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Environmental Cleanup
at McClellan AFB

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McClellan's Restoration Advisory Board heads into its second year

Many accomplishments are highlighted

The McClellan AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is already planning how they will continue to advise the Air Force on cleanup decisions amidst all the reuse plans at the base.

The Restoration Advisory Board was developed to provide advice on environmental cleanup activities at McClellan. The group serves as a conduit for two way communication between the community and the Air Force. Board members meet nine times a year including RAB meetings and Executive RAB Sessions. In addition, there are four standing committees that meet at least quarterly to review specific topics.

"The committees serve an important function for the RAB," states Bill Gibson, RAB member and chair for the Relative Risk Ranking committee. "It gives an opportunity for a smaller specialized group to look at an issue, then take back recommendations for the entire RAB to review. We can get much more accomplished this way."

Having a RAB can increase community awareness while giv-



Chuck Yarbrough, Community Co-Chair, and Mario Ierardi, former DoD Co-Chair, of the RAB present a certificate to community member John Leuthe for his year of service as RAB Technical Report Review Committee Chair at the July Public RAB meeting. When Mario left McClellan in September, Elaine Anderson took over as Restoration Chief and RAB DoD Co-Chair. The October Environmental Action Update will have more details.

ing an opportunity for the public to have a say in how decisions are made and money is spent on environmental cleanup projects.

Membership

The group consists of 19 community members, 3 agency (federal & state) and a base repre-

sentative. As a way to keep the membership up to speed as vacancies occur, the RAB has started a membership recruitment effort to fill future vacancies. Applications are being accepted and alternates will be asked to attend RAB and committee meetings. By staying involved, alternates will know the

issues and will be prepared if a RAB member needs to resign. "The alternate pool is a real proactive step to keep a full and informed RAB as personnel changes face the RAB members," states Sue Sher, Community Relations committee chair.

Successes

Some highlights of the RAB's first year include input to the FY 96/97 budget, articulation of a

Purpose Statement, development of a RAB Charter, and input to Relative Risk Site Ranking.

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Some board members completed training in a UC Davis Extension program to learn more

about collaborative problem solving, effective communication, framing issues, identifying stakeholders, and preventing conflicts, to name a few objectives.

"The RAB members work hard and put in many long hours," states Chuck Yarbrough, community co-chair of the RAB. "We've come a long way, and I look forward to working with the group in the year to come."

Restoration Advisory Board Executive Committee Members

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Sue Sher, Community Relations Committee Chair	255-3647
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