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# Meet the RAB

*Following are introductions of the community members and standing members of the RAB.*

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**Robert Blanchard** has lived in Elverta for 28 years. He worked in electronic maintenance and retired from McClellan AFB in 1976. Mr Blanchard currently serves on the **Rio Linda/Elverta Water Board** and the **Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Association**. For fun, he restores and flies antique airplanes. Mr Blanchard joined the RAB because of concerns that McClellan's resources be used in a way that puts taxpayers' dollars to best use.

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**Paul Green** is a resident of North Highlands and has lived in the community since 1986. He works in financial services and is a member of the Governing Board of Trustees for **Grant Joint Union High School District**. Mr Green joined the RAB because he believes it addresses a critical issue to the community and needs individuals without personal agendas to give advice to the Air Force.



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**Carlota Gutierrez** was born and raised in Sacramento and now works for a fiber optics telecommunications company located on McClellan. Ms Gutierrez represents the **McClellan Park tenants** on the RAB. She plans to open dialogue among the tenants of the business park to bring their concerns to the RAB.

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**Colleen Moore** is a graduate student in public policy at CSUS. She is also a policy analyst for the **California Institute for County Government**. Ms Moore was asked by her professors at CSUS to serve on the RAB.



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**Paul Plummer** is a North Highlands business owner and president of the **North Highlands Chamber of Commerce**. He is also active with the **North Highlands Regional Task Force**, the **Watt Avenue Annual Cleanup**, and is helping to organize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North Highlands. Mr Plummer believes the RAB *"is a great opportunity for community members to look over the shoulders of the scientists to make sure they are doing a good job for the community."*

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**Bill Gibson** retired from Aerojet in 1992 as the manager of reliability engineering. He has lived in the community for almost all of the past 31 years. Mr Gibson serves on the **Sacramento Environmental Commission**, is director of his townhouse association, and volunteers as a marriage commissioner for the county. Bill got involved with the RAB at its inception in 1995 because of his technical background in chemical engineering, and he felt he could be of assistance to the program.



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**Rev Dr Tyrone Hicks** lives in the local community and is a former employee of McClellan AFB. He wants to ensure that McClellan meets the goals to restore the base for future use, and in addition, takes care of the environmental cleanup issues as expeditiously as possible.

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**Lola Warrick** has lived in North Highlands for 41 years and worked at McClellan for 25 years. She is the **North Highlands/Antelope honorary vice mayor**. In 1999, Ms Warrick won the **Citizen of the Year Award from Congress**. She is involved with the **Lunch Bunch, Visions Task Force, the National Association of Federal Employees, and Daughters of the American Revolution**. Ms Warrick feels it is important that McClellan is funded to clean up the base so its neighbors have a decent place to live next to the base.



**Sandra Kinsey** lives in North Highlands and has been in the community for 13 years. She works in employment training services and is a member of the **Antelope/North Highlands Chamber of Commerce**. She is also **vice chair of the North Highlands Visions Task Force** and a member of the St. Lawrence parish. As a member of the RAB, she hopes to help *“create an equitable exchange of ideas and information.”* She is also *“concerned about environmental health issues and the redevelopment of land and facilities in order to provide jobs for local residents.”*

**Gary Collier** lives in the Parker Homes Estates neighborhood, southwest of the base. Mr Collier has been a resident of Sacramento since 1988, although he has been in and out of the area since the 1960s. He is involved with several community groups: **ACORN, East Del Paso Heights Target Area Committee, the Del Paso Heights Health Alliance**, as well as several City of Sacramento working groups focused on bettering our local community. Mr Collier became involved with the RAB *“to ask the necessary questions that are not currently being asked of the Air Force Agency representatives by our regulatory professionals, in order to fully ascertain the true health risks, if any, associated with the historic operations as they have occurred at McClellan Air Field since 1938.”*



**Alan Hersh** is the **Senior Vice President of McClellan Park**, responsible for redevelopment of the base. He has lived in the community for 5 years. He hopes *“to assist in a timely, effective, comprehensive and cost-effective cleanup of the base that supports community reuse interests.”*

**Rick Solander** is the **Air Force representative** on the RAB. He has lived in the community for over 35 years and has worked for Environmental Management at McClellan for six years. He wants *“to help foster interaction among RAB members, so that diverse input and advice is provided to the Air Force,”* on the cleanup program development and implementation.



**Joe Healy** works as the **US Environmental Protection Agency** oversight project manager and is also a member of the **Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team**, having worked on the McClellan program full time since 1994. He would like *“to obtain solicited and unsolicited community advice on issues early in the decision process, allowing time for further dialogue and education where needed.”*

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**Building 10,  
First Floor of the West End,  
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# Restoration News Briefs

**• CS 10 Update**  
Confirmed Site 10 (CS 10) is an inactive landfill that was being investigated last year when bottles and vials of liquid containing small amounts of plutonium were unearthed. Work was halted until a new Removal Action Work Plan (RAWP) could be developed. The Air Force, U.S. EPA and state regulators determined that the removal of all material in the landfill would be a time critical action.

An informational public meeting was held in February specifically to brief the public on the new plan and listen to the public's comments and

concerns. A public comment period was held from February 1 to March 2. Those comments and concerns are being reviewed and addressed before work commences later this summer.

A tent will be installed over the site so the work can continue throughout the winter. The tent is rated to withstand winds at over 110 miles per hour. The highest recorded winds in the region were 77 miles per hour. The estimated completion of the excavation is 2002. Once the site is confirmed by testing and the Air Force and regulatory agencies have reviewed the

data, the site will be filled with clean soil. This final cleanup is expected in 2003.

**• Soil Vapor Extraction**  
Soil vapor extraction (SVE) is a process that uses a system of wells to clean volatile organic compound contamination such as oils, solvents and fuels from the soil below the ground surface but above the groundwater table. The process destroys 99 percent of the contamination. During the last quarter, McClellan expanded its SVE systems by completing the installation of several monitoring wells and extraction wells near the closed Central Storage Facility, Bldg. 626 and Bldg. 700 areas.

**• Tank Removal**  
During the next few months, three 10,000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks in Capehart housing are scheduled to be removed. The soil will be sampled to determine if any cleanup is required. Capehart housing was once used as military housing and is located near the old McClellan golf course.

**• Groundwater Monitoring**  
As part of the groundwater monitoring program, groundwater levels are measured to monitor the depth of the groundwater table. This past quarter, 567 wells were tested. ■

**Environmental Action  
UPDATE**

May 2001

The *Environmental Action Update* is a publication of the Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA) at McClellan, California, designed to keep the public informed of environmental activities at the base. For questions, comments, or to be added to the mailing list, please write to AFBCA/DM, 3411 Olson Street, McClellan, CA 95652-1071 or phone (916) 643-1742 ext. 233 or 232.

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**Mark Malinowski** is the **California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)** Project Manager for McClellan. DTSC is the lead state agency overseeing the cleanup of McClellan. DTSC's primary mission is to ensure protection of human health and the environment. DTSC also acknowledges a need to work and support redevelopment. *"As a project manager, I ensure McClellan complies with applicable state rules and regulations."* Mr Malinowski has lived in Sacramento for over 16 years, and he wants to hear about RAB and community concerns and ideas regarding the cleanup at McClellan, *"I will ensure that substantive issues brought forward by the community or RAB are addressed, and I will try to inform and educate the RAB*

*and community about DTSC's involvement, state regulations, the CERCLA process and technical aspects of the cleanup."*

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**Kevin Depies** has lived in the Sacramento area since 1992 and has worked for the **DTSC** since January 2001. Mr Depies serves as a project hydrogeologist for the DTSC. *"In this role I provide support services for the DTSC Project Manager, Mark Malinowski. Furthermore, as a representative of the DTSC, I plan on listening to concerns of area residents, and, where feasible, incorporate their suggestions/comments in the investigations, soil and groundwater cleanup activities, and the base reuse."*



**James D Taylor** is the Remedial Project Manager representing the **Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board** for the McClellan Cleanup Program. He has lived in Sacramento for 14 years. *"The Board's goal is to provide information and advise the Air Force and the RAB on how to comply with the Board's policies and regulations to achieve cleanup of groundwater and surface water at McClellan. The Board hopes to accomplish the best cleanup of contamination possible at McClellan to restore the beneficial uses of the groundwater and protect surface water, thereby enhancing future reuse of McClellan by the community."*

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**Mark Manoff** is the **Sacramento County** representative in the reuse and redevelopment of McClellan. He is Chief of Planning for the **Department of Military Base Conversion** at McClellan and the **County Executive's Department of Economic Development**. His aim is *"to merge efficient reuse and redevelopment of property and facilities at McClellan with effective cleanup and remediation of property to protect the health and safety of the community."*



**Jillian Tullis** represents **Congressman Matsui's Office**. Her role on the RAB is to obtain community input and concerns, as well as gather information to communicate to Congressman Matsui.

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**Dan Sharp** is the District Director for **Congressman Doug Ose** who represents the McClellan area in Congress. Mr Sharp is a Sacramento Valley native.

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# The Air Force Wants Your Input for the McClellan Community Relations Plan!

## What is a Community Relations Plan?

A Community Relations Plan (CRP) is a document that outlines specific community concerns and identifies opportunities for public involvement during base cleanup. It is developed from confidential interviews with a number of individuals, including interested members of the community. Once complete, the document is placed in a repository that is accessible by the public.

## How Do I Get Involved?

Simply call Traci Bjers at (916) 679 2294 to arrange for an interview. Please respond by June 8, 2001.

## What Will Happen After My Interview?

Response from the interviews will be reflected in the update of the Installation Restoration Program CRP. They will be used to help revise the plan and adjust public participation activities to meet the interests and concerns of the community. Comments will reflect community input and will not reveal a specific individual's name.

## How Can I View the Last CRP Update (April 1999)?

Access the Administrative Record section of our website at: [www.afbca.hq.af.mil/mcclellanem](http://www.afbca.hq.af.mil/mcclellanem)

## Environmental Management Remedial Scoreboard

As of  
March 2001:

1,030,194

lbs. of contamination  
removed from  
soil and groundwater.

**Due to base closure,  
the environmental  
web site address has  
changed to:**

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