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Re: Comment on Interagency Agreement

Richard Napier
Councilmember

This letter is in response to the notice circulated by your office indicating the opportunity for public comment on the interagency agreement for "Superfund" environmental cleanup activities at the Naval Air Station at Moffett Field.

Robin N. Parker
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Councilmember

Sunnyvale City staff has reviewed the agreement between the Navy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of California. We believe that the Naval Air Station at Moffett Field is making a praiseworthy effort to address the concerns of the local communities with regard to the 19 identified contamination sites on the base. We recognize, however, that the work undertaken by the Navy to identify the contamination began much later than the work conducted by companies that are sources of contamination and contributing to a common plume.

It is also acknowledged that the Navy is faced with more regulations regarding cleanup than its counterparts in the private sector, because it must also comply with Federal regulations that apply only to Federal facilities. The net effect of these two factors puts Moffett Field in an unenviable position, complicating their cleanup alternatives. The report review process and dispute resolution procedure will be more complex than for the private sector and may well tend to delay cleanup progress.

Although it is unrealistic to expect that Moffett Field can accelerate their plume definition phase to a point where work can occur simultaneously with companies that have been working on their remediation phases for several years, we encourage and would strongly support cooperative and coordinated efforts with Fairchild, Intel, and Raytheon in their more advanced cleanup efforts. We also encourage the Department of Health Services, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Environmental Protection Agency to exercise diligent

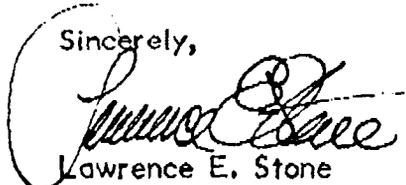
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oversight of these coordinated cleanup efforts to ensure minimal delay in on-going cleanup efforts, efficient use of private and governmental resources, and maximum protection of the environment.

Of particular concern to the City of Sunnyvale is the definition of the plume which may be of impact to the City or to companies within the City of Sunnyvale. Also, as remediation begins, the treatment and discharge of effluent to storm sewers, or to the Bay must be sufficiently monitored so as not to be comingled or impact the treatment efforts of our own water pollution control plant. Of vital importance is the protection of the waters of the Bay.

In conclusion, we urge that all involved parties work together to bring about a rational solution to these very complex issues. Cooperation and mutual understanding are key to ensuring that a solution based on the concerns of the affected communities will be achieved with scientifically accurate information.

Sincerely,



Lawrence E. Stone
Mayor