

Minutes of the El Toro Advisory Committee

April 28, 1999 (Revision 1)

The committee was called to order by Mr. Chuck Bennett. Mr. Bennett indicated that this meeting followed a Motion that was passed at the April 21, 1999, Reuse Advisory Board (RAB) meeting creating an advisory committee. All attendees introduced themselves. (List Appended). The first order of business was to review the names of RAB committee members who were in attendance and those who had requested to be a committee member. It was moved by Don Zweifel that the official name of the new committee be "Technical Review Committee" (TRC). Joe Farber seconded this motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Officers were then elected. Marcia Rudolph moved to elect Chuck Bennett as Chairman. Don Zweifel seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Motion was made to have Ray Ouellette act as recording secretary for the committee. Marcia Rudolph seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chuck was to discuss the reorganization of the Committee with Mr. Greg Hurley and Col. Joseph P. Barney.

Chuck indicated that he had received a "Responsiveness Report" prepared by the Navy's Consultant (Bechtel) for Landfill Site s3 and 5. Only Greg Hurley and Chuck received copies based on the transmittal letter. This report summarized the responses provided to all public comments, which were submitted, for the record during the public comment period for Landfill Sites 3 and 5. Significant discussion regarding the direction the Navy is currently taking occurred. It was decided that letters should be drafted to indicate the potential long-term implications and liabilities to the residents of Orange County from the Navy's course of action. The letters are not intended to necessarily change the direction of the Navy's course of action (probably too late by now), but rather to sound the alarm that there are strings attached to the Base Closure and future ownership of the Base property.

It was also decided to prepare a letter to the LRA that would identify additional pending issues that should be highlighted to the County elected officials. Examples taken from the current status of the landfills and the lack of respect for the opinions of the local RAB committee should be discussed.

Additional items discussed included:

- The potential for the Navy to turn the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) area to the FBI and/or the Orange County Sheriff's office for the destruction of ordnance. Such a move would likely remove the Navy from any future liability associated with this site. The site is located within the watershed that drains to the tributaries of San Diego Creek and into Newport Bay (Back Bay). Significant concerns have been raised about the potential for "perchlorate" leaching, etc. from such a sensitive location.
- The potential that "perchlorate" contamination and TCE contamination may have compromised the value of the groundwater resources in the area around the base was discussed. This conclusion was drawn from the fact that the Irvine Ranch Water District requested information from 'focus' groups on whether the citizens of Orange County would be willing to drink contaminated water that had undergone treatment to make it "good and wholesome". The outcome of the 'focus groups was that the residents would not be inclined to buy such water.

The following action items were agreed to:

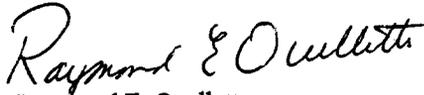
- A letter will be drafted and signed by Marcia Rudolph to the City of Irvine with cc's to Board of Supervisors, LRA, and others, indicating that the Navy's position on Landfill 3 and 5 is to leave the contamination in place and to place a synthetic liner and cover it with two feet of dirt. Monitoring wells would be required for the next 20 years as a minimum. However, any breach of the synthetic liner would void any future Navy liability since they would not have been a cause of the breach. Therefore, the Citizens of Orange County would be saddled with any expenditure to correct such a

breach in the future. The land, with its soil cover, could only be used for such things as a golf course. No higher land use could be made of the land because of the contaminants (unidentified) that remain buried in the landfill. All committee members are to provide input to Marcia and Chuck who are drafting this letter. Agencies or other CCs that should receive a copy of this letter should be identified. The letter should be sent out by Wednesday, May 5, 1999, in order to have the most political effectiveness.

- Paul LaBonte is to draft a letter to the Governor, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, Representative Cox, and other federal and state bureaucratic officials addressing the potential long term liability the county faces with the Navy's approach to cleanup. This letter also should be sent out by Wednesday, May 5, 1999.
- Chuck Bennett is to draft a letter to the California Water Resources Control Board with CCs to the Santa Ana RWQCB and other water agencies concerning the potential of Perchlorate and TCE contamination of "Waters of the State". The purpose of the letter is to bring attention to the facts that Natural Attenuation is not the answer at this site. The committee needs a high level of sound technical support and an individual who is willing to stand up to the Navy and demand conformance with the State's longstanding "Non Degradation Policy". Currently, the committee believes that the RWQCB staff is competent but not forceful enough in handling the current situation. This letter also should be sent out as soon as possible.

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for May 26, 1999. The next Technical Review Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at a place to be determined by Joe and Marcia.

Respectfully submitted,



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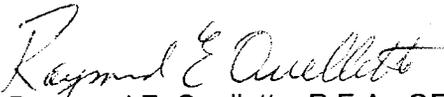
Subject: MINUTES OF ELTORO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the El Toro Advisory Committee meetings held since 28 April 1999. (The minutes for 14 July 1999 have not been completed yet). As indicated in your e-mail, you will provide an appropriate number of copies as a handout for the 12/1/99 RAB meeting. If you have any questions, please call me after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Very truly yours,

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[Meeting minutes prepared by Raymond E. Ouellette]