

**MINUTES**  
**McClellan Restoration Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Dry Creek Elementary School, Rio Linda**  
**December 12, 2002, 6:30 p.m.**

**RAB Members in Attendance:**

Kevin Baum, Community Member  
Gary Collier, Community Member  
Bill Gibson, Community Member  
Joe Healy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)  
Janice Heple, Community Member  
Alan Hersh, McClellan Park  
Hal Morris, Community Member  
Jeannette Musil, Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)  
Rick Solander, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)  
Kevin Spesert, Office of Congressman Ose  
James Taylor, California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)  
Lola Warrick, Community Member

**Welcome and Meeting Guidelines**

Marie Rainwater, the meeting facilitator, welcomed all attendees to the McClellan Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting. Ms. Rainwater reviewed the RAB meeting guidelines.

**RAB Member and Other Introductions**

The RAB members introduced themselves to the public. Roxanne Yonn, URS Public Affairs Specialist, introduced guest speakers and staff.

**Agenda, Comments on Minutes, and Operating Instructions**

The minutes from the August 20, 2002, RAB meeting were approved with no changes.

**Cleanup Update**

Rick Solander thanked RAB members who attended the October 2002 No Action Proposed Plan Public Meeting and the November 2002 Confirmed Site 10 Public Meeting.

Mr. Solander gave an update on the cleanup activities at McClellan. Please see Attachment 1 for discussion.

Bill Gibson asked if when wells are shut down because concentrations are less than maximum contaminant levels, are they re-checked at a later date to make sure they remain below maximum contaminant levels? Mr. Solander said he would need to get back to Mr. Gibson with an answer.

Lola Warrick asked when the live ammunition round was found at Confirmed Site 10. Mr. Solander said it was found about two weeks before the RAB meeting. Ms. Warrick said if an incident occurs more than a month before a RAB meeting, the Air Force should inform the RAB members before the meeting.

Gary Collier asked if the off-base groundwater contamination containment has been maintained. Mr. Solander stated the containment has been maintained. In response to Mr. Collier's question regarding when the plume was last tested, Mr. Solander said recent Phase III Data Gap Investigations confirmed the plume is not spreading.

Mr. Collier asked if the two feet of contaminant soil that was removed from the drainage ditch has been present all along, or did that contamination occur since the Operable Unit B1 cap was built. Mr. Solander said the contaminated sediment came from leaching from the contaminated soil present at Operable Unit B1 before the cap was built. Mr. Collier asked if there ever had been leaching of contaminants when the cap was damaged in the past and what has been the cost for maintaining the cap. Mr. Solander said that no contaminants had been released during the cap breaches on which he reported. Mr. Solander deferred the questions about maintenance of the caps to Steve Mayer's presentation later in the agenda.

Alan Hersh stated he would talk to the County of Sacramento regarding if they plan to deepen or widen the Operable Unit B1 drainage ditch. If so, then the Air Force does not need to fill the ditch with dirt.

### **Cleanup Funding**

Paul Brunner, McClellan Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator, made a presentation on the status of funding for the McClellan Cleanup Program. He stated that this year McClellan has received \$20.9 million, though they had hoped to receive \$50 million. The funding will be broken down as follow:

- \$10 million for Confirmed Site 10;
- \$9 million for operation and maintenance of cleanup systems; and
- \$2 million for technical staff

The projects not funded include:

- Groundwater treatment plant expansion;
- Data gap investigations;
- Initial parcel record of decision;
- Capehart Housing compliance activities;
- Investigative interviews; and
- Sewer project.

McClellan has been told to budget for \$40 million a year over the next five years.

Ms. Warrick asked how McClellan will prioritize its projects. Mr. Brunner said they will plan to address health, environmental, and legal obligations, and while doing so they will try to help the community with reuse.

Ms. Warrick stated that Mr. Brunner made a presentation at the National Association for Retired Federal Employees and did an outstanding job.

Mr. Solander said he wanted to mention that the public comments and response to comments for the Confirmed Site 10 Removal Action Work Plan Addendum II are available to the public at the Administrative Record.

## **Local Redevelopment Authority Activities**

Jeannette Musil made a presentation on two items: the McClellan sewer project and privatizing remediation at McClellan. The sewer project consists of replacing McClellan's old sewer system with a new system. At this time the County cannot develop in areas through which the sewer runs, where the system is insufficient for tenants, and where the system is not compliant with codes. Since the Air Force is unable to transfer the sewer system to the County until after contaminated soil issues are addressed, the two agencies are exploring a joint project to clean up the soil and replace the sewer system.

Ms. Musil also discussed a pilot project the County is exploring to privatize a cleanup project. The County will be developing a proposal and submitting it to the Air Force.

Mr. Collier asked if the County could privatize the sewer project and suggested the County might be able to obtain funding from the regional sanitation district or California Infrastructure Backing. Mr. Hersh said California Infrastructure Backing was not interested in the sewer project. The County has talked with the regional district about connecting to the Natomas interceptor.

Mr. Collier spoke to the importance of the sewer project to future developments at McClellan Park, which would then fuel redevelopment activities in the surrounding community (such as Parker Homes) using redevelopment funding.

Janice Heple asked if the Air Force and County have agreed upon a cleanup price for their privatized project. Ms. Musil said the project will be a fixed priced guaranteed project that the contractors would perform at the set amount. Ms. Heple voiced concern that shortcuts would be made regarding the health and safety of the workers if there is a fixed price for the work. Ms. Heple asked this topic to be a future agenda item so the RAB could discuss it in more depth.

Mr. Gibson said he wants to make sure the community is kept involved in the oversight process if privatized cleanup were to occur. Mr. Collier asked if liability had been discussed yet. Ms. Musil said the agencies frequently discuss the issue of liability. Mr. Solander said it will probably take a year to work out the logistics for this pilot project, and the discussions will include public input.

## **Presentation on Caps**

In response to a RAB member's request at the previous RAB meeting, Steve Mayer, Air Force Real Property Agency Soil Cleanup Remedial Program Manager, gave a presentation on how caps are constructed. Please see Attachment 2. Mr. Mayer asked the RAB members to respond if they have comments or questions about the quarterly cap maintenance reports distributed to them.

Ms. Warrick asked if the street near the Operable Unit B1 cap was to be widened and whether this would disturb the cap. Mr. Mayer said the street is far enough south of the cap that activities would not intrude on the cap.

Mr. Collier asked if the area on the southeast side where there is an emergency landing strip is still being tested for contaminants. Mr. Mayer confirmed that area was tested.

Mr. Collier asked if the grading outside the Operable Unit B1 drainage ditch was tested for contaminants. Mr. Mayer said he would need to get back to Mr. Collier with an answer.

In response to Hal Morris' question, Mr. Mayer said the Operable Unit D site was a dumping area between 1959 and the late 1970s.

A member of the public, Ethel Warner, asked if the Parker Homes area has ever been tested for contamination.

### **Public Comment**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to make comments. Following is a summary of these comments.

Frank Miller asked if the RAB members had ever read the report produced by Strauss and Clearwater that was paid for by Technical Assistance for Public Participation funding. The independent contractor reviewed McClellan's 1999 Five-Year Review and Groundwater Sampling Plan.

Mr. Miller also asked if the RAB had a chairperson. He said he would like a point of contact on the RAB to receive his comments. Ms. Warrick said the board has a facilitator to run the meetings, and all the RAB members are available to take comments from the community.

### **RAB Members Advice, Comments, and Announcements**

Mr. Hersh asked if the minutes could be e-mailed to the RAB members in advance of the meetings. Ms. Heple seconded the motion.

Mr. Collier said the RAB meetings have not been timely, and the RAB is not accomplishing much. He suggested holding committee meetings. Also, it was his understanding Technical Assistance for Public Participation funding was not used in the past, and he would like the RAB members to look into using the funding. Mr. Hersh said he liked the idea of holding committee meetings so they could focus on such topics as the sewer project. Ms. Heple also agreed. Ms. Warrick suggested the RAB members discuss committee meetings at their January workshop. Mr. Hersh said if the RAB members have any questions about the sewer project or the privatized cleanup to give him a call.

Ms. Rainwater stated that what she heard from the board members was that they want more involvement, they want to read more documents, and they want to discuss the issues.

Mr. Collier said that being notified after the fact is not what he wants. He wants to be part of the decision making. Ms. Heple said she feels as though they arrive at the RAB meetings, hear a presentation, then are expected to respond "on the dime." She agreed they should meet between the RAB meetings so they can get more involved.

Mr. Hersh asked if they could hold the committee meetings during the day.

### **Next RAB Meeting**

The next RAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2002, 6:30 p.m., at Village Elementary School.