wanted to,
7 I guess if we continue the cycle, the January meeting,
8 we would bill that as a technical meeting; and the
9 February meeting would be a general meeting.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I think until we have enough
11 members of the RAB to be involved, I think that doesn't
12 work.

13 I mean, I was the only one to show up to the
14 November meeting. I think we need to meet in January,
15 and if we meet again in February, then maybe talk about
16 doing that division, that might be good.

17 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So we will call them all
18 regular meetings until we are to the point where we can
19 have a sustainable separate technical meeting with more
20 than one person attending.

1 MS. RAKER: Did you get a lot done?

2 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Read the notes. They kept
3 me busy. I was outnumbered by a lot.

4 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So I had penciled in our
5 next interim meeting on the 8th of January. We can have
6 it any, you know, I can facilitate having that any time
7 with the RAB members.

8 MR. SCHALIT: Where?

9 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Well, we can do that, we
10 can either have a physical meeting or we can have
11 another conference call.

12 I'm open to whatever works for the community
13 members.

14 MS. NELSON: How did the conference call work?

15 MR. SCHALIT: It worked very well.

16 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: I thought it worked very
17 well, too.

18 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: I thought it worked very
19 well.

20 MS. NELSON: Do you want to do it?

1 MR. SCHALIT: Let's try it.

2 MS. NELSON: People can do it from the comfort
3 of their own homes.

4 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: It worked well.

5 MR. SCHALIT: It worked very well. It took a
6 heck of a lot less time. We got a lot done.

7 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. So I will send out
8 the usual notices to the community members. I forgot to
9 send it to David. I will do that this time.

10 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: That's right. That was the
11 first technical meeting you missed.

12 MR. SCHALIT: That's right.

13 MR. RIST: I didn't know about it.

14 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So we will make that a
15 conference call, the 8th of January. If Monday the 8th
16 still works, I will do it then, and we can shift it to
17 any other day. But if there isn't any other proposal, I
18 will make it Monday the 8th.

19 MR. SCHALIT: And you will send out advance
20 notice.

1 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: I will send out a notice.

2 I will probably just switch the time to 7:00
3 p.m., if that gives people more time to get home or to
4 wherever they go to get the call.

5 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: Yes.

6 MR. SCHALIT: That's better.

7 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So I will send out a notice
8 about the conference call, Monday, the 8th of January.

9 And then our next BCT meeting, next regular
10 schedule of the second Tuesday of the month, falls the
11 following day, which I think works out pretty good.
12 That will be on the 9th of January, and that will be at
13 Tetra Tech's offices.

14 MS. NELSON: In San Francisco?

15 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: In San Francisco.

16 And Nathan already noted the Citizens Advisory
17 Board meeting.

18 CO-CHAIR BRENNAN: And those are open to the
19 public.

20 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: So any other comments or

1 business to come up tonight?

2 (No response.)

3 CO-CHAIR SULLIVAN: Okay. We will bring the
4 meeting to a close.

5 I thank everybody for coming out here to the
6 Nimitz House. I wish everybody a happy holiday season.

7 There is still plenty of food and drink there.
8 Please avail yourselves.

9 I will talk to some of you on the conference
10 call on the 8th, or maybe see somebody at the BCT
11 meeting on the 9th, or our regular meeting on the 16th.

12 Thanks a lot.

13 (The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.)

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