

Environmental Action UPDATE

AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES AT MCCLELLAN

DECEMBER 2013

Protective cap clears way for public safety training

The cleanup and redevelopment of the former McClellan Air Force Base realized another major achievement recently: completion of a protective cap while also creating a safe, cost-effective place for public safety training.

Decades ago, the Air Force used this area on the west side of the base for landfills and a fire training area. It was later discovered that these activities led to contamination of the soil and groundwater. Groundwater cleanup has been ongoing since the 1980s.

This year, with approval from State and Federal regulatory agencies, the Air Force completed installation of a protective engineered cap over the area. This paves the way for the site to be fully utilized by the Sacramento Fire Department.

Thanks to this cost-effective and safe cleanup remedy, the Sacramento Fire Department is able to expand its training activities currently restricted to an area around the five-story brick structure previously used by the Air Force for fire training activities.

“We’re excited about being able to use the area for training,” said Sacramento Fire Department Capt. David Kevin. “McClellan is a really good fit for us. Its location is a cost savings for the city, so it is very beneficial. And having some space for future growth is also advantageous.”

The Sacramento Fire Department currently operates an Urban Search and Rescue Team (CA-TF7) and a fire training academy for public safety agencies in the region. Rope rescue, firefighting, search and rescue training, and wildland and other fire training exercises are conducted on and around the brick tower.

“Many of the amenities at former bases like McClellan lend themselves very well to reuse by public safety entities,” said Steve Mayer, AFCEC environmental coordinator at McClellan. “It’s a good news story to see

places like the fire training area continue to be put to good use by local organizations.”

The combined cap over these sites is part of the larger Focused Strategic Sites project at McClellan. The Air Force, US Environmental Protection Agency and State of California agreed on the final cleanup decision for these sites in 2012. The cap will be maintained and monitored by the Air Force to ensure its protectiveness into the future.

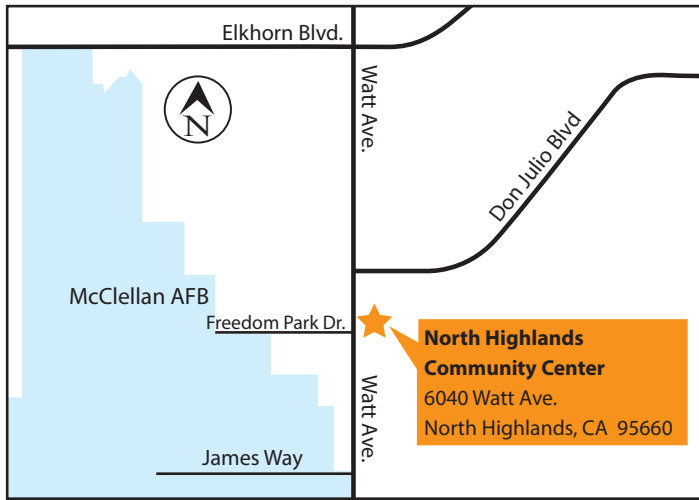


Representatives from the Air Force, regulatory agencies, Sacramento Fire Department, and the local community participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 21 to celebrate the completion of a protective cap over landfills and a former Air Force fire training area. Picture left to right: Paul Green Jr., Restoration Advisory Board community member; James Taylor, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; Assistant Chief Kim Iannucci, Sacramento Fire Department; Carolyn Gardner, Restoration Advisory Board community member; Steve Mayer, AFCEC environmental coordinator; SJ Chern, US Environmental Protection Agency; Captain David Kevin, Sacramento Fire Department.

The Next **RAB** Meeting is **DECEMBER 10.** Please come early for our annual Holiday Social

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WHEN

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
5:30 p.m. Holiday Social
6:30 p.m. RAB Meeting

WHERE

North Highlands Community Center.
6040 Watt Ave.
North Highlands, CA 95660

The McClellan Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) provides a forum for the local community, regulatory agencies and the Air Force to share information on current and future environmental cleanup programs and reuse at the former base.

For more information, contact McClellan Community Relations at
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