

NAS ALAMEDA RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING SUMMARY

NAS Alameda Officer's Club
NAS Alameda, California

Tuesday, February 7, 1995

ATTENDEES

See attached list.

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Introduction/Minutes

- The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.
- The following changes were proposed for the January 10, 1995, meeting summary.
 - Page 4. Karen Hack's comment should be changed to read, "Karen Hack stated her support for the Navy and DTSC approach to the removal action process. She also stated that a signed FFSRA is important as it will reflect the Navy's commitment to cleaning up NAS Alameda and funding the cleanup."
 - Add CDR Elkins' name to the list of attendees.

II. Focus Group Updates

Several suggestions were made regarding meeting management.

- Put guest speakers and most pressing topics at the beginning of agenda and agree to adjourn meeting no later than 9:30 p.m.; any uncovered agenda items would be moved to next meeting's agenda.
- Put fewer items on agenda.
- Hire a professional facilitator; RAB members were agreeable to Navy contracting for a facilitator.

Reuse Focus Group

Reuse and outreach focus group leaders, in conjunction with BRAG, will arrange to host a presentation by the consultant hired to develop the community reuse plan.

Outreach Focus Group

See reuse focus group action.

Organizational Focus Group

Pam McCullum requested that the lists of new documents in the information repository provide a description of each document's purpose and content.

RAB members were reminded to turn in applications for new RAB members. An announcement was also made that the San Francisco Bay Community Caucus group will hold a meeting on February 8, 1995.

Early Action Focus Group

Bert Morgan accepted the nomination to lead the early action focus group.

Natural Resources Focus Group

Tom Oakey, serving as an alternate for Roberta Hough, reported on his attendance at the ecological follow-on work plan meeting held at DTSC. He described proposed changes to the document and noted the following:

- Data were recompiled for presentation in different ways, and his opinion is that the data and approach still need to be used with caution.
- He noted the investigation will not include tissue residue sampling or computer fate and transport modeling; it will include paper conceptual models.

Bill Smith asked if the revised document will reference RWQCB's new fish study. Tom Oakey said he didn't know. The document has not yet been developed.

Technology Focus Group

Bill Smith reported on a meeting he attended regarding Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINSY) and noted several issues NAS Alameda has in common with MINSY: both installations have sediment problems and landfill and natural resources problem. Bill expressed his opinion that the Navy has not adequately addressed the sediment issues at either installation. He also received the impression that MINSY is further along in its remedial investigation/feasibility study and asked that LCDR Petouhoff speak to that point in the future.

III. Looking Ahead - Next Steps for the RAB

To help RAB members understand the content and significance of particular future documents, LCDR Petouhoff has agreed to distribute executive summaries to RAB members, clearly explaining the document's role.

A draft RAB training schedule was distributed. The first two training sessions are planned and scheduled. The next five sessions on the draft training schedule are proposed. A significant number of community RAB members said they would be willing to attend Saturday training sessions.

Another suggestion for RAB operations was for BCT members to work more closely with focus groups, specifically indicating to focus groups the issues pressing to the BCT. Because two of three

BCT members were not present, the suggestion was not followed with specific action items. LCDR Petouhoff indicated the appropriate staff for RAB members to access for specific information:

Reuse and Site Characterization	-	<u>Ann Klimek</u>
Early Action and Cleanup	-	Teresa Bernhard
Tanks	-	John Headlee
Community Relations	-	Sherri Withrow

Ron Basarich suggested that focus group issues may not be clear or pressing until the reuse plan is decided. Bill Smith suggested the absence of a reuse plan should not be an obstacle; he suggested identifying the most sensitive reuses with regard to possible toxic areas. Malcolm Mooney reminded RAB members that the short-term reuse plan will be presented at a BRAG meeting in March, and he urged RAB members to attend and voice their opinions at that meeting.

Jim Haas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, said he is available to meet with focus groups (phone 916/979-2112, extension 326).

IV. Special Briefing

Capt. Dodge discussed base closure, cleanup, and the RAB's role. He stressed that the Navy and community have the same goal: the Navy wants to provide the public with property that can be used according to the reuse plan. Once a reuse plan is available, the RAB will be instrumental in helping the Navy focus its cleanup resources to accommodate reuse. He pointed out that the Navy has an aggressive environmental program that aims to accomplish as much as possible until the reuse plan becomes available; specifically he noted the Site 15 early action, the progress of the environmental baseline survey, demolition activities, and removal of storage tanks. In his briefing, Capt. Dodge indicated a concern that BRAC 95 listings may affect funding available for NAS Alameda, so he wants to seize cleanup opportunities as they become available; but he restated that the reuse plan is a driver to effective prioritization of cleanup resources. Capt. Dodge also introduced Dave Ryan, base conversion manager for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), the entity that will assume cleanup after active Navy operations cease at the base. Captain Dodge indicated that efforts are already underway to make the transition from Navy to NAVFAC as seamless as possible.

A question and answer period followed:

Tom Oakey: The best estimate of the contamination at NAS Alameda will be inaccurate because the situation is a complex one. What if we find out the contaminants and risks are beyond current funding expectations?

Capt. Dodge: There is a good historical base of information regarding NAS Alameda, so the planned studies will accurately characterize the base. Cleaning up to a natural state is an ambitious goal. The RAB's input will be important in dividing up the cleanup dollars.

RAB Member: Will resources be used up by things the Navy has to do before it can leave and not provide enough for long-term cleanup?

Capt. Dodge: When the reuse plan is adopted, the RAB will have the opportunity to comment on prioritization.

Bill Smith: A lot can be done without the reuse plan. For example, it's clear that the Seaplane Lagoon is contaminated, the contamination is migrating, and a recent study by RWQCB says the Seaplane Lagoon environment is toxic to fish. The lagoon needs to be cleaned up.

Capt. Dodge: Dredging in the lagoon has stopped. The contamination isn't getting worse. Yes, the contamination of the lagoon is a problem, but it's a big, costly, and controversial problem. It isn't appropriate to get ahead of the game (reuse plan) with this particular site.

Break 8:40 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

V. Briefing by Base Transition Coordinator

CDR Al Elkins (phone 415/395-3919) explained that the role of the base transition coordinator (BTC) is to (1) serve as a single point of contact for all federal agencies and (2) serve as a trouble shooter/problem solver for issues that can't be solved at the community level. He also said everything the RAB does should be tied to reuse of the base; that is, the RAB may serve as a check that the BRAC cleanup plan is in line with the reuse plan.

Ron Basarich asked to receive a copy of the "Community Managed Cleanup" referred to by CDR Elkins.

A RAB member observed that discussions regarding NAS Alameda seem to reflect the Navy's interest or the city's interest. In what forum are regional issues being discussed? He also asked if an analysis is being done to weigh the social and economic benefits of the cleanup of a site like the Seaplane Lagoon. CDR Elkins responded that the RAB is an appropriate forum for "regional" and other issues anyone feels are not being addressed elsewhere.

Tom Oakey also stated that because cleanup is most closely related to reuse, broad long-range environmental issues will not have accountability.

CDR Elkins suggested doing one of two things: lobby the government for more money or drive BRAC and the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority to develop a reuse plan that satisfactorily addresses those environmental issues.

VI. Closing

Unaddressed agenda items will be scheduled for next meeting. Ken O'Donoghue reminded members that a separate RAB is being developed for the Alameda Annex and the deadline for applying is February 10.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 7, 1995. Officer's Club - NAS Alameda

Naval Air Station, Alameda
Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Attendees
7 February 1995

RAB MEMBERS

Name

Affiliation

RAB Members

LCDR Mike Petouhoff	NAS Alameda BEC/RAB Co-Chair
Kathy Teller	RAB Community Co-Chair
Ron Basarich	RAB Member - Reuse FG.
Frank Encino, Jr.	RAB Member
Ardella Dailey	RAB Member
Ken O'Donoghue	RAB Member/Alt. Co-Chair
Jim Haas	RAB Member/F&W Service
Karen Hack	Alternate for Saul Bloom
Richard King	RAB Member
Pam McCallum	RAB Member - Organizational FG.
Mal Mooney	RAB Member
Bert Morgan	RAB Member
John Raphael	RAB Member
Kent Rosenblum	RAB Member
Bill Smith	RAB Member
Corinne Stefanick	RAB Member - Community Outreach FG.
Michael Torrey	RAB Member

Other Attendees

CAPT F. J. Dodge	Commanding Officer, NAS Alameda
Camille Garibaldi	EFA-West
Karen King	Resident
Linda Lemmons	PRC Environmental
Gary Munekawa	EFA-West
I.R. Nolan	U.S. Navy Rep.
Tom Oakey	BRAG Env. Subcommittee
Dave Ryan	EFA West Base Conversion
Jeffrey Schwalm	Resident
Kelli Shuter	Montgomery Watson
Susan Willoughby	PRC Environmental
Frances Withrow	Resident
Susan Withrow	Resident