

**MINUTES
HAMILTON ARMY AIRFIELD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
North Antenna Field, Landfill 26, UST Site 957/970
MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2007
Hamilton War Room
500 Palm Drive
Novato, CA

RAB Members Present:

Karole Ward, USACE Co-Chair

Matthew McCarron, Community Co-Chair

Marucia Britto, Richard Draeger, Patricia Eklund

RAB Members Not Present:

Bill McNicholas, Ross Millerick, Joan, Sue Lattanzio, Marucia Britto, Joan Dekelboum, Richard Draeger

Others Present:

Mr. Harvey Abernathy, resident of Hamilton Field, BJ Bailey, USACE, Irene Davies, Ed Keller, San Francisco District USACE, Jerry Hopper, Lance McMahan, DTSC, Linda Rao, RWQCB, , James Sullivan, Navy (BEC), Travis Williamson, Battelle, Ray Zimny, USACE, Jim Davies, John Kaiser, Mary Ann Parker (Parker Design), Thea Vaughan (Parker Design)

Welcoming Remarks

1. **Introductions: Mr. Matthew McCarron**, Community Co-Chair, called the Hamilton Army Airfield Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
2. **Old Business: Mr. McCarron** said that he had just received the minutes, and would like to look at them during a break.
3. **New Business:**
 - RAB by-law update:
Mr. McCarron said that he did not receive any comments about the revisions. After some discussion on what represented a quorum, the present RAB members voted on the amended by-laws.

Mr. McCarron moved to adopt the amended by-laws. Ms. Eklund seconded. The motion passed.
 - Formation of Subcommittee:
This item was not discussed.

Presentations

- 4. UST Site 957/970 Status Reports:** James Sullivan introduced Travis Williamson, who will present the update. Mr. Sullivan also introduced David Clark, new Navy Project Manger for the UST site, replacing John Kowalczyk on the project.

Mr. Williamson noted that the Navy had two sites, the 957/970 and the ball fields. He said the ball fields are finished and are in the process of being transferred over to the Coastal Conservancy.

Mr. Williamson gave a PowerPoint presentation. The main topics were the last quarterly monitoring event, the transition to low-flow sampling, biosparging, documentation since the last RAB meeting in January, and upcoming activities.

Mr. Williamson said that at the intersection of C Street and Main Gate Road, where the gas station is, is Hamilton Square. Hamilton Square has already been transferred to a developer. Just north of that parcel, site 1A and 1B, is in the process of being transferred to the Novato Unified School District. There is also a small parcel called Commissary Triangle 3 that is mentioned later.

In February, the Navy performed quarterly monitoring to evaluate MTBE concentrations in monitoring wells across the area, and to ensure the groundwater flow direction remains consistent with years past. The Navy implemented low-flow sampling at the site in order to be in compliance with Navy policy, and to reduce the total volume of purge water requiring disposal.

The biosparging system at the Former NEX Gas Station Site was restarted on March 15, 2006. Since system restart, the readings for MTBE have ranged from 94% to 96% reductions. **Mr. Williamson** noted that the system has done what it was designed to do, and the Navy is developing plans for a complete shutdown of the system. **Mr. Williamson** showed a plot of MTBE concentrations at the site, while the system was on and off.

Mr. Williamson said that the Navy issued a Draft Updated GW Monitoring Plan and Sampling Analysis Plan. Regulatory comments were issued late March, and the document will be finalized as soon as the comments are resolved. **Mr. Williamson** noted the Navy finalized a Health and Safety Plan. DTSC recently concurred with the Navy's request to rescind the Land Use Covenant for Commissary Triangle 3 because MTBE is no longer present, and the land is up for auction. **Mr. Sullivan** noted that all Navy land auction information could be found at www.BRAClandsales.com.

Mr. Williamson noted the upcoming events: to develop plans to investigate VOCs detected in soil-gas near the former Commissary and the western portion of Parcel 1A. In those areas, there were some VOCs the Novato Unified School District detected in soil-gas that were not previously investigated. Two of maybe 12 sites measured contained VOCs, so the Navy is working with DTSC to determine the scope and schedule of future investigative activities.

Mr. Williamson said they would act on finalizing Updated GWMP/SAP and issue Semi-Annual SSR after the May 2007 sampling event.

Ms. Eklund asked about the land is to be auctioned. **Mr. Sullivan** answered that it is termed a land exchange, and that the proceeds will go to buy land adjacent to another Navy installation in Nevada. **Ms. Eklund**, asked about the sampling of 12 sites where VOCs were found. **Mr. Williamson** answered that the Novato Unified School District had collected some soil-gas samples as part of the process they were going through with the DTSC School Sites Program. **Mr. Williamson** noted that historic ground water sampling performed in the area of the soil-gas detections returned non-detect results for the subject VOCs. **Ms. Eklund** asked about the level found in soil-gas, and **Mr. Sullivan** answered it was above PRG. **Mr. John Kaiser** asked about introducing oxygenation to help dissipate it. **Mr. Williamson** did not know if that was an option because at this stage the Navy will be still trying to investigate whether or not VOCs are actually present. **Mr. Draeger** asked about the variance around the points on the MTBE graph. **Mr. Williamson** said that there are one or two at 0, and the highest may be 1200 ppb. **Mr. Kaiser** asked if the biosparging were shut down, would the Navy still keep monitoring it. **Mr. Williamson** answered yes. **Mr. McCarron** said that MCLs are 13 parts per billion (ppb). How do we get 594 ppb to MCLs? **Mr. Williamson** said that there was never the intention that the biosparging system would treat groundwater concentrations down to MCLs. The main focus of the system was to get concentrations to a level where natural attenuation would effectively control and reduce the plume. **Mr. McCarron** noted they found VOCs in A5 or A6. **Mr. Jim Davies**, asked if there were concurrence about plume stability. **Mr. Williamson** said that they spent a lot of time updating the conceptual site model in the area of Landfill 26. **Mr. Davies** asked about acceptable levels between the Navy and the City. **Mr. Williamson** answered that there has not been agreement.

Mr. McCarron, going back to the issue of voting, read the new and old rules of voting for the RAB members present. The new rules would require a quorum of all members, not just those present.

5. Wetlands Restoration Status Report:

Ms. Irene Davies, new Project Manager for the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration project, gave a PowerPoint presentation. **Ms. Davies** introduced **Ed Keller** and **Jerry Hopper**.

Ms. Davies noted that the area was turned over to the Coastal Conservancy in 2003. Right now, they are working on the N2 levee and the intertidal berm. When the Coastal Conservancy receives the ball field, they can tie the levee into that area. **Ms. Davies** said that they anticipate having all the pumping from the Oakland harbor in November. The project would take six to eight years, and then there would be 15 to 20 years of monitoring. They are working with the State Lands Commission to take material from the levee to build the N2 and south levee. The Bel Marin Key 5 area is not yet authorized, but they are working with them. They are partnering with the Coastal Conservancy and the Bay Conservation Development Commission.

Ms. Davies noted that the dredge area had been vandalized: the manhole cover had been lifted to take copper wire, and a live wire had been cut, shutting down a pump. **Ms. Davies** asked for help in identifying any unauthorized persons in the area. **Ms. Ward** said she was

there today, and there was someone living in a bunker. **Ms. Davies** said to report any person to the police.

Ms. Eklund asked if the manhole cover was locked. **Mr. Keller** said no, they were the regular, heavy sorts. She suggested keeping it safe from children and others. **Mr. Keller** noted that whoever when in had the proper equipment, so it was not someone from the general public.

Ms. Eklund wondered when the Oakland harbor dredge material would be accepted. **Ms. Davies** thought that it may happen in November, but a funding shortage may make it later. **Ms. Britto** asked when the pump station would be built. **Ms. Davies** answered that is happening now, the pipes are being shipped. The assembly would take place in July and August. As more contractors are in the area, they will post more signs to keep out of the construction zone. A security presence is written in the contract. **Mr. McMahan** asked about the pump design. **Ms. Davies** said that there is a series of three booster pumps. It's an off-loader system, not an aquatic transfer facility. They are still studying that. **Mr. McCarron** asked the elevation between NAF to Bel Marin Keys. **Ms. Davies** answered + 2 to 0. **Mr. Keller** noted that it was subsided lands, and pumps keep it dry. The N2 levee would help keep the two sides hydraulically separated. **Mr. McCarron** asked about the material coming from the NAF. **Ms. Davies** said that the areas are clean. **Mr. Keller** noted that the Department of Fish and Wildlife support the use of that soil. **Mr. Harvey Abernathy**, resident of Hamilton Field, pointed out a trail on the map, and asked about efforts to connect the existing trail through the development site. **Ms. Davies** said that there was a trail proposal they would look at, but she does not know the exact alignment. She noted that anyone could call the Public Affairs Website. **Ms. Eklund** asked if the trail could be an agenda item for a future meeting. **Ms. Davies** said yes.

6. **Presentation Overview:**

Landfill 26 Feasibility Study

Mr. Ray Zimny gave a PowerPoint presentation, providing an overview of the activities at the North Antenna Field and Landfill 26. **Mr. Zimny** presented the tentative schedule for the landfill Feasibility Study: Draft Report in July 2007, Final Report in March 2008. **Mr. Zimny** noted the maintenance activities that are to take place in May, 2007: mowing for weeds, cover exposed cap edges, fill in depressions and ruts, repair damaged monitoring wells and fences and posts or gates. These activities are estimated to take 10 days. For Landfill 26, **Mr. Zimny** reported that the feasibility study (soil gas) Draft Report is scheduled for May 2007, and the Final Report is due in December 2007.

North Antenna Field Feasibility Study

Mr. Zimny presented the tentative schedule for the Feasibility Study for the NAF: Draft Report in July 2007, Final Report in March 2008.

North Antenna Field MMRP Site Investigation

Mr. Zimny reported on the MMRP site investigation schedule: TPP Meeting was Feb. 15, 2007. The Draft Work Plan is due August 2007, Field Investigation to occur September 2007, Draft Document due in May 2008, and the Final Document due in September 2008. **Mr. McMahan** noted that CEQA requirements might help to expand that schedule. **Mr.**

Zimny agreed that as the studies progressed the schedules would undergo changes. **Ms. Ward** said she would like to keep the neighborhood association abreast of this project, and asked when that association met. **Ms. Eklund** suggested the Hamilton Forum, and the president is Spiro Statigos. **Ms. Ward** said that they would work that out. **Mr. Jim Davies** asked what dates does the public see the MMRP. **Ms. Parker** said that the reports will be on the website and in the main library. **Mr. McCarron** asked about the MMRP dates work if the landfill is taking soil from the site. **Mr. Zimny** said they gave them maps. **Mr. Hopper** noted that it is contracted about taping off any particular areas.

7. Landfill 26, Water Monitoring Report and Soil Gas Update:

BJ Bailey gave a PowerPoint presentation. **Ms. Bailey** spoke about methane monitoring, ground water monitoring, and new monitoring well installation. Results from recent monitoring shows less than 1 % per vol., which is consistent with the last seven years of monitoring. **Ms. Bailey** spoke about groundwater monitoring for potential migration of target analyses from landfill boundaries. They will document the changes in concentration of target analyses. There are 19 wells monitored annually for: gasoline and diesel, VOCs, dissolved phase methane, and metals. There seems to be no outward migration. **Ms. Bailey** said that the new monitoring well was installed on March 15, 2007, based on recommendations in the LF26 Corrective Action Work Plan to fill a perceived data gap. The work was coordination of the Water Board. The first year, the well will be monitored quarterly, and then it will be monitored annually, during the regular sampling event. **Ms. Eklund** wondered if there had been a thought of anything being migrated. **Mr. Kaiser** answered that this was a very large area, and the well is well sighted in a water bearing area. **Mr. Sullivan** asked if any diesel had been detected. **Ms. Bailey** answered that it was found a long time ago, only by one building, 700 or 750, the hangar. **Ms. Rao** said that **Brian Thompson** gave her his notes. **Mr. McCarron** said that they did find diesel in the upper far corner at the end of the airfield. **Mr. Keller** said that they also found pesticides.

8. Wetlands Restoration Status Reports:

Ms. Rao noted that **Brain Thompson** could not be here, but she would read his report. **Ms. Rao** Said that the Army BRAC approved in February the plan for soil. They expect to approve it next week.

9. Agency Status Reports:

There were no further reports.

Ms. Eklund read the by-laws for the voting rules for the RAB members - section 8H 15. She noted that this needed to be changed as well. The old charter remains in place until this is sorted out.

10. Suggestions for Next Agenda:

Mr. Keller suggested listing in the agenda items that will be put to a vote.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7 PM on August 2.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 PM.