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Attn: Mr. Roy Herndon
10500 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Gentlemen:

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD FORMATION

On July 2, 1993, President Clinton announced a Five-Point Plan to speed the economic recovery of communities where military bases are slated to close. The Department of Defense (DOD), on September 9, 1993, issued guidance entitled "Fast Track Cleanup at Closing Installations," to implement the President's plan to expedite the cleanup and reuse of these closing military bases.

A key element of the DOD guidance deals with improving public involvement opportunities in the base clean-up program, including the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at each closing base. The existing Technical Review Committee (TRC) will be incorporated into a RAB. The RAB will also include community members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community. RAB members will have an opportunity to provide input on activities that will accelerate the cleanup and conversion of the base for reuse by the community.

RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and clean-up activities at MCAS El Toro. Members will also be expected to serve as a liaison between the community and the RAB. They must be available to meet with community members and or groups to answer questions. To qualify for membership, applicants must be local residents of Orange County who will be impacted/affected by MCAS El Toro's closure. Members will be expected to serve a two-year term. All RAB meetings will be open to the public.

If you are interested in applying for RAB membership for MCAS El Toro, please complete the enclosed application, Encl (1), and return it to:

Chrisa Mitchell
AC/S Environmental 1AU
MCAS El Toro
P. O. Box 95001
Santa Ana, CA 92709-5001

Applications will be reviewed and approved by members from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, MCAS El Toro, and the California Environmental Protection Agency .

Sincerely,

J. P. CHESSUM
Assistant Chief of Staff,
Environment & Safety

Encl:

(1) Membership Application for MCAS El Toro

Copy to:

City of Irvine

City of Lake Forest

County of Orange

Irvine Ranch Water District

Orange County Environmental Management Agency

Orange County Health Care Agency

South Coast Air Quality Management District

The Irvine Company

Woodbridge Village Association

U. S. Department of Commerce

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Register

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MCAS EL TORO RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

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In September 1993, Congress approved the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's recommendation to include MCAS El Toro in the second round of military base closures.

A key element of the DOD guidance deals with improving public involvement opportunities in the base clean-up program, including the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at each closing or realigning base where property will be available for transfer to the community. The RAB will replace the existing Technical Review Committees (TRC).

What is a RAB?

The RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for the exchange of information between MCAS El Toro and the local community. The RAB is intended to bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests within the local community, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the affected community and the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT). The RAB will work in partnership with the BCT on

RAB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Term—2 Years

Availability to Community—Members should be willing to communicate with local community members and interest groups concerned with specific base clean-up issues. Members will serve as a direct and reliable conduit for information flow to and from the community.

Document Review—Members will be expected to comment on documents available for public review.

Attendance—Members are expected to attend all RAB meetings or send an alternate. If a member fails to attend or send an alternate to two consecutive meetings, the RAB co-chairs may ask the member to relinquish their membership.

Resignation/Removal—Members unable to continue to fully participate shall submit their resignation in writing to either of the RAB co-chairs. Resigning members may nominate new members to replace them.

Residency—To be a RAB member, individual community members or organizations must reside in the vicinity of MCAS El Toro.

clean-up issues and related matters throughout each facility's cleanup and transition of civilian reuse.

RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and clean-up activities at MCAS El Toro. Members will be expected to serve as a

liaison with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. Members will be expected to serve a two-year term. All RAB meeting will be open to the public. Technical support staff will be available to provide informational support and explanation to RAB members.

To ensure opinions about environmental restoration reflect diverse interests within the local community, RAB membership should include—but is not limited to:

- ✓ former TRC members
- ✓ local reuse committees
- ✓ local official/agencies
- ✓ business community
- ✓ school districts
- ✓ residents/community members
- ✓ base employees/residents
- ✓ local environmental groups
- ✓ civic/public interest groups
- ✓ religious community
- ✓ other regulatory agencies
- ✓ labor organizations
- ✓ local homeowners organizations

How to Become a RAB Member?

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB are invited and encouraged to attend a community meeting MCAS El Toro will conduct on January 13, 1994, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the meeting, you will learn about the purpose of the RAB, membership opportunities and member expectations, and hear an update on the status of base clean-up activities and future plans. RAB membership applications will be available at the community meeting. The community meeting will be held at the following address:

Irvine City Hall
1 Civic Center
Irvine, California

If you have questions about the RAB or are interested in applying for RAB membership, applications can also be obtained by contacting:

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All membership applications must be received by February 14, 1994. Applications will be reviewed and approved by members of MCAS El Toro, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control.

2. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals?

3. Please indicate if you are interested in being considered for the community co-chairperson position on the RAB by checking the box below:

Yes, I would like to be considered.

4. Are you willing to serve a 2-year term as a member of this RAB?

Yes, I am willing to serve for 2 years.

5. By submitting this signed application, you are aware of the time commitment which this appointment will require of you.

6. By submitting this signed application, you willingly agree to work cooperatively with other members of the committee to ensure efficient use of time for addressing community issues related to environmental restoration of the Station.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please return your completed application to:

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