

COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP  
HOOKSTON STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
PLEASANT HILL CO-HOUSING, 2200 LISA LANE, PLEASANT HILL

PRESENT

Mary Rose Cassa, Water Board  
Chuck Headlee, Water Board  
Lucy Goodell, Colony Park  
Don Mount, Colony Park  
Mary Burr, Colony Park  
Vivian Oka, Colony Park  
Pam Lundgren, Colony Park  
Ron Johnson, Colony Park  
Elaine Welch, Colony Park  
Ron Block, Colony Park  
Mike Lekas, Colony Park  
Gene DeMar, Colony Park

Dorothy Callison, Co-Housing  
Amy Brownell, Co-Housing  
Erin Gabel, Senator Torlakson  
James Kirwin, Water Board  
Dick Nicoll, School District  
Greg Bedard, Supervisor DeSaulnier  
Bill and Tillie Larkins, Fair Oaks  
Elizabeth Allen, Water Board  
Kisasi Brooks, Assembly Member Hancock  
Linda Morris, Townhouses  
Erin Fleming, Water Board

Amy Brownell welcomed all participants and introduced Mary Rose Cassa representative of the Water Board. The participants introduced themselves and the agenda was reviewed.

Introduction

The objective of the meeting was to organize a working group and establish an informal panel which will discuss the Hookston Station cleanup, and to appoint a Chair of the panel. Mary Burr was appointed to take notes.

Objectives

Steve Drew from the Water Board met with various members of the community, listened to their concerns and their expectations of communication anticipated from the Water Board. The operating plan for the panel is the result of these meetings. The panel is to be made up of four representatives from Colony Park, two from the Water Board, one from Fair Oaks, one from Pleasant Hill Co-Housing, one from the School District, and two from State Offices, and one from the County. The responsible parties have elected not to participate, and no one from the mayors' offices has responded.

Operating Plan

Working group meetings will be informal and are not considered an official public meeting, although they will be open to the public. The participants will be selected from those areas affected by the Hookston Station plume. The meetings time and place will be publicized by the Water Board two weeks in advance. Co-Housing volunteered use of their multi-purpose room when available. Mr. Nicoll stated that Fair Oaks School is also available for the meetings. The meetings are not a vehicle to discuss ongoing litigation or other non-related subjects. Notes of the meeting will be taken.

Guidelines

Representatives to the panel may designate alternates from some areas, others will be consistent. A target for the next meeting will be the names of panel members and their alternates. It is important to have each area represented at every meeting so they can convey the information back to their constituents.

Representatives

The mission statement was agreed upon: To enhance communication and public participation through informal and open discussion: to bring together stakeholders; to discuss and review project status, progress, plans and documents and to exchange information regarding community relations planning and implementation.

Mission

Lucy Goodell volunteered to be Chair of the panel with Don Mount as Co-Chair.

Chair

On July 10th the Water Board will receive the Feasibility Study, which will determine the appropriate cleanup technique.

Feasibility Study

Investigation reports from two other areas of concern, Pitcock Petroleum and 999 Bancroft were discussed. MTBE from Pitcock Petroleum is flowing towards Len Hester Park. Because they are chasing the plume and not trying to find the end, the extent of the plume is still unknown. Monitoring wells for MTBE have been installed in the right-of-way and a workplan will be submitted, which is expected to recommend installing additional wells in Len Hester Park. MTBE is not a chemical of concern for the responsible parties and has not been detected by ERM in their monitoring wells.

Pitcock  
Petroleum

The owner of 999 Bancroft (occupied by Encore Gymnastics) was reluctant to have testing done on his property and would not allow access. The owner did submit a report on the history of the property. No chemicals were listed that would be expected to cause TCE contamination. ERM was requested to proceed to install in soil vapor monitors near the property. All reports can be found on line at the GeoTracker site.

999 Bancroft

Three direct push soil vapor samples were taken within Colony Park on June 1, 2006 one near Bermuda and Hampshire. The results will be reported in the Monthly Status Report, also available on GeoTracker.

Direct Push  
Sample

Mary Rose discussed the Interstate Technical Regulatory Council internet training and the recent O'Brien and Gere seminar on vapor intrusion. Both training sessions were also attended by community members.

Training

PCE which breaks down to TCE has also been found in the plume. Cleaning up the TCE will also address the PCE where they comingle. The RP's are not actively addressing the cleanup of PCE. A responsible party for the PCE cleanup has not yet been identified. PCE has been detected in the shallow "A" Zone. The water moves approximately 50 to 100 feet a year, the contaminate moves less than half of that.

PCE

Residents who are approached to have their homes tested should take great care in filling out the forms which are sent to them. In some areas PCE was found in the home, but not found when tested for in the soil.

It is expected that the homes with the vapor mitigation systems will be periodically tested to make sure the system is working.

Vapor Extraction

The Feasibility Study is due from the RP's July 10 after which the Water Board staff will review and determine if it is suitable for the public comment period. The public comment period will be open for thirty days, during which the Water Board will hold a public meeting. After reviewing all comments the Water Board will prepare a tentative order for final site cleanup requirements. A thirty day comment period will again be opened, after which it is expected that the Water Board will adopt the final Site Cleanup Requirements. The RPs will then

Feasibility Study

implement a design phase and implement cleanup in early 2007.

Mary Rose requested for the July meeting the names of those on the panel.

Panel

For further information:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/sitecleanup/docs.htm>

Web Site

NEXT MEETING

July 26, 2006, 6:30-8:00, at Pleasant Hill Co-Housing, 2200 Lisa Lane

Next Meeting

PUBLIC MEETING

Tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2006

Public Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment