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SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, 19 May 2009

- 1. Attached please find the final minutes from the 19 May 2009 McClellan Restoration Advisory Board meeting held at the Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center, Terrace Room.
- 2. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Mary Hall, at (916) 643-1250, extension 232.

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**BRAC Environmental Coordinator** 

Attachment:

Final Meeting Minutes, 19 May 2009

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### McClellan Air Force Base (AFB) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes FINAL 19 May 2009 -- McClellan, California

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Lions Gate Terrace Room

McClellan, California

#### **RAB Member Attendees**

<u>NAME</u>	AFFILIATION
ADRIAN DEWALD	COMMUNITY RAB MEMBER
PAUL GREEN, JR.	COMMUNITY RAB CO-CHAIR
RANDY ORZALLI	COMMUNITY RAB MEMBER
PAUL PLUMMER	COMMUNITY RAB MEMBER
GARY COLLIER	COMMUNITY RAB MEMBER
DANA BOOTH	RAB MEMBER – LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY
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#### I. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Guidelines

Gaelle Glickfield welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced herself as the meeting facilitator. Attendees signed the sign-in sheet (Attachment 1), and picked up available handouts, including the agenda (Attachment 2).

The RAB members introduced themselves and the stakeholder group they represent. Ms. Glickfield had everyone in the room, including community members, introduce themselves.

The general format of the meeting and agenda was outlined, including how to be recognized as a speaker during the meeting and when to ask questions.

#### II. Agenda and Comments on Minutes

Ms. Glickfield referred the RAB the agenda and minutes from the February 2009 meeting. As there were no comments on the minutes, they are considered adopted as is.

#### III. Community Co-chair Update

Paul Green, Jr., community co-chair, thanked the Air Force staff for inviting the RAB to provide input prior to a proposed alternative being selected. Regarding the ecological sites, Mr. Green noted that the issue has been around for some 8 years. In the past he has asked for proof of the animals harmed at the sites as a means of demonstrating that there is more than one way to look at things. Mr. Green said he is glad to see a presentation of alternatives that includes "no action" or removing dirt because it gives the RAB a chance to provide input early. He hopes the RAB continues to operate in that manner.

Mr. Green also noted that if nominated to continue as community co-chair he would accept that nomination.

#### IV. Air Force Cleanup Update / LRA Activities

#### Air Force Cleanup Update

Steve Mayer presented the BRAC Cleanup Team and Stakeholders Field Review (Attachment 3). Only information and comments not presented in the attachments is recorded in these minutes.

Regarding the groundwater treatment system, Mr. Mayer said the concentration of contaminants is decreasing with cleanup. This has enabled the Air Force to take the carbon vessels offline and continue with air stripping and ion exchange for groundwater treatment. He also noted that installation of the new non-VOC extraction well is complete and operating in agreement with the draft non-VOC amendment to the Groundwater Record of Decision. This completes implemention of the remedy for those contaminants and the groundwater system.

Two new biovent systems will be installed later this year, Mr. Mayer said.

Mr. Mayer presented the Key Documents (Attachment 4). Only information and comments not presented in the attachments is recorded in these minutes.

Mr. Mayer said the Air Force completed the feasibility study for Initial Parcel #3 and the EPA will complete the the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision for that parcel under privatization for FOSET #1. He anticipates completing the FOSET #1 late summer of 2009. The majority of AOC G-1 will transfer via a Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) to North Highlands Recreation and Park District once a Record of Decision is issued later this year and the final remedy is in place. The parcel with the Aerospace Museum will transfer to the Museum.

Parcels L2/L3 are educational facilities used by Twin Rivers School District and American River College Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center.

Mr. Green asked if the depth of the water table or current drought have any impact on the wells. Mr. Mayer stated that there is no evidence of impact and any potential impact is addressed during the normal operation and optimization of the groundwater treatment system.

Mr. Green asked if AOC G-1 includes the gym. Mr. Mayer stated that property was already transferred as a separate transaction and that it will continue to operate as a private business separate from the North Highlands Recreation and Park District.

Mr. DeWald requested more information on the rebound study. Mr. Mayer said the Air Force prefers that a system stabilize for at least 6 months during a stop analysis and may at times add new wells to get a good look at what the plume is doing. A workplan will be prepared and approved by the regulators prior to the work commencing. The objective is to determine whether there is an ability for the contamination to get down to the groundwater. When the contaminations are depleted through pumping the concentration gets so low that the contamination physically can't get down to the groundwater and cause more of an issue later.

#### V. LRA Activities

Dana Booth provided updates on three LRA projects at McClellan:

1. Transfer/privatization. The first privatization effort (Parcel C-6) took several years. Everyone is hoping the current effort (FOSET #1-600 acres) will be 14-20 months and the next will be even faster as all the parties learn from past experience.

The first of some of the documents for the FOSET #1 privatization are going before the county Board of Supervisors on June 16. This is the ESCA, which outlines the County's agreement with Air Force and McClellan Business Park and provides the authority for the County's director of economic development to sign documents, contracts, deeds and other documents as they progress.

- 2. Gateway projects. The repavement on the east side of the base will be finished by end of the month. The project started 4 years ago with sewer/infrastructure upgrades. Next summer look for the railroad crossing at Dudley to be upgraded.
- 3. Sanitary Sewer. Work this summer will be around the OptiSolar building and lift station 331.

Mr. Green asked if McClellan is still the Air Force's showcase for cleanup and is that distinction still instrumental in our receipt of Federal funding.

Mr. Booth said he has no reason to believe McClellan is not still a showcase, however, he feels it is even more significant that McClellan has a proven track record of always having projects in the works and being able to demonstrate to Congress that when Congress allocates money for McClellan for a project, the project gets done. There are always nice things to show for the money. It makes McClellan as a redevelopment area much more sellable.

Mr. Green asked if we are in line for any stimulus money. Mr. Booth said maybe. There are numerous avenues by which the funds trickle down to the local governments, and there are various strings attached. It is all being reviewed and resolved.

#### VI. Parcel C-6 Early Transfer with Privatized Cleanup Status Update

Yvonne Fong, EPA remedial project manager for McClellan and lead for privatized cleanup at Parcel C-6, provided an update of EPA activities occurring since the November 2008 Proposed

Plan Public Meeting (Attachment 5). Only information and comments not presented in the attachments is recorded in these minutes.

Ms. Fong noted that the EPA hopes to have the final Record of Decision signed within the next few weeks.

#### VII. Regulatory Update

James Taylor, McClellan program manager for the Regional Water Quality Control Board, referred to item #10 on the Key Documents list: Non-VOCs in Groundwater ROD Amendment. He said the Regional Water Quality Control Board has asked for an extension for the Draft Final to June so that the agency has time to work through an issue regarding the absence of federal and state MCLs or state public health goal for hexavalent chromium. The state is working on establishing a public health goal for hexavalent chromium and the Board is asking for more time to work out a solution that considers the pending public health goal. He stated that the impacted plumes are very small and no one is drinking the water.

#### VIII. Ecological Sites Feasibility Study Preview

Molly Enloe, natural resources program manager for the Air Force at McClellan gave a presentation (Attachment 6) on the draft Feasibility Study for the Ecological Sites at McClellan. Only information and comments not presented in the attachments are recorded in these minutes.

Adrian DeWald asked for clarification of the removal alternative for the vernal pools. Ms. Enloe explained that because it is a habitat for a federally listed species, if the habitat is removed, there has to be some type of compensation. The Feasibility Study discusses a couple alternatives: one is to try to restore the habitat in that location; the second would be an off-site mitigation or compensation.

Mr. Collier asked about evaluation of radioisotopes in creeks. Ms. Enloe explained that radiological contaminants on the base are being investigated under a separate remedial investigation document; however, the results of that investigation as they pertain to the creeks will be discussed in this document as it progresses.

Mr. Collier questioned the value of cleaning up all the vernal pools. Ms. Enloe said that is part of what is being evaluated in the Feasibility Study process and part of the feedback the RAB can offer to the process.

Mr. Collier asked if migratory species were considered in the process. Ms. Enloe said that is part of what is considered in the nine CERCLA evaluation criteria: compliance with state and federal requirements, which in this case includes the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Mr. Booth asked if a combination of alternatives is being considered. Ms. Enloe said that the Feasibility Study does look at individual sites and alternatives specific for the sites, so it can be a combination.

Mr. DeWald asked the proximity of the sites to the runways. Ms. Enloe said Roblo Creek is at the north end of the runway, but it is not an area the FAA would want to see a lot of

environmental restoration there because of flight hazards. The West Nature Area, she said, is further removed and probably not within the FAA's jurisdiction for land use.

Mr. Mayer pointed out that the purpose of the presentation is to introduce the RAB to the study and encourage their participation and input into the Feasibility Study

#### IX. Community Co-chair Election

Ms. Glickfield reviewed the process for electing a community co-chair:

- Only community RAB members are eligible to be the community co-chair.
- Candidates must be nominated by another member and the vote is an open vote.
- Any RAB member may vote, however, last year, some members chose not to vote.
- Election is by simple majority.
- A tie can be resolved by a revote or by Ms. Glickfield polling members not present at the meeting.

Mr. Collier asked for clarification on whether non-community members can vote. Ms. Glickfield said that last year's minutes captured some discussion on that question and in the end it was decided that any RAB member can vote, however, the non-community members abstained from voting.

Mr. Collier expressed concern about the non-community members, particularly the Air Force cochair, voting for the community co-chair. Ms. Glickfield proposed a vote to determine whether or not non-community members can vote.

Mr. Green and Mr. Plummer said they agreed with Mr. Collier that the Air Force co-chair should not vote, however, they are not concerned about the regulators voting. Mr. DeWald said he feels the regulators should not vote either. Mr. Orzalli supported the previous procedure in which the regulators could opt out if they so chose.

Ms. Glickfield summarized the concensus to be that the Air Force may not vote, and the regulators are eligible to vote. The RAB members agreed.

Nominations: Paul Plummer nominated Paul Green, Jr. Mr. Green accepted. Mr. Green nominated Adrian DeWald. Mr. DeWald accepted. Mr. DeWald nominated Gary Collier. Mr. Collier declined the nomination.

The vote was three votes for Paul Green; two votes for Adrian DeWald. Mr. Green is the community co-chair for an additional year.

#### X. Public Comment Period

Frederick Gayle: This isn't a constitutional convention and I'm trying to think of something nice to place it as. I don't know whether you have a quorum. I've never seen a meeting in which the rules are not in place before you start. Those are the kind you do on the corner. You make the rules as you go. I was reading an article in the paper. Aaron Copeland is one of my favorite people – the common man. But I don't think we could have could have built the atomic bomb with the common people or the Panama Canal. Those were done not by the public but by military

and the Mississippi waterway. So we have to be careful when you say who can do it better. Sometimes we don't read the history of it. Where would we be without the Mississippi waterway, great dams, TV Authority? Who built those? But I don't even know whether you've got a quorum. But I think you should get your rules in order because other than that you look kind of like you don't know what you are doing.

#### VII. RAB Members Questions, Advice, Comments, and Announcements

Ms. Glickfield presented the results (Attachments 7a and 7b) of her recent survey of RAB members about their satisfaction with the RAB. Only information and comments not presented in the attachments is recorded in these minutes.

Mr. Green suggested that at RAB meetings, the public be asked up front why they are at the meeting; what is their topic of interest. He suggested it be noted as an agenda item.

Regarding the survey response for more historical context in meetings, Mr. Green noted the historical context is designed to allow people to come to a conclusion when something is said. He felt the historical context is a critical comment/suggestion. Ms. Glickfield responded that there is a time balance for providing historical context to updates when there is so much information to be provided. Mr. Green responded that the historical context could be written. There are a variety of approaches. He said the public needs to be able to know what the RAB is talking about. For example, was the woman in the audience today, able to follow the meeting?

The woman, Carolyn Gardner, identified herself and asked if there had been a survey of the public as to whether or not they can understand the meeting information. She said it was her first time at the meeting and she did not understand much of what was discussed.

Mr. DeWald said he understands that the RAB is a community relations tool and it is sorely lacking in community involvement. Possible causes are that people aren't aware of the meetings; are discouraged and don't want to come; the information isn't presented in an easily absorbed manner; the information is confusing and hard to follow; the meeting structure/procedures tends to limit the involvement of the community. He said more needs to be done to get the community involved. Perhaps there could be more time for open dialogues, maybe after the meeting, off the record.

Mr. Booth suggested that when the facilitator asks the public to introduce themselves, she could also ask them to state why they are at the meeting. That would allow the RAB members to more specifically address a topic in which a member of the public expressed an interest.

Mary Hall, Air Force community relations, noted that a poster session before the RAB meeting was added before the February meeting, which was poorly attended due to weather. There was good attendance at the poster session prior to the current meeting. The session is designed to provide an opportunity for more in depth information and background discussions off the record. She also said the community relations and technical staff are available before and after the meetings or at other times to meet with and talk with anyone who has questions.

Mr. Roy Compton in the audience said he has attended many RAB meetings at Mather and he is familiar with the information from Mather, but the general public coming in for the first time doesn't have that familiarity. However, he noted that there are opportunities for questions throughout the meeting after each presentation.

Mr. Booth asked if it would help to have a commonly used acronym list at the door? He also suggested that the list cross-reference the various terms that agencies use when referring to the same project. Ms. Gardner said it would be helpful, in addition to a map depicting the locations of the areas under discussion.

Ms. Glickfield suggested a RAB training session to discuss the history of RAB involvement, the RAB mandate and how the RAB can best give advice/comments to the cleanup process. All RAB members indicated they thought this would be helpful. Ms. Glickfield and the community relations staff will prepare a session for July.

In round-the-table wrap up, Mr. Collier suggested that the public come out to see the creeks, ecological sites, and migratory waterfowl.

Mr. DeWald asked if there would be a tour of the ecological sites. Mr. Mayer stated one would be scheduled as the process moves a bit further along.

Ms. Fong mentioned that the information repository at the North Highlands Antelope Library may not be available to the public yet. She suggested anyone interested call the library before making the trip. Ms. Fong also noted that there appears to be a transition in the purpose of the RAB meeting, and that while there is still an advisory role, perhaps the RAB is transitioning to role to provide the necessary information to people who are interested in what is going on at McClellan.

Paul Plummer said he judges the effectiveness of the meeting by what he learns and can apply elsewhere.

Mr. Green said he has two purposes at the RAB: the first is to give advice; the second is to pass information regarding the RAB's activities. The RAB meeting is not necessarily made for the public, but the presentation is made so that the public can understand it, but not every detail. For those that want all the details, they should become a RAB member or do some due diligence to get up to speed on their own. The RAB and the Air Force cannot equip themselves for every meeting to present the information in such a way that every person who walks in can be accommodated. This is a board meeting and the Air Force needs to be sure to target the level of understanding of the RAB members and try to do it in a way that the public can understand also. But it is not the RAB's job to understand the scientific details or the specific jobs of the regulators. It is the RAB's job to understand the impact of what they are doing and to represent that to the public. The RAB members have jobs as representatives as well.

Randy Orzalli, in support of Mr. Green's statements, added that it really isn't technically possible for someone to come in the first time and understand all the information. The function of the RAB is to take information and represent the community and to provide information to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



### **McClellan Restoration Advisory Board**

May 19, 2008 RAB Meeting 6:30 pm Lionsgate Terrace Room

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#### McClellan Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Lions Gate Hotel, Terrace Room Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Open House Poster Session 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

TIME	TOPIC	<u>LEAD</u>
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome & Introductions	Facilitator
6:35 - 6:40	Agenda & Comments on February Minutes	Facilitator
6:40 – 6:45	RAB Co-chair Update	Community Co-chair Paul Green Jr.
6:45 – 7:05	AF Cleanup Update <u>Goal</u> : Provide an update of current field activities and key documents. <u>Process</u> : Presentation and Q&A	Air Force Steve Mayer
7:05 – 7:15	LRA Activities <u>Goal</u> : Provide an update of Local Redevelopment Authority activities. <u>Process</u> : Presentation and Q&A	LRA Dana Booth
7:15 – 7:25	Parcel C6 Early Transfer with Privatized Cleanup Status Update Goal: Update the RAB and community about the Parcel C6 privatized cleanup project, and to discuss issues as necessary.  Process: Presentation and Q&A	EPA
7:25 – 7:30	Regulatory Update	Regulatory Agencies
7:30 – 7:45	Ecological Sites Feasibility Study Preview <u>Goal</u> : Update on the progress of the Feasibility Study and preliminary information from the study to allow the RAB an opportunity to provide input on the development and evaluation of the cleanup alternatives for the ecological sites. <u>Process:</u> Presentation and Q&A	Air Force Contractor Molly Enloe
7:45 – 8:00	Community Co-chair Election	Facilitator
8:00 until complete	Public Comment Goal: Provide opportunity for members of the public to comment. Process: Public members fill out a comment card indicating they want to speak. The facilitator will call each person to the microphone. Statements will be timed and are limited to 3 minutes for each speaker. The timer will notify the speaker when they have 30 seconds remaining and when they have reached 3 minutes.	Facilitator
	RAB Members Advice, Comments, & Announcements Goal: Solicit advice from each RAB member for upcoming agendas, and provide an opportunity for RAB members to express brief comments and/or make announcements.  Process: Around the table for each member to offer agenda suggestions, comments, and announcements; comments will be recorded and will form future agendas.	RAB

#### **MEETING GUIDELINES**

#### **Ground Rules**

- Be progress oriented
- Participate
- Speak one at a time
- Be concise
- Use "I" statements when expressing opinions
- Express concerns and interests (not positions)
- Focus on issues not personalities
- Focus on what CAN be changed (not on what can not be changed)
- Listen to understand (not to formulate your response for the win!)
- > Draw on each others' experiences
- Discuss history only as it contributes to progress

#### Facilitator Assumptions

- We are dealing with complex issues and no one person has all the answers
- Open discussions ensure informed decision making
- Managed conflict is good and stimulates creativity and innovation
- All the members of the group can contribute something to the process
- Everyone is doing the best they can with the knowledge they have now
- Blame is unproductive and dis-empowering

### BRAC Cleanup Team and Stakeholders Meeting 20 and 21 May 2009

#### FIELD REVIEW:

#### **Groundwater Program Activities**

- a) McClellan Ground Water Treatment System (GWTS) The GWTS is operating at 1436 gpm with 10 wells shut down because VOC concentrations are less than the MCLs. OU B EW-284 (A), EW-307 (C), EW-309 (D), EW-364 (BC), OU D EW-86 (AB), OU A EW-435 (AB), EW-336 (A/B) OU C EW-137 (B), EW-446 (A), and OU H EW-454 (AB) are shut down because VOC concentrations are less than MCLs; the wells are being monitored for rebound. Wells EW-247, EW-308, and EW-383 were shutdown on 22 January to evaluate their effect on VOC concentrations. Extraction Well EW-460 stopped pumping on 6 April due to a failed pump motor. A replacement motor has been procured and installation is scheduled to be installed on 20 May. Due to a 40% reduction in flow EW-84 is scheduled to be re-developed on 19 May. The CERCLA treatment system is operating normally. The ion exchange system is operating normal.
- b) Investigative Cluster (IC) 29 GWTS Investigative Cluster (IC) 29 GWTS (pre-treatment of ground water from dual-phase extraction wells). The IC 29 GWTS air stripper was bypassed on 5 January. All associated extraction wells are on-line directly to the main GWTS.
- c) Davis GWTS The Davis GWTS is shut down. Demolition activities continue at the site. The above ground Main and Generator buildings have been demolished (small well structure still intact). The below ground foundations and perimeter fence slated to be completed by Mid-May. *The demolition contractor hit and damaged the 2-inch HDPE groundwater extraction well line running along the eastern fence. It has been requested that they repair the line with CH2M oversite*. Site visits will continue on roughly a weekly basis during demolition activities. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring event was conducted the week of 13 April 2009.
- d) Ground Water Monitoring Program (GWMP) The 2Q09 event was completed on 22 April.
- e) Non-VOC Groundwater Program: The new A-monitoring zone, non-VOC extraction well EW-487 was installed to address hexavalent chromium near Building 243 and began operation on 13 April.
- **f) MW-641 Stepouts:** Sampling activities for MW-641, MW-187, and all temporary stepout wells were completed on 7 January. Results were published in the final 2007/2008 Groundwater Well Installation Technical Memorandum issued 20 April 2009.

#### Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) Program Activities

- **g)** Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) Systems (3 of 15 SVE systems operating, removing vapors from 2 of 22 SVE sites). System uptime is calculated from 16 March through 28 April 2009.
  - 1) IC 1 vapor-phase granular activated carbon (VGAC) is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 31 March.
  - 2) IC 5/7 VGAC is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 31 March.
  - 3) IC 19/21 Flameless Thermal Oxidizer (FTO) is operating normally, treating vapors from IC 19 only. (100% uptime)
  - 4) IC 19/21 VGAC is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 21 April 2008.
  - 5) IC 23 SVE system is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 21 April 2008
  - 6) IC 25/29/30/31/32 SVE is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 11 January 2008.
  - 7) IC 34/35/37 Flameless Thermal Oxidation (FTO) system is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 17 July 2008.
  - 8) IC 34/35/37 VGAC is not operating. The system was shutdown on 27 May 2008 for a rebound study and in support of drilling activities.
  - 9) IC 42 SVE is not operating; the system was shut down for a rebound study on 11 July 2007.
  - 10) PRL T-44 SVE is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 23 July 2004.

- 11) OU C1/PRL 66B Flameless Thermal Oxidizer (FTO) is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 17 July 2008.
- 12) OU C1/PRL 66B VGAC is not operating. The system was shut down for a rebound study on 17 July 2008.
- 13) OU D VGAC is operating normally, treating vapors from only OU D only. (100% uptime)
- 14) OU D Thermal Oxidizer is operating normally, treating vapors from OU D only (99% uptime)
- 15) B 243 VGAC is not operating. The system was shutdown in support of drilling, sampling activities as a rebound study on 15 January.
- h) Monitoring and Technology Well Destruction Project De-commissioning orphan & abandoned wells along with the PBC SVE RAO well decommissioning of SSA-2, some IC-1, and some IC-7, wells began 19 January and was completed on 24 February. A few wells still require the upper 5ft. removed iaw County Decommissioning Standards. Those completions will be done in May.
- i) OU C1 SVE Optimization—Concrete Removal/Demolition commenced on 16 April. The First Phase (Demolition of Tank Structures) is on schedule and project completion is still anticipated by 22 May. CH2M Hill collected samples from contaminated soil encountered during excavation in the separating berms between Blending Ponds 1 & 2 and the Aeration Basin. Results indicated only degraded TPH. As part of the concrete removal process, oversight personnel will continue to examine all material for evidence of contaminant impact. If they see any evidence of contamination the material will be delineated or segregated for further testing.

#### Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL) Cleanup Activities

- j) POL Program:
- The second quarter (2Q09) Biovent (PRL S-040) system monitoring and respiration rate sampling activities were performed on 06 April 2009. The issue of the draft O&M report for 1Q09 is imminent. The Final Biovent (PRL S-040) System and Expansion Fieldwork (Soil Investigation) was performed in late February. A draft report has been issued for regulatory review. Installation of an additional injection well may be necessary.
- 2) The Basewide Fuels Investigation Step out borings for Buildings 7 were completed on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also step out borings were completed at the former B/1036 (south of Coast Guard, west side of Price Ave). The contractor is proposing costs for installation of two injection and appropriate monitoring wells at each of these two POL sites.

#### **Radiation Program Activities**

- k) Radiation Program.
  - 1) CS-10 Site inspections are conducted weekly.
  - 2) **Building 252 Remedial Investigation** –*Mobilization commenced 18 May* for the building Final Status Survey Report (FSSR). *Contractor will be SEC and is scheduled to begin on May 26, 2009. Operational Readiness Review meeting completed with SEC and AF staff on May 19, 2009.*

#### Soil Remediation, Investigation and Management Activities

- UB1 Drainage Ditch and OU D Cap O&M Update The OU B1 sediment traps (ST4 and ST2) were cleaned out April 16. The results indicate elevated concentrations of PCBs. Additional samples were taken downstream at the Austin Media Filter. Analytical results from the Austin Filter indicate PCB concentration of 48 and 50 ug/kg. Since a remedial action is already planned along this section of the OU B1 Drainage Ditch as part of the FOSET #1 project, this new information will be passed along to that project and the Air Force will take interim steps to prevent surface soils in these elevated areas from migrating to the drainage feature and Magpie Creek. The First Quarter Inspection Reports were issued to the agencies in mid-May. The second quarter inspections are scheduled to occur at the end of June. The mowing of the OUD Cap will be completed in the next two weeks.
- m) Sanitary Sewer System Replacement Project (Area B/C) Pre-excavation soil sampling has been performed. The AF has received all pre-excavation soil sample results with no major findings noted. Area C (OU-B) construction is now planned to begin in June with potholing. The SWPPP for this area (Wetland Protection) should be in place by 22 May. Area B (OU-C) construction start may be

- delayed until 2010. Lift Station 331 replacement construction is planned to start in July 2009. *MBP* is still waiting on Regional Water Quality Certification before filling in the upland ditch to the east.
- n) McClellan Soils Management: Access to the Shelter Road Clean Soils Holding Area is limited to Air Force, PBC and utility Bill-Of-Sale support projects, and alternate disposal sites as specifically approved by AFRPA dump slip permit with oversite by AFCEE. Lease transfer of the SSPF Contaminated Soils Holding Pad (excluding the soils tent) has occurred. Use and management has been transferred to MBP.
- o) Industrial Waste Collection System: The Air Force continues to monitor for sources of wastewater entering the IWCS. The Air Force continues to identify remaining influent flows into the former IWCS from McClellan Park facilities and properties so they may be redirected. CH2M Hill will begin surveying the IWL this <u>spring</u> to help determine our de-commissioning plan. Remaining legacy OWS & IWL service connections status will be tracked on Field Findings sheet.
- **p) Initial Parcel #3** -Change pages were issued 26 March which incorporated revisions based on agency comments on the Final RICS and FS documents.
- **q) Small Volume Sites Investigation**: *The Draft version of the RI/FS* document is being prepared at this time; *however, sampling efforts continue at SA 063 and SA 100*
- r) **DMM Site on Shelter Road.** The *Draft Final Site Investigation Closure Report was issued 28 April to the agencies for their review. Comments are due 28 May.*
- s) Building 262 B and C Bays Demolition Abatement commenced the end of March and demolition is underway. The B & C Bay front structure has been removed. Anticipate completion by mid June.

#### Wetlands/Habitats Management and Maintenance Activities

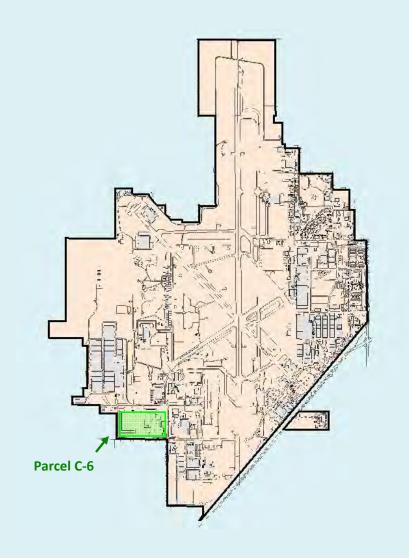
- t) Airfield mowing has resumed in areas where the ground has dried sufficiently.
- u) Field Mowing of MBP Leased Properties Mowing has been initiated for parcels that do not contain vernal pools. The Air Force received concurrence from USFWS that mowing within vernal pools is not likely to adversely affect threatened and endangered species, provided that early season mowing is conducted at a height above the height of the native vernal pool plants to allow them to set seed. The Air Force is continuing to work with McClellan Park landscape contractors to ensure that the conditions of the USFWS consultation letter are implemented, and is conducting on-site meetings to discuss mowing restrictions and identify the locations of vernal pools to the mowers.
- v) Vernal Pool and Wetland Delineation Update The Air Force has received the approved Wetland Delineation by the Corps.
- w) SAFR Wetland Permit The construction of the protective metal backstop will commence once weather permits. Additional clean soils were exchanged for the SAFR expansion project this past month, replacing saturated soils with clean dry soils from the CSHA. *It is anticipated that project completion with final grading, site cleanup and restoration will be late summer.*
- x) AFRPA Firebreak Mowing and Discing The field team completed borrowing owl surveys (May 14-15). Mowing and discing commenced 19 May anticipate completion by week's end.

#### Attachment 4

### Key Documents and Events of Interest to the RAB 19 MAY 09 RAB Meeting

1	19 WAT U9 RAD Weeting					
	Document	Document Description	Status	FOSET		
1	Initial Parcel #3 Proposed Plan / Record of Decision	Presents preferred cleanup alternatives for 45 sites	Pending FOSET #1 Privatization	FOSET #1		
2	FOSET #1 (Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer)	Documents the environmental restrictions in support of an early transfer of property associated with IRP sites in the LRA Initial Parcel ROD #2 and ROD #3	Document has been revised to reflect privatization strategy, anticipate completion in conjunction with privatization schedule	FOSET #1		
3	Small Volume Sites Remedial Investigation Characterization Summaries/Feasibility Study	Details investigation results and evaluates cleanup alternatives for 91 sites.	Draft RI/FS due June 30	FOSET #2		
4	Building 252 Remedial Investigation Characterization Summary/Feasibility Study	Details investigation results and evaluates cleanup alternatives for Building 252	Draft Building 252 RICS and FS issued in summer 2009	FOSET #2		
5	FOSET Large #2 (Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer)	Documents the environmental restrictions in support of an early transfer of property. Includes 95 sites (primarily from Small Volume Sites ROD and Building 252).	Document is final and awaiting amendment and signature in conjuncture with FOSET #2 transfer in late 2009	FOSET #2		
6	Follow-On Strategic Sites Remedial Investigation Characterization Summary/Feasibility Study	Details investigation results and evaluates cleanup alternatives for additional landfill and soil sites	Draft Follow-On Strategic Sites RICS and FS issued in late 2009	FOSET #3		
7	Focused Strategic Sites ROD	Documents cleanup decision for 11 sites, including firing training area, small arms firing range and large landfills	Release of Draft ROD is anticipated for Summer 2009	FOSET #3		
8	Ecological Sites Record of Decision	Documents cleanup decisions for ecological sites, creeks and vernal pools	Draft Feasibility Study complete, Final Feasibility Study anticipated Winter 2010	FOSET #3		
9	FOSET #3 (Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer)	Documents the environmental restrictions in support of an early transfer of property. Includes 133 sites.	Document is final and awaiting revision in conjunction with Privatization strategy	FOSET #3		
10	Non-VOCs in groundwater ROD amendment	Documents cleanup decision for Non-VOCs in groundwater, will be a ROD amendment to Groundwater VOC ROD completed in 2007	Draft Final due June 18			

11	ACO G-1 Proposed Plan	Addresses two suspected burial pits and small arms firing range in northeast McClellan (ballfields area)	Public Comment Period anticipated in June
12	Parcel L2/L3 FOST	Finding of Suitability for Transfer document approximately 4.2 acres	Final is on hold until resolution of OPS (Operating Properly and Successfully) determination for Groundwater, which is dependent upon Non-VOC in GW ROD amendment
13	Five Year Review	Formal evaluation of ongoing cleanup activities to ensure they are working properly.	Final report scheduled to be complete by June 2009.
14	BRAC Cleanup Plan Update	Describes strategy for cleanup and property transfer, specifically as emphasis shifts from traditional CERCLA-based cleanup toward Privatization strategy	Final due in late May



### McClellan Parcel C-6

(Former McClellan Air Force Base)

**Update** 

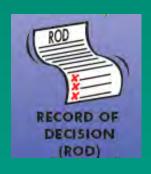


### Where are we now?

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act** REMEDIAL REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION (RI) PROPOSED DESIGN (RD) PLAN A Closer Cleanup Plan **Public Input** REMEDIAL **ACTION (RA)** Cleanup PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT/ RECORD OF LONG-TERM SITE INSPECTION **FEASIBILITY** DECISION **OPERATION &** (PA/51) STUDY (FS) (ROD) MAINTENANCE The First Agree Monitoring What Works? Look

### What's Next?

- Issue Record of Decision (ROD)
  - The first ROD completed by EPA at a privatized Superfund site
  - A Fact Sheet will be distributed
- Design and Implement Remedy











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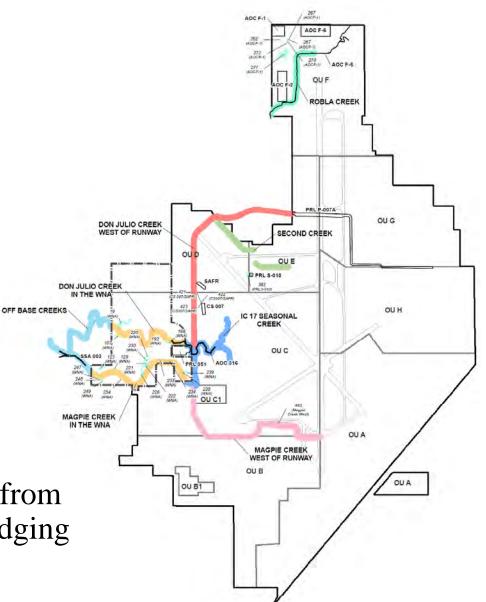
# McClellan Ecological Sites Draft Feasibility Study

Molly Enloe



# **Ecological Sites**

- Creeks
  - Don Julio
  - Magpie
  - IC 17 Seasonal Creek
  - Second
- Vernal Pools
  - 6 sites
- Tailings
  - Contaminated tailings from 1997 flood control dredging



## Ecological Receptors: Creeks



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Lutra canadensis; River Otter



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Butorides virescens; Green Heron



## Ecological Receptors: Vernal Pools



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Lasthenia californica; California Goldfields



Sturnella neglecta; Western Meadowlark

# Ecological Receptors: Tailing Piles



© George W. Robinson, California Academy of Sciences Buteo jamaicensis;

Red-tailed Hawk



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Peromyscus maniculatus;

Deer Mouse

# Ecological Receptors: Threatened and Endangered Species



Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp



Giant Garter Snake



Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle



## Drivers for Cleanup - Creeks

Creek Site	COCs	Human Health Risk	Ecological Risk
West Nature Area	Dioxins/furans, PCBs, PAHs, cadmium, and silver	Fish Consumption*	Yes
Off-Base Creeks	Dioxins/furans, PCBs, cadmium, and silver	Fish Consumption*	Yes
Magpie Creek West	PCBs, dioxins/furans, PAHs, SVOCs, Total DDT, cadmium, and silver	No	Yes
IC 17 Drainage Ditch	Cadmium, silver, PCBs, and dioxins/furans	No	Yes
Second Creek	PAHs	No	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>Assumes 8 oz. meal 3 times/month for 30 years; fishing prohibited in WNA by conservation easement



# Drivers for Cleanup – Vernal Pools

VP Site	COCs	Human Health Risk*	Ecological Risk
West Nature Area	Cadmium	No	Yes
Magpie Creek West	PCBs, cadmium, and silver	No	Yes
Vernal pools at CS 007/SAFR	PAHs	No	Yes
Vernal pools at PRL S-010	PCBs	No	Yes
Second Creek	PAHs	No	Yes
Vernal pools at AOC F-1	PCBs	No	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> Vernal pools not evaluated as separate exposure area for human health



# Drivers for Cleanup – Tailings

Tailings Site	COCs	Human Health Risk	Ecological Risk
West Nature Area	Dioxins/furans and PCBs	No	Yes



### Creeks

- □ No action
- ☐ Light sediment removal
- Deep sediment removal
- Institutional controls/Monitoring/Sediment controls



### Vernal Pools

- □ No action
- Removal
- Institutional controls



# **Tailings**

- □ No action
- □ Removal
- Institutional controls





#### Evaluation of Alternatives

- □ Overall protectiveness of human health and the environment
- Compliance with state and federal environmental requirements
- □ Long-term effectiveness
- Reduction of toxicity, mobility or volume of contaminants through treatment
- □ Cost
- □ Short-term effectiveness
- Implementability
- □ State acceptance
- Community acceptance



## Next Steps

- □ Draft Feasibility Study to be issued this week
  - RAB feedback encouraged during FS process
- □ Final Feasibility Study: late Fall 09
- Proposed Plan of Air Force's preferred alternative
  - Public comment period Spring 2010
- □ Record of Decision: late 2010



#### McClellan RAB Survey Results Spring 2009

#### **Members Surveyed and Date and Time Surveyed:**

Robert Blanchard Dana Booth

Elverta Resident Redevelopment Authority

Surveyed: 30 April 2009, 3:20 p.m. Surveyed: 1 May 2009, 11:15 a.m.

Bill Clements Gary Collier
Religious Community Del Paso Heights

Surveyed: Unable to contact. Surveyed: 1 May 2009, 11:25 a.m.

Adrian DeWald Paul Green, Jr. Technical Representative/ Tenant Education

Surveyed: 29 April 2009, 5:15 p.m. Surveyed: 30 April 2009, 5:25 p.m.

Alan Hersh Paul Plummer McClellan Business Park Business

Surveyed: 1 May 2009, 11:45 a.m. Surveyed: 1 May 2009, 11:50 a.m.

Randy Orzalli McClellan Park Tenant

Surveyed: 23 December 2008, 10:40 a.m.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - RESULTS**

1. How would you rate the content of the RAB meetings over the past year (scale of 1 to 10)?

Lowest rating: 6 Highest rating: 10 Average rating: 7.625

2. Do you feel that your input and advice concerning the cleanup program at McClellan is valued (scale of 1 to 10)?

Lowest rating: 5 Highest rating: 10 Average rating: 7.75

3. Overall, are the RAB meetings working for you (yes or no)?

Number of "yes" answers: 8 Number of "no" answers: 0

4. What would you like improved?

Nothing. It's already working fine.

It is not an oversight committee but only advisory. Should re-order the CERCLA process so that traditional the traditional management process is applied. Define the real problem before trying to solve it. Know if you even have a problem and what the scope is. List assumptions, one of which is does the community even want to solve it. Too much money is spent on things where we don't know what the Air Force and regulators will say.

Look at all the issues, don't say you won't deal with this thing or that—example is the creek.

Interactive dialogue could be improved. When the members of the general public are introducing themselves at the start, we should ask them what agenda items they are there for so we can be sensitive to that—maybe we can cover them earlier if they can't stay the entire time. Instead of the expensive microphones and sound systems, it might be good to have a court reporter.

Steve does a great job presenting information. However it could be improved with better graphics. E.g. groundwater plumes (non-VOC) have been a topic so it would be nice to have a map with the plumes and how they have been changing over time. Same with vapor extraction systems. The public is always asking why cleanup is taking so long—better graphics might show just how much is being done. The poster sessions at the start of the meetings might have info I am requesting.

Information is conveyed and disseminated but not much input is requested. That works well. The information is very scientific and very little direct input can be provided to that process. Not sure the RAB has information to provide to the process.

There should be more community involvement. More work should be done to respond to input that is provided. The technical content (way things are discussed) is very difficult to follow. There should be more monitoring of progress over time—there is little historical context provided.

The RAB is better recently than it used to be. Some didn't used to know enough to be valuable.

5. RAB meetings are quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Is this the best day/time to meet?

Number of "yes" answers: 8 Number of "no" answers: 0

6. Is the information provided at RAB meetings presented in a clear and concise manner that is understandable by the general public?

Number of "yes" answers: 7 Number of "no" answers: 1

7. Do you have any ideas or thoughts about ways to increase or improve RAB membership?

The RAB membership is well-diversified. It has been difficult for me to find someone with my background to replace me.

It might be easier if the RAB had more authority or prestige. People should ask other people to join directly. An effort should be made to increase community participation, not RAB participation.

None really. Day-to-day comrel is so good at McClellan that RAB interest is not high. People don't feel they need it. It's a fallback.

None. The RAB is starting to draw down. It's purpose is declining. It probably will be in EPA's hands due to privatization in the next 5 years. I hope there will still be public participation.

I only ever recruited for a specific group. The actual position and tasks are amorphous. People should have specific jobs (e.g. coordinate with DTSC).

Give current RAB members written information about their duties. That way when we go to recruit we can hand them the duties.

#### 8. What do you like about the RAB?

The people involved are approachable. They can get things resolved right away. They listen to you and treat everyone at the same level.

I respect what is attempting to be done.

Candor, honesty, and integrity of the RAB. I have grown from the experience. Kudos to Brian Sytsma who has gone above and beyond to help me with the RAB. He has gone through extraordinary ends to help me. I credit him for being a very helpful individual.

The Air Force does a good job with the graphics and outlining where they are in the process. Good job answering questions. They are using more latitude answering the general public's questions about cleanup. The RAB is effective and well-run. A lot of effort goes into it. The fact that there is not a huge audience speaks to it success level. The Air Force does a great job communicating their efforts.

The Rab provides an opportunity for the public to get answers. Although there is a formality to it, people are willing to step out of that. You can get your question/problem resolved right away. The people on the RAB are decision-makers and they can get it done.

Really well done.

The structure is good and the Air Force is good at getting the agenda out, as well as the material for review. Everything is very detailed. The community involvement and participation is good.

I like the tour we took—it helped with the technical nomenclature. I like the poster session ahead of time as well.

#### 9. Anything else?

I really like how it's going now. I understand what's going on.

I have no regrets serving the RAB and I appreciate it. I just want to make sure my neighborhood is represented so I can stay on until that happens.

I like the tight time budget. Some meetings go on forever and that is terrible. People get frustrated because some of the agenda will get cut off as a result. At the McClellan RAB, some slippage is allowed but we get to everything in a decent amount of time. It is well managed. Few and far between are meetings that are managed that way.

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I'm glad we took the survey.

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## Question 4: What to Improve

- □ Nothing.
- □ A traditional management process should be applied.
- □ Look at ALL issues, not just a subset. E.g. creeks.
- Interactive dialogue.
- Court reporter versus microphones and recordings.
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- □ More graphics that represent the stages of cleanup.
- □ Info is very technical—how can RAB contribute?
- More community involvement.

### Question 4: What to Improve (cont'd)

- More work to respond to input provided
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## Question 8: Things You Like

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