

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – October 24, 2005**

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Whitnie Henderson, Sharon Merker, and Val Siebal.

Commission members absent: Marjorie Namba and Frederick Tornatore.

Commission Staff: Mel Knight, Director, Environmental Management Department (EMD) and Linda Jimenez, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Gerald Swanick, Director, Environmental Operations, Aerojet General Corporation; Dexter Cochnauer, Senior Representative, Air Force Real Property Agency Western Region; Scott Armstrong, Calibre Consulting, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, Sacramento Army Depot.

In the absence of Chair Tornatore, the meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair Mike Fallon** at 6:30 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment** – **Vice Chair Fallon** read a statement relative to audiotaping of the meeting and posting of agendas. He then opened the meeting to members of the audience.
2. **Consent Item** – **Minutes** – It was **moved (Henderson), seconded (Gibson)** and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2005 meeting as presented.
3. **Superfund Sites**
 - A. **Aerojet** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Commissioner Gibson** who introduced **Gerald Swanick**, Director, Environmental Operations, Aerojet General Corporation. **Mr. Swanick** shared information on clean up at Aerojet, including extraction well and pipeline information on the Western and Perimeter Groundwater Operable Unit sites. Members were advised that to date 627,778 pounds of chemicals have been removed and 72,261 million gallons of water has been treated.

In closing, **Mr. Swanick** noted that Aerojet is currently undergoing a remedial investigation and feasibility study, as well as collecting data and identifying operable units.
 - B. **McClellan and Mather Air Force Base** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Dexter Cochnauer**, Senior Representative, Air Force Real Property Agency Western Region. **Mr. Cochnauer** provided background, property and groundwater cleanup status, and future actions relative to clean-up activities at both McClellan and Mather Air Force Bases. Members were advised that there are currently 500 monitoring wells at the Mather site and cleanup costs to date total \$173 million.

Mr. Cochnauer noted that the McClellan site is the largest cleanup effort being undertaken by the Air Force. There are currently 103 extraction wells, 575 monitoring wells, and 139 piezometers located at McClellan. To date, \$476 million has been spent on cleanup efforts at the site.

During the question and answer session which ensued, a member of the Commission questioned whether there was a list of extracted contaminants available and how the contaminants are disposed.

Mr. Cochnauer agreed to forward the requested information.

C. Army Depot – Vice Chair Fallon called upon **Scott Armstrong** of Calibre Consulting, who is a contractor for the U.S. Army serving as the BRAC Environmental Coordinator for cleanup at the Sacramento Army Depot. **Mr. Armstrong** noted that cleanup at the Depot is at the end of its life cycle. The Depot is a closed facility and all available land, approximately 408 acres, has been transferred to the City of Sacramento.

Currently, the only operation remaining at the Depot is the treatment of approximately 17 million gallons of groundwater per month by the South Post Treatment System.

4. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Members received a copy of the October 2005 *EMD Update*. **Director Knight** shared information on the activity and outreach associated with the Department's Red/Yellow/Green Food Safety disclosure proposal. He also provided information on a recent State Audit of the Department's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program and noted that EMD is involved in multiple initiatives related to illegal dumping and nuisance abatement.

During his continuing presentation, **Director Knight** noted that EMD is preparing to include Geographic Information System (GIS) coding in all facility data and shared information of the availability of File Reviews on compact disk.

In answer to a question relative to Tobacco Retailer Inspections, members were advised that an Ordinance was enacted to discourage sale of tobacco to youth. The program is funded by a portion of the Tobacco Sales License fees charged by the City and County and EMD charges an incremental fee for the inspections performed in the County unincorporated area.

Members also received information on EMD's Compliance Assistance Bulletin (CAB) Program. Secretary Jimenez was asked to provide members with a link to the online CABs.

5. **2005 Environmental Health Report – Environmental Health Indicators** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Commissioner Henderson** who noted that draft

indicators were due. **Commissioner Henderson** then requested that missing indicators be forwarded to her or to Secretary Jimenez within the next few days as the timeline calls for review of the initial draft Environmental Health Report in mid-November.

6. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** reviewed the following news article: “Natomas flood risk aired...”

In answer to a question on the outcome of the proposed Disease Prevention Demonstration Program (DPDP), **Director Knight** noted that the Board of Supervisors did not approve initiation of a Program within the County of Sacramento.

7. **SWA Green Waste Facility** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon Commissioner Gibson who noted that there was nothing new to report. The next meeting of the Project Advisory Committee will be held in either January or February of 2006.

8. **Meeting Topics/Teams**

- A. 2005 – **Vice Chair Fallon** noted that meeting topics for the November meeting had been confirmed and no further discussion was needed.
- B. 2006 – The item was held over to the November 2005 meeting of the Commission.

9. **Correspondence** – **Secretary Jimenez** advised that no correspondence had been received.

10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held November 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Management Department, 8475 Jackson Road, Sacramento, California.