

To: Sylvia Hamilton via email

Date: October 19, 2005

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Subject: September 29, 2005 Meeting Minutes

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A meeting of the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group was held at the San Martin Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Avenue, San Martin, on September 29, 2005 at 7 pm.

I. **Pledge:** The Chair, Ms. Sylvia Hamilton, led the pledge

II. **Administrative**

A. *Introductions*

B. *Attendee Sign-in Sheets*

C. *Open Forum*

D. *September 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes approved as written*

E. *Responsibility of the repositories will be taken over by Bob Cerruti*

F. *Ms. Hamilton encouraged community members to share their well test results with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and to let Olin test their wells.*

III. **Presentations**

A. **Legislative Update – No Update**

Bob Wood expressed support for both Representative Pombo's and Assembly Member Laird's efforts.

B. **Regional Water Quality Control Board (David Athey)**

1. **Alternative Water CAO** – Olin recently submitted a revised alternative water supply implementation work plan. Olin identified 51 wells with perchlorate concentrations greater than 6 ppb. The report is available on the Water Board's website. Comments from PCAG and affected well owners should be submitted no later than Oct. 10.

Olin needs four quarters of testing results below 6 ppb before they can request Regional Board approval to discontinue bottled water service.

Mr. Cerruti added that there was a lot of rainfall last year and that might dilute the well test results. Mr. Athey responded that concentrations could go either way in response to rainfall and changing water level. He also noted that Olin has concluded that concentrations are unaffected by rainfall since the contamination is in the B-zone.

Ms. Hamilton commented that it is important for Olin to report all test results in their reports, rather than just the results from the previous quarter.

2. **Groundwater Cleanup CAO** – Mr. Athey reported that they had received the Llagas Subbasin characterization work plan. City of Morgan Hill, City of Gilroy, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District have submitted comments on the plan. The Water Board sent their comments on September 26, 2005.

3. **Southern Well Installation** – Three monitoring wells sets have been installed and two more are under construction.

4. **CAO Due Dates**

- Monitoring well installation and characterization work plan – June 3, 2004
- Llagas characterization report – March 30, 2006
- Plume migration assessment report – March 3, 2006; migration control feasibility study, work plan, and implementation schedule will be based on the plume migration assessment report
- Llagas cleanup level report – January 31, 2006
- Llagas cleanup feasibility study – June 30, 2006; the cleanup work plan and implementation schedule will depend on the cleanup feasibility study

Mr. Athey, in response to a question, explained that there is no planned delay in Olin submitting the Llagas characterization report. They have added resources to the project in order to stay on schedule.

5. **Second Quarter Groundwater Data** - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter groundwater data consisted of 515 wells being tested. 147 of which were in the range of 4 to 6ppb. 41 wells were higher than 6 ppb, including 2 that were above 10 ppb.

6. **On-Site Groundwater Treatment** – Olin applied for discharge location charge which includes onsite treated groundwater injection. Comments accepted until October 10, 2005.

7. **Northeast Flow Assessment** – A notice of violation was sent to Olin for late sampling and reporting. Olin responded that they have kept the Water Board informed of their progress. Limited groundwater elevation results have been submitted and more transducers need to be installed. Ms. Hamilton added that there was a mistake in the agenda regarding this topic. She put it under Llagas Subbasin characterization and intended to have it discussed under Northeast flow investigation.

Q: Is Olin required to test wells that are in the trace range of one or two?

A: Yes

C. **Water District Updates - Tracy Hemmeter**

1. Domestic Well Ion Exchange System Certification – Olin/US filter are scheduled to submit their work plan to Department of Health Services (DHS) tomorrow. If DHS approves the work plan, then Olin is given the green light to start the work and after 9 months the systems can be certified. However, since Olin has already installed system and has been using them to treat contaminated water, they may have some testing data already.

2. Federal Grants & Project Planning Update - EPM account money has been applied for and the work plan was submitted. EPA approved the application for two projects, a source and background perchlorate investigation and a feasibility study of using groundwater recharge to mitigate perchlorate impacts. The next step is to convene an expert project advisory committee to review the work plan.

The SCVWD has not yet developed a project proposal to utilize the rest of the available grant funding, which is through the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) Program. The water district will be working with the community and Perchlorate Working Group to develop the proposal.

#### IV. Additional Topics

1. **Perchlorate Working Group** - PWG is meeting tomorrow. Last meeting was August 26<sup>th</sup>. Most of the meeting was spent on how to better stay in touch, communicate between entities, make better use of technical folks, and make better use of agency time.

2. **Groundwater Guardian** – Annual reports were submitted on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Goals included expanding interested parties list and increasing publicity efforts. Designations will be announced on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. **Agenda Topics for November 4<sup>th</sup> PCAG meeting** - PCAG will invite Olin to come to next PCAG meeting and suggest presentations on the following:

- *NE & Southern flow updates*
- *How far south will Olin test wells*
- *A proposal to address our need to see well data trends*
- *Groundwater characterization work plan and how it relates to future remedial actions*

Meeting was adjourned

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Minutes submitted by Zohra Karimi