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Dear Patty:

Re: What Hinkley needs from the IRP Manager moving forward

When the Water Board created the role for an IRP Manager three years ago, it was focused on helping the Hinkley Community understand the technical issues associated with PG&E's groundwater remediation program.

Working with the Community, the IRP has helped us all understand the details of what has been going on underground. They have provided education with presentations, physical models, workshops and access to their staff when we needed one on one attention. This can be difficult when the participants are always changing from month to month. But they have stuck with it and overall we have a far better understanding of the risks that impacts us. We can see progress and imagine a future.

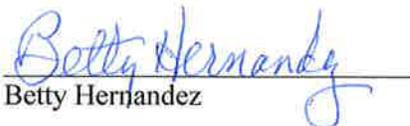
What is missing for us is more attention to how the remediation and accompanying events have impacted our lives on a day-to-day basis. Trees are dying and large plots of land sit empty. We need the IRP Manager's duties to be expanded to address not just the technical aspects of remediation but to use their technical expertise to help us move forward as we rebuild our Community.

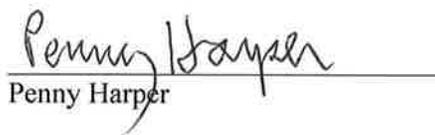
We have asked the IRP Manager, and his staff, to prepare a two column chart of their work looking at the original scope compared with what we, the Community, feel is needed moving forward. This chart is attached to this letter.

Thank you for providing language in the proposed CAO describing the future role of the IRP Manager. We appreciate that your ability to dictate how PG&E funds this work may be limited. We hope, via this letter, to let our suggestions be known.


Barbara Ray


Roger Killian


Betty Hernandez


Penny Harper

The IRP Manager's Current Scope of Work (SOW) and What the Community Recommends.

Current

- Review and interpret PG&E and WB technical information, and reports, for the Hinkley Community, at large
- Solicit Community Input, Summarize and Submit comment letters to the Water Board addressing Community concerns and perspectives about key topics (e.g. EIR, CAOs, MRP etc.)
- Maintain www.HinkleyGroundwater.com with all relevant, and up to date information
- Prepare visuals and hard models to present and explain technical data and information to Community in understandable terms
- Host "every 2 months" Community meetings
- Participate in Weekly CAC meetings
- Publish Semi-Monthly Community Newsletters
- "One-on-Ones" with individual Community members at the IRP Manager's Office, or, as requested, at Community members homes (On this one, need to ref and somehow show + add-in the map we had added into the last letter)
- Community workshops and BBQ's
- Participate in WB workshops and meetings
- Participate in the Technical Working Group (TWG) to plan, oversee and report out on the USGS Background Study (BGS)
- As appropriate, provide comments to the media

Community Recommendations

- Continue Current SOW (as described opposite)
- Increased ability to participate, as appropriate and requested, in (non-plume) "Above Ground" Issues, including, for example:
 - Interact with Caltrans and PG&E to provide technical information on how Caltrans Realignment of Hwy 58 will interface with PG&E's remediation program and the Hinkley Community
 - Make presentations and provide technical information and perspectives to other key stakeholder groups who could have a role in influencing the Future of Hinkley (e.g. real estate groups, realtors, mortgage brokers, banks, city planners, developers etc.)
 - Help frame, implement and facilitate any Academic resources and studies which could be initiated to help plan the future of Hinkley
 - Assist in grant-writing efforts, which might help fund the above
- Expand Outreach
 - More "One-on-Ones" with Community members
 - Work and communicate with other Hinkley Community groups (For example Community/Senior Center Group, 4H and Hinkley Bible Church Group etc.)