

**CLEANUP FUND TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING**

Members present:

Jim Arnold
David Arrieta
Ron Chinn
Barbara Dunn
Charles Ice
Dan Johnson
Deborah Lichtenberger
Zack Moran
Markus Niebanck
Rich Premzic
Eric Swenson (by phone)
Julie Thompson

Members absent: Nick Bokides, Steve Goldberg, Jerry Piritz

Alternates present: Nicole Gleason, Mark Magargee, Dwayne Ziegler

Alternates absent: Hans Herb, Misty Kaltreider, David Zedrick

State Water Board staff present: Dave Charter, Ron Duff, Jennifer Nitta, Toru Okamoto, Allan Patton, Selica Potter

State Water Board member present: Tam Dudoc

AGENDA ITEMS

Orders of business

1. Minutes from 10/19/09 meeting were approved by the Task Force members, with a correction to the list of attendees, an addition to list the subcommittee members, and changes to the language of several long term recommendations.

Morning session

1. The Task Force was informed that AB 1188 has passed both the Senate and Assembly and was on the governor's desk for signing.
2. The Task Force was reminded that the DFA staff was presenting the SWRCB with a resolution for consideration at the November 17, 2009 meeting.
3. Lou Feletto with the Board of Equalization made a presentation to the Task Force on the collection of the USTCF fee from the UST owners.

Task Force members engaged Mr. Feletto in BOE fee collection-related conversation.

4. Long term recommendations were discussed. The morning session focused on the use of the pre-approval process for both claim processing and cost control.

Afternoon session

1. The discussion of long term recommendations continued. The topics included:
 - Eric Swenson of Merced County is coordinating the formation of a pilot program to use the pre-approval process at approximately 30 sites to evaluate its effect on claim processing, cost control, and overall project effectiveness, as well as the extent of efforts and coordination that will be required between the DFA staff, regulators, the regulated community, and their consultants. Eric will prepare an outline of his program and provide it to the Task Force for review and comment.
 - The existing cost guidelines were discussed as to their relevance to the claims processing and their potential use in a pre-approval process
 - The use of a pre-approval process was discussed within the framework of a long term comprehensive project planning tool that was also referred to as a “conceptual project model.”
 - Limiting claim lifetime and payment maximums were discussed
 - A suggestion was made to conducting project status reviews similar to the 5-years reviews at other milestones such as claim expenditures of \$250K, \$500K, and \$1Mil, or 4 years of active remediation
2. Barbara Dunn presented the Task Force with progress by the bridge financing inter-meeting working group including the claimant potentially assigning a co-payee for reimbursements to satisfy lender’s requirements.
3. The Task Force formed an additional remediation equipment working group to discuss options involved in the selection and funding of remediation equipment
4. The Task Force reviewed the scheduled meetings for November 16, December 2 and 17, 2009, and added January 26, 2010.
5. Members were asked to correspond with each other and through USTCF staff as appropriate to continue dialogue-in-process.

Agenda for November 16, 2009 Task Force Meeting

1. Discussion of USTCF processes and procedures for long term recommendations action.
2. Report from working groups.
3. Planning for SWRCB's November 17, 2009 meeting to consider DFA resolution.