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McClellan AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes July 15, 1998 Vineland Elementary School

Members attending: Paul Brunner, DoD Co-Chair; Chuck Yarbrough, Community Co-Chair; Randy Adams, DTSC; Del Callaway; Mannard Gaines; Bill Gibson, Sheila Guerra; Joe Healy, U.S. EPA; Jeannie Lewis; Alex MacDonald, RWQCB; Linda Piercy; Tony Piercy; Imogene Zander

Members not attending: Barry Bertrand; Brad Gacke; Diana Maffei, Rep. Fazio's office; Ben Norman; Simeon Okoroike; Cody Tubbs, Rep. Matsui's office

Others attending: Matthew Alex; Elaine Anderegg, alternate DoD co-chair; Victor Auvinen; Rick Blank; G. Blauth; Mary Bridgewater, McClellan AFB; Merianne Briggs, McClellan AFB; Tracy Brumbaugh; Sean Buhte; Jim Croydon; Linda Geissinger, McClellan AFB; Robert Gonzalas, McClellan AFB; Jim Hartley; Scott Hartung; Ron Hergenrader, Junella Johnson, Pat Lynch; Mark Manoff, LRA; Steve Mayer, McClellan AFB; Frank Miller; Lynn Mireles; Phil Mook, McClellan AFB; Ralph Munch, McClellan AFB; Carlos Payel, McClellan AFB; Angie Proboszcz, McClellan AFB; Chris Quackenbush; Rick Solander, McClellan AFB; Sudhakar Talanki; Mary E. Tapped; Jerry Vincent, McClellan AFB; Richard Walker; Roxanne Yonn

INTRODUCTION, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He asked the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members to introduce themselves to the audience. Mr. Yarbrough briefly reviewed the ground rules.

Paul Brunner gave a review of the agenda and reiterated the importance of staying within the set time limits throughout the course of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Del Callaway commented on the June 3, 1998, RAB meeting minutes. He said that there were several errors and/or omissions and that the overall quality of the minutes is inaccurate.

Mr. Callaway moved that the minutes should not be accepted and should be rewritten in accordance with the tape that was made at the June 3rd meeting. Ms. Sheila Guerra seconded the motion. Ms. Guerra said that she reviewed the minutes along with tape recording of the meeting and discovered that the minutes did not follow the order of the meeting. The following is a summary of the discussion:

- Mr. Brunner asked Mr. Callaway to clarify if he wanted the minutes to be verbatim of what was said or if he wanted the minutes to be a reflection of what was going on at the meeting.

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- Mr. Callaway responded by giving examples of inconsistencies such as the tally of votes did not equal the number of RAB members present; statements were omitted or were incorrectly placed in the minutes.
- Mr. Yarbrough suggested that Mr. Callaway and Ms. Guerra review the minutes and list what the minutes should address. Ms. Guerra said that based on the cost of the minutes, they should be perfect. Ms. Guerra requested the tapes for all the committee and RAB meetings from the June 3rd meeting forward. She will review the tapes and comment on the draft meeting minutes.
- Mr. Callaway said that the burden of reviewing the minutes should not be placed on him, and that the meeting recorder should just redo the meeting minutes. Mr. Brunner asked if the other RAB members held the same opinion of the minutes. Ms. Jeannie Lewis said that the RAB members had a period of time to review and submit any questions/comments on the draft minutes. It is at that time that changes are to be made.
- Ms. Guerra said that there is not enough time to review the draft minutes prior to the minutes becoming final and distributed. The result is that those who do not attend the meeting are then under the impression that the minutes reflect what happened at the meeting. Mr. Brunner said that the minutes only become final after the RAB has approved them. When the minutes are distributed, they should go out as draft final minutes.

Discussion continued on the vein that the RAB members' statements are not accurately recorded in the meeting minutes. Mr. Brunner explained that the meeting minutes are not designed to be verbatim of what was said.

- Ms. Guerra said that she gave a report on the Ride Share Contract at the June 3rd meeting, however, the report was not recorded in the meeting minutes. Ms. Guerra requested that she give the report in tonight's meeting.
- Ms. Guerra also commented that the tapes of the meeting are distorted due to background noise such as the minute taker typing, being coached by EM's employees, and whispering. She suggested that the tape recorder be placed in area away from the person taking the minutes.

The vote was taken. Seven were in favor and one abstained. The motion passed.

REVIEW OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Please refer to the attached list of action items. The following is a summary of items that were discussed at greater length.

Joe Healy (U.S. EPA) clarified why the mailing list is not releasable. He said according to his agency's attorney, there is a Supreme Court case that dealt with a similar issue. The federal agency that was involved was the Bureau of Reclamation. The decision was that federal agencies are not allowed to release these mailing lists partially because of the Freedom of Information Act

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and Privacy Act. It was felt that it is not in the interest of those people who originally signed up to be on the mailing list; they did not authorize their names to be made public or to be used by the public.

Mr. Healy said that the way around this would be to obtain permission from addresses at the time the list is developed. Unfortunately, this may cause individuals to be reluctant in providing their names and addresses.

Mr. Healy said that it was his understanding that RAB members wanted the mailing list in order to contact residents in the area near the proposed Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). Mr. Yarbrough clarified that an audience member at a RAB meeting, and not the RAB, wanted the list for this purpose. McClellan AFB is not allowed to release such lists because the people who agreed to have their name on this list were only agreeing to be mailed information from the Air Force directly related to the cleanup.

Mr. Callaway said that he requested the list because he found incorrect information such as duplicate names and addresses. When he brought this to Environmental Management's (EM's) attention, he was told that the list was being updated. It was at this time that he was informed that the list could not be released. Mr. Callaway asked Mr. Healy to provide a copy of the Supreme Court ruling that he previously referred to. Mr. Healy agreed.

Mr. Healy said that he misunderstood the reason that the list was being requested.

Mr. Brunner said that the Community Relations subcommittee is addressing this issue.

Mr. Yarbrough said that his action item to write letters against the EVOC is complete; however, there may be other occasions in the future for this to be readdressed.

Ms. Lewis reported that she arranged for RAB and committee meetings to be at Vineland School. Currently the cost is \$5.00 per hour. She will draft a letter from the RAB members to the district office requesting free usage of the school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations Committee

The following is a summary of Ms. Guerra's report.

- Ms. Guerra said that the Community Relations Committee met on June 17, 1998. All Community Relations Committee meeting minutes are current and approved up to March 18, 1998. Ms. Guerra commented that she has changes on the draft minutes and requested that Merianne Briggs provide tapes of the June 17th meeting. Ms. Guerra asked for an extension on the date for comments to be submitted on the draft minutes. Mr. Brunner said that that would not be a problem.
- Ms. Guerra asked Elaine Anderegg for an update on the budget for the Community Relations Program. Ms. Anderegg said that there will be an additional cost to have contractor support

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for the personnel that were lost and not yet replaced. This update will be given at the next Community Relations Committee meeting.

- Ms. Guerra said that the Draft Community Relations Plan schedule has been extended to August 21, 1998 and the final has been extended to January 25, 1999.
- Ms. Guerra said that McClellan was to prepare a RAB background paper. It was her understanding that this was to be presented tonight. Mr. Brunner said that the committee will be working on this particular document at the next meeting.
- Ms. Guerra asked about the mailing list and the update on the firebreak. Mr. Brunner said that these items would be updated at the next Community Relations Committee meeting.
- Ms. Guerra said that Tony Piercy desires to become a regular RAB member and that the Community Relations Committee voted to approve a motion be made at tonight's meeting. Mr. Callaway moved that Mr. Piercy be accepted as a RAB member. Imogene Zander seconded the motion.
- Mr. Yarbrough commented that currently Mr. Piercy is working and is unable to attend RAB meetings at this time.
- The vote was taken, seven were in favor and one abstained. The motion passed.
- Ms. Guerra reported that she has filed the appropriate paperwork to get information from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office. In contacting the FOIA office, Ms. Guerra was unable to get the desired information from Linda Hall, who informed her that the purpose for requesting such information was not appropriate even though Ms. Guerra was a RAB member, and that Ms. Hall ended the conversation and hung up on her. Ms. Guerra requested Ms. Hall to put the procedure in writing of how Ms. Guerra could acquire information.
- Ms. Guerra reported that she went to the Ride Share Coordinator's counter. The Ride Share coordinator was absent; however, there was another employee available. Mr. Brunner explained that this person is an employee obtained from CalStaff Temp Service. Ms. Guerra said that she will continue to investigate this contract and will keep the RAB updated.
- Since the costs of Ride Share were not itemized in the June 3rd RAB meeting minutes, Ms. Guerra read them and requested they be itemized for the record in tonight's minutes.

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The contributions from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) were spent as follows:

—	Coordinator's luncheons	50 people	\$400.00
—	Coordinator's kits	40 kits	\$400.00
—	Newsletters	500 copies, 5 editions	\$2,000.00
—	Life size posters		\$200.00
—	Bicycle Commute Day T-shirts	250	\$900.00
—	Bicycle Day activities	Maintenance checks, signs, breakfast, etc.	\$200.00
—	Spare the Air Day volunteers	10 winners x 15 days	\$300.00
—	Super Volunteers	1 winner x 15 days	\$375.00
—	Final cash incentives	Volunteers	\$100.00
		Super volunteers	\$200.00
—	Van pool development		\$1,400.00
—	Miscellaneous	Printing labels, supplies	\$250.00
—	Survey tabulations		\$500.00
		SMAQMD Reported Total	\$7,285.00

Ms. Guerra stated that in the 1996 contract, McClellan gave the following contributions:

—	Volunteer pledge package	500 packages	\$2,500.00
—	Survey production/distribution		\$500.00
—	Van pool subsidies		\$2,500.00
—	Bicycle promotions		\$800.00
—	Transit subsidies		\$8,000.00
		Total	\$14,300.00

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Ms. Guerra stated that in the 1997 contract, the Ride Share Program received the following contributions:

— Monthly cash and grand prize	\$4,100.00
— Buttons, pens, and other promotional materials	\$1,700.00
— Coordinator's handbooks, labels, and mailouts	\$1,169.00
— Printing of pledge forms and tabloids, circulation (5,000-7,000)	\$4,100.00
SMAQMD Reported Total	\$9,069.00

Ms. Guerra said that there are other items being contributed to this program. She expressed concern with this program in light of base closure.

Ms. Guerra said that she has spoken with the attorney at SMAQMD, Catherine Spenelli. According to Ms. Guerra, Ms. Spenelli feels there is reason and red flags to have an audit. Ms. Guerra has requested an audit on the Ride Share Program.

- The next Community Relations Committee meeting will be held October 16, 1998.

Base Reuse/Relative Risk Ranking

Mr. Callaway stated that he did not attend the last Base Reuse meeting that was held on July 9, 1998 due to medical reasons.

Mr. Yarbrough summarized the meeting. He said that Rob Leonard from the Local Redevelopment Authority gave an update on reuse. The workload competition was scheduled to be announced in September 1998, but a protest recently filed could affect the schedule. Mr. Yarbrough said there have been several articles in the *Sacramento Bee* stating there are up to 3,000 jobs planned for McClellan; however, he has heard from General Tattini that there are only about 2,000 jobs. Mr. Leonard said that a facilitator has been hired by the county to help with EVOC discussions. Ms. Lewis gave a briefing on the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program, which she is providing at tonight's meeting as well.

Mr. Callaway asked if there were any attorneys present. Maj. Keller said he was with the base legal office.

Mr. Callaway said that it has been brought to his attention that Mr. Brunner has inferred to Mr. Yarbrough that he is going to do away with the RAB. Mr. Callaway feels that this is a form of intimidation.

Mr. Brunner said that he has had conversations with Mr. Yarbrough about how business is conducted within the RAB and Mr. Brunner strongly disagreed with Mr. Callaway's comment. He said that there are other avenues to get public input on cleanup issues, such as local service clubs. The RAB is one very important avenue for input, but it is not the only one.

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Mr. Yarbrough said that he and Mr. Brunner meet regularly every other week as co-chairs and it is not a “secret meeting”. It has been discussed that there may be ways to deal with issues other than through the RAB, in getting the word out to the public on restoration issues. There has not been any in-depth discussion about doing away with the RAB.

Mr. Yarbrough later commented that the Base Reuse Committee will be requesting an update on the pending biological opinion from the Fish and Wildlife on the Beaver Pond area.

TAPP Report

Ms. Lewis reported that she met with Mr. Brunner and Doris Bajka to discuss TAPP grants during the second week of July.

The total maximum amount over the life of grant is \$100,000. The term of this grant is for five years. The RAB can use up to \$25,000 per year. Three firms need to compete for selection. Currently the RAB only has one contractor to present for selection. (A representative of this firm was at the meeting to give a brief presentation on the company.) The base’s goal is to have three firms identified by July 30, 1998.

Ms. Lewis said that another way to chose two additional contractors would be to do a market survey, describing what you want the person to do, or advertise through the Small Business Office. The RAB will most likely use small contracts to do the scope of work, costing less than \$2,500 per delivery order. It will take approximately 7 to 10 working days to receive the funds once a contractor is selected. The RAB will be asking for the entire amount upfront (\$25,000 per year) in order to expedite payment for delivery orders. If the \$25,000 per year is not depleted, the RAB requests that it is returned to the \$100,000 fund.

A Quality Assurance Employee (QAE) will be on the committee to review contractors and help determine who will get the contract. The RAB will be involved in the selection. The QAE will be in direct contact with the RAB for feedback. The tasks will be RAB generated and RAB focused. The QAE must be a government employee.

The following will need to be established:

- Guidelines for the RAB committees to use the TAPP funds.
- A committee to review the contractors.
- A committee to approve the use of the requested funds.

A one to two week timeframe will need to be allowed to review and put a task in place, possibly through the RAB worksheets.

Ms. Lewis will be meeting with Ms. Bajka on July 21, 1998, to review the narrative.

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Ms. Guerra asked what rules say that there has to be three contractors. Mr. Brunner said that the dollar amount dictates at least three firms must provide bids per Federal contracting rules. They can have more, but there must be a competition.

Ms. Guerra said that it was her understanding that Mr. Brunner would be the QAE. Mr. Brunner said that within the realm of the contract, there is a government QAE, who will be within EM. He said that he does not normally operate as a QAE, however, if the RAB would like him, he would do so.

Ms. Guerra asked if there are certain guidelines for the funds that are being received. Mr. Brunner stated that the guidelines would come through the rules that are laid out. EM and the Air Force Base Conversion Agency has a set of guidelines in which they will administer the funds; they will flow down like any other government funding. The contract will be awarded as a government contract that the RAB will have the ability to use to meet its needs.

The RAB decided that the TAPP grants would be handled through the Relative Risk Committee.

Mr. Yarbrough solicited the audience for companies that may be interested in bidding for the TAPP grants.

Patrick G. Lynch gave a presentation of his firm, Clearwater Revival Company (CRC), which is a potential TAPP contractor. Mr. Lynch clarified that he is not currently working on a TAPP Grant at this time. He is working with a non-profit organization at Fort Ord that received a technical assistant grant from the U.S. EPA under the Superfund Program. Most of his work has been around the Alameda Naval Air Station funded through a non-profit organization and not through government funds.

His company has developed a guide for the Alameda RAB members that depicts the contaminated properties that had been redeveloped (non-military) to show examples of the relationship between the cleanup and the quality of reuse and redevelopment. His company has also developed critiques on the use of innovative technologies, written critiques both at Alameda and Fort Ord on the consolidation of waste as well as the cover design for former industrial waste landfills.

The company's primary interest is in processes such as the groundwater treatment systems and soil vapor extraction systems. Currently CRC is working with the chemical weapons working group with the Army about the detoxification processes for chemical warfare agents.

His experience includes using engineering and desktop publishing to make technical topics more readable.

Mr. Yarbrough asked Mr. Lynch if he has reviewed reports generated by Alameda. Mr. Lynch answered yes; there has been a turnover of regulators and a new naval co-chair, leaving him the most informed person about the base because of the time he has been involved with it.

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Mr. Lynch went on to say that Alameda was the first military facility in the country to get a TAPP grant approved. He did compete for the project of reviewing a remedial investigation report for twelve sites. He was not awarded the project.

Technical Report Committee

Mr. Yarbrough said that there will not be a report for this committee.

Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Bill Gibson explained that this committee was formed to review the Basewide Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Feasibility Study. The committee is comprised of chairs from various RAB committees. The committee met on June 15, 1998.

The committee approved the alternative to cleanup on the VOCs to the water quality objective (WQO) levels. (The WQO level is generally lower than maximum contaminant levels.) The committee's recommendation will require additional time, work, and material. The recommendation involves a larger plume because of the lower concentrations, which will require a greater work effort and construction.

The committee proposed that the cleanup of the VOCs go to the WQO levels, that the containment of the plumes remain on base, and that the cleanup any off-base contamination go to the WQO level. It is hoped that the additional cost and time could be reduced by the introduction of new technology over the years. The committees recognize that there will be exceptions. However, these should be reviewed under an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) process so that a proper determination can be made as to obtaining only maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in some cases.

This is an ongoing project. The full report is being circulated among the committee members.

Ms. Anderegg commented that this document is available on the web site or by contacting her.

Mr. Gibson said that the comments and recommendations have been submitted as a committee submittal to EM. It is his hope that the full RAB will support this recommendation. However, members are still reviewing the document; therefore, he does not want the RAB to vote on the comments until the next RAB Meeting.

Mr. Brunner said that it would better serve the RAB to approve the comments they have so far in order for McClellan to incorporate the comments into the document. Approved comments would have more weight and relay the RAB's official position (specifically in regards to the WQOs versus MCLs) with the regulatory agencies. More comments can be submitted later.

Mr. Yarbrough said that the RAB has already voted for WQO levels.

Mr. Gibson requested that the entire RAB review the document before the acceptance of the comments. Mr. Gibson said the comments the RAB is submitting on the Feasibility Study are also in response to the RAB Advisory Worksheet.

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RAB Advisory Worksheet Report

Mr. Brunner stated that there is one RAB worksheet that is open for the review of the VOC Feasibility Study discussed under the ADD HOC Committee report.

RAB DECISION ITEMS

Charter and Bylaw Revisions

It was agreed that the Charter and Bylaw revisions will be addressed during the September 1998 meeting.

Addition/Removal of RAB Members

Mr. Yarbrough stated that he wrote a letter to RAB member, Mr. Ben Norman, requesting his resignation from the RAB if he was not interested in actively participating in the RAB.

Mr. Yarbrough moved that Mr. Norman be dismissed from the RAB and that Mr. Norman has to apply to become a RAB member in the future. Ms. Lewis second. There was no discussion. Seven were in favor, one abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Yarbrough said that he will send a letter to Mr. Norman informing him of the dismissal.

Ms. Guerra asked Mr. Yarbrough if he was able to contact Mr. Brad Gacke. Mr. Yarbrough answered no; however, he will do so.

Ms. Guerra reported that there were two potential individuals seeking RAB membership. They did not attend the Community Relations Committee meeting held on June 17, 1998. The committee voted that these individuals would have to reapply if they desire to become RAB members.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Frank Miller said that he has not received an acceptable answer for questions he has asked regarding the costs for the calendars and brochures. Mr. Brunner said that the printing cost was \$6.00 per brochure and approximately 23 hours were spent to prepare the brochures.

Mr. Miller said that it was his understanding that EM was budgeting for a security guard for sixteen meetings. He asked if that will be out for competition. Ralph Munch said that the budget has been increased for the current contractor to provide additional security at future RAB meetings.

Mr. Miller asked if the security contractor that is present at tonight's meeting is here because of a new bid. Mr. Munch answered that they are here on the original contract that was issued to that company.

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Mr. Miller asked if this contract was out on bid. Mr. Munch said yes. Mr. Miller asked for how many meetings was the original contract. Mr. Munch said that he did not have that specific information.

Mr. Miller asked if the sixteen meeting package is going out for bid or has the security firm already been selected. Mr. Brunner said that the information will be provided. Mr. Miller said that he wanted every contractor in this area to have a fair and equal opportunity to bid on this contract.

Ms. Zander asked who selected the contractor. Mr. Brunner said that the contractor was selected by a contracting officer. EM personnel did have input in the selection, however, the contracting office makes the final choice.

Ms. Zander asked how much is being paid to the security guard for each meeting. Mr. Brunner stated that he would provide that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleanup and Natural Resource Status Report

Ms. Anderegg gave an overview of McClellan AFB Cleanup Status, which included the key documents that have come out, field activities that are upcoming, decisions that have been made, and the West Area update. Please refer to the attached slides of her briefing.

Mr. Yarbrough asked how much recharge was found at Investigation Cluster (IC) 1 and 7. Phil Mook said that at IC 1 there was a relatively significant rebound and modifications to the operation of the system will be documented in a report. IC 7 was turned off for one month to allow close-out sampling on the bioventing system. There will not be a report for IC 7.

In response to Mr. Yarbrough's question, Ms. Anderegg said yes, there is pretreatment on the hot spot areas' water before it is discharged into the gray waterline. She said it is because this line can not handle those concentrations. The factsheet available at the meeting explains which units have hot spots that will require pretreatment.

Mr. Brunner reviewed the schedule on the restoration of the creek. U.S. Fish and Wildlife are scheduled to provide comments by July 31, 1998. McClellan cannot go forward until these comments have been received. The schedule also includes repairing the vernal pool in which a truck was stuck. A press release went out concerning this incident.

If U.S. Fish and Wildlife comments are received by July 31, 1998, McClellan will have the draft Mitigation Plan prepared by September 1998, comments will be reviewed, and the work will be contracted out by November 1998. Unfortunately this will be in the wet weather timeframe.

Mr. Brunner went on to explain the Environmental Assessment (EA) document. The first time the public will see the results will be through the Description of Proposed Actions and Alternatives (DOPAA). A public meeting to discuss the DOPAA is targeted for the middle of August.

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A draft EA document that would tie in with the Mitigation Plan will go out for comments. McClellan's hope is that there will be a finding of no significant impact (FONSI); if not, McClellan will address that and modify the plan.

If it is rainy, and planting cannot be accomplished, the task will begin in the spring of 1999. Environmental Management will be working with Corps of Engineers to ensure that interim control measures are taken.

Ms. Guerra suggested that the public meeting take place at Vineland School. Mr. Brunner agreed.

Mr. Yarbrough asked if a date was set for the meeting. Mr. Brunner answered that the date would be contingent upon the response from U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Yarbrough suggested to the RAB members to contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife to encourage them to address this issue as soon as possible. He would provide names and telephone numbers to those that are interested.

Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) 2 Spill Update

Mr. Brunner reported that a press release went out in April discussing a spill that occurred at the IWTP 2. The spill was contained on base and cleaned up. The results of this incident went to the Regional Water Board for their review. This task is completed.

Ms. Zander said that according to the University of California, Berkley, none of the contamination has been cleaned up. She asked if there are plans for the land that was destroyed outside of the base. Mr. Brunner said that he was only addressing this particular incident and not the entire cleanup program. However, this may be discussed at another review meeting as to where McClellan is with its cleanup program.

Industrial Wastewater Line (IWL) Update

Mr. Jerry Vincent said that a Basewide Environmental Assessment was conducted on the IWL; it is a five-year requirement. There is approximately 33,000 linear feet (roughly 6 miles) of piping that goes underground throughout the base. Approximately 4,000 linear feet were repaired.

The field activities and report were completed in October 1997. The final report was approved through the agencies in April 1998.

The lateral inspection of the base entails approximately 112 buildings that tie into the IWL; 31 buildings have been inspected. The technology is available that allows the inspection of the one inch to four inch lines and test the integrity of these lines. The integrity of these lines is being recorded via video. Less than 1% of the lines inspected required repairs. These repairs were completed.

Originally it was believed that there were approximately 1,200 –1,500 drains. Based upon the new technology, the new estimate total drains on base is approximately 3,346 in these 112 buildings.

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The buildings have been grouped as work competition buildings, BOI buildings, and the remainder of the buildings that are attached to the IWL. The purpose for this is to work on buildings for competition first, then ensure any necessary repairs so that drainage systems in those building are working properly and are ready to be transferred over to a new user. BOI buildings are buildings that will be used but are not part of the work load competition.

These efforts have to be coordinated with the mission activities taking place in buildings such as Buildings 243 and 251. Though it was expected only about 50 drains were located in Building 251, 288 drains were found.

It has been determined that the IWL is in good shape. McClellan now has visual verification that the lines are intact, there is no leakage, no fractures, and no punctures.

Thirty-eight percent of the drains have been completed. The competition buildings should be completed by October 1998. This project should be completed by March 1999, as long as there are no unforeseen obstacles.

Mr. Yarbrough asked what percentage of the laterals are in need of replacement or repair. Mr. Vincent stated that out of the 1,280 drains that have been inspected, 7 drains needed repairs and were repaired.

BCT Update

Mr. Yarbrough explained that the BRAC Cleanup Team meets monthly, discussing the cleanup and reuse activities with Ms. Anderegg. There is no report on this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Yarbrough passed around a "Get Well" card for Mr. Barry Bertrand.

Mr. Yarbrough made available for review the Directory of Restoration Advisory Boards of the United States of America.

Upcoming Conferences

1. Mr. Yarbrough announced that there will be a conference on Natural Attenuation. This conference will be held from August 31 through September 1, 1998 at the Clarion Hotel in San Francisco. There are a few scholarships available for RAB members who desire to go on a first-come first-serve basis.

Mr. Callaway and Ms. Guerra volunteered to attend the conference. Mr. Yarbrough said if Ms. Guerra is unable to attend, he will go in her place.

2. Mr. Yarbrough announced that there is RAB Caucus coming up in September 1998. This will be held in Washington, DC. He is investigating whether scholarships are available for this event.

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3. Mr. Brunner announced that there is also an upcoming RAB Caucus in Chicago, Illinois. One way for RAB members to attend these events is to volunteer to give presentations at the conference.

Community Bulletin Board

Mr. Brunner announced that Margaret Gidding and Jamie Cameron-Harley have accepted new positions. Merianne Briggs will be assisting with Public Affairs. Linda Geissinger, who is the regional coordinator for Public Affairs, for Air Force Base Conversion Agency, will also be assisting with the RAB.

Mr. Brunner said that Radian International will be brought on contract to assist in the interim until personnel have been replaced. This will be further discussed in the Community Relations Committee meeting.

Community Affairs Update

Ms. Geissinger said that the newsletter went out on June 29, 1998. The Groundwater Interim Record of Decision Phase 2 Fact Sheet, available at tonight's meeting will be mailed out next week.

Ms. Guerra asked when Mr. Nathan Schumacher (Cal/DTSC) would start attending the McClellan RAB meetings. Ms. Anderegg said that Mr. Schumacher informed her that he has a schedule conflict for Wednesday night. Ms. Geissinger said that she would have Mr. Schumacher contact Ms. Guerra.

Develop RAB Agenda

Mr. Brunner said that he has a few options for locations to place a desk and computer for RAB members to use. He requested the co-chairs to visit or make an appointment with him in order to see where the locations are.

Ms. Zander requested EM to provide a pass for her to get on McClellan AFB. Mr. Brunner said that he would get a pass for Ms. Zander and all new RAB members.

Mr. Yarbrough announced that the Technical Report Review Committee meeting will be tentatively set for August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Vineland School. He requested all those that are interested in being on this committee to be at this meeting.

Action Items

Action items for tonight's meeting were reviewed. Please refer to the attached list.

Ms. Piercy asked if RAB members can tape or video tape the RAB meetings. Mr. Brunner said that he saw no problem with that, however, the RAB would need to agree.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Castle gave information on beaver management for the Sacramento Flood Control Agency. Almond extract solution is being used to attract beavers to naturally prune desired trees.

Mr. Miller asked how much it cost to send five EM employees to Washington, D. C. to pick up an award letter.

Mr. Brunner said that the McClellan EM group for Pollution Prevention was recognized for its efforts by the White House as being one of the exceptional agencies within the federal government, and they received special recognition that is like a lifetime award, given specifically by the President. Within that regard, Mr. Brunner felt it was worthwhile to reward his personnel with a trip to the White House, and interact with the various people for the award. He is very proud that his people were represented.

Mr. Brunner stated that he also received a personal letter from Vice President Gore recognizing his efforts in the environmental field. Ms. Zander asked to see the letters. Mr. Brunner stated that he would be glad to show her the letters. Mr. Callaway commented that the EM should be congratulated for this recognition.

Mr. Yarbrough moved that the meeting be closed. Ms. Zander seconded the motion. So moved. The meeting ended at approximately 10 p.m.