

COMING SOON

## Ecological Sites Proposed Plan

**T**he Air Force environmental cleanup team is in the midst of finalizing the Ecological Sites Proposed Plan for McClellan. The 12 ecological include portions of Don Julio Creek, Magpie Creek, Second Creek, and Robla Creek, as well as several vernal pools and tailings piles.

The Proposed Plan identifies the preferred alternatives the Air Force believes are the best solutions for protecting human health and the environment at these sites. It also summarizes the past actions, investigations, and studies the Air Force has performed at the ecological sites. The public will be encouraged to review the Plan and provide comments on the cleanup alternatives.

The contaminants of concern for the sites include dioxins/furans, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyl, and metals. These contaminants resulted from spills, discharges, and runoff through years of industrial activities on the former base.

For most of the ecological sites, the concentrations of contaminants do not present a risk to human health. However, they do pose a potential risk to animal populations at some of the sites.

The Air Force anticipates releasing the final Proposed Plan in early 2011 for public review and comment. All comments received on the plan will be considered before the Air



Regulatory agency representatives examine a section of Magpie Creek that is included in the Ecological Sites Proposed Plan.

Force issues a final cleanup decision, with concurrence from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

## How You Can Be INVOLVED

The Air Force encourages public involvement in the cleanup decisions at McClellan and invites the public to review and comment on the Proposed Plan when it is released in early 2011. A summary fact sheet with information on how to view the full Proposed Plan and supporting documents will be mailed to all addresses on the Air Force's McClellan mailing list. The fact sheet will also have information on a public meeting to discuss the plan, the 30-day public comment period, and how to submit comments on the plan.

To add your name to the McClellan mailing list contact **Mary Hall**, McClellan Community Relations, [mary.hall.5.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.hall.5.ctr@us.af.mil) or **916-643-1250, ext. 232**





## McClellan Property Transfers Propel ahead in 2010

**T**he McClellan property transfer team stayed busy in 2010 with almost 560 acres moving from the Air Force to McClellan Business Park in what is the largest transfer to date at the former Air Force Base.

The transfer to McClellan Park, through Sacramento County, relied on an innovative, multiagency agreement referred to as an early transfer with privatized cleanup. Under the agreement, McClellan Business Park, with oversight from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of California represented by the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, is now responsible for addressing contamination in the first

15 feet of soil below the surface. This allows redevelopment and cleanup to proceed in tandem, resulting in greater efficiency. The developer can hold title to the property sooner, easing financing negotiations with lenders and investors. In addition, it puts the developer in the driver's seat for scheduling, permitting and coordination with regulators.

"McClellan's early transfer with privatized cleanup is good for the Air Force because we can hand off our environmental role to the EPA and reduce our environmental liability through a negotiated cost agreement," said Mr. Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, at an August event at McClellan's Aerospace Museum of

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"This transfer represents a major milestone in McClellan's transformation into a vital economic engine for Sacramento County," said Supervisor Roger Dickinson, Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. "Bringing this land into our local control is a smart investment for the region and will stimulate the creation of new businesses and jobs."

Other distinguished guests at the event included Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Ms. Jane Diamond from EPA Region IX, and Mr. Stewart Black from California Environmental Protection Agency. The ceremony was presided over by Mr. Larry Kelley, President of McClellan Park LLC.

McClellan Air Force Base closed in 2001 following the 1995 recommendation

of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Today, it's one of the largest economic development and infill reuse projects in Northern California. Some 15,000 people live and work at McClellan Park. Sacramento County estimates that when fully developed McClellan will be home to some 35,000 jobs and generate more than \$6.6 million per year in local property tax and \$1.1 million per year in local sales tax revenue.

In 1987, the 3,000-acre installation was added to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List due to contaminants in the soil and groundwater. Since then, the Air Force has worked with the U.S. EPA and the State of California's Department of Toxic Substances Control and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to clean the property and transfer it to the county for redevelopment.

"Here at McClellan we're at the forefront of combining cleanup and redevelopment while addressing complex environmental and community concerns," said Phil Mook, senior representative for the Air Force Real Property Agency. "The success of this unique transfer speaks to the dedication and teamwork of everyone involved."



Speakers at the August 2010 event celebrating the property transfer signed a propeller to commemorate the largest property transfer to date at the former McClellan Air Force Base.



Mr. Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, discusses the benefits of the recent transfer of some 560 acres from the Air Force to McClellan Business Park. At the table are Larry Kelley, President of McClellan Park, Supervisor Roger Dickinson, Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Jane Diamond from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, and Stewart Black from California Environmental Protection Agency.

### McClellan Groundwater Update

The Air Force continued to make significant progress cleaning up the groundwater at McClellan in 2010. With a network of more than 100 extraction wells and 500 monitoring wells, the groundwater treatment plant pumped and treated an average of 1700 gallons per minute in the first half of the year to remove more than 225 pounds of contaminants. The water is cleaned to state and federal standards and then returned to Magpie Creek on the former base.

In addition, the Soil Vapor Extraction system removed another 24,000 pounds of contaminants from the soil between the surface and the groundwater in the first half of 2010. Groundwater at McClellan begins at about 100 feet below the surface. Seven of the 14 extraction systems are currently shut down because the systems have effectively removed contamination, bringing the concentrations of contaminants at those locations below cleanup levels. The Air Force is conducting additional studies to determine if these systems can be permanently shut down.

**All drinking water at McClellan is provided by Sacramento Suburban Water District and is safe to drink. No groundwater at McClellan is used for drinking water supplies.**

# Environmental Action **UPDATE**

## AFRPA Western REC

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{ **Environmentally sound:** McClellan's successful, continuing cleanup has }  
enabled its simultaneous transformation to a thriving business park.

## McClellan Holiday Social and RAB Meeting



Join the McClellan Restoration Advisory Board at its annual Holiday Social and December meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 to provide input on upcoming cleanup activities at the former McClellan Air Force Base.

RAB members advise the Air Force and regulatory agencies about community concerns and provide comments on McClellan cleanup documents and decisions. The RAB includes representatives of local community stakeholder groups, the Air Force, and regulatory agencies. These Stakeholder groups include local government, environmental groups, the education community, local businesses, religious organizations, area residents, and students.

All RAB meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and provide comments.

In addition, the RAB is currently seeking new members. Anyone with an interest in the environmental cleanup program at McClellan is encouraged to apply. Technical expertise is not necessary.

For more information on the McClellan RAB or the environmental cleanup program at McClellan, contact **Mary Hall** at **McClellan Community Relations** at 916-643-1250, ext 232, or email at [mary.hall.5.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.hall.5.ctr@us.af.mil).

## Holiday Social RAB MEETING

- **Tuesday, December 7, 2010**  
Holiday Social begins at 5:30 p.m.  
RAB meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- **North Highlands Recreation and Park District office, Recreation Center**  
6040 Watt Ave.  
North Highlands, CA 95660

