

BALDWIN HILLS CSD  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL (CAP) MEETING  
Minutes January 23<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
FINAL

**A. Call to Order - 7:00 PM**

David McNeil Chair.

CAP members in attendance introduced themselves at roll call.

**B. Announcement of Agenda**

Approved.

**C. Presentation by SCE – Mark Olson**

**Overview** - Mr. Olson provided an overview of the Edison distribution system. Edison does not maintain the electrical lines at the oil field. Mr. Olson noted that due to the fires, Edison has completed a comprehensive inspection and vegetation trimming project. All area infrastructure is up to date per applicable codes and regulations. Mr. McNeil inquired as to more detail on the local Edison system, Mr. Olson described and provided an overview of the Edison equipment coverage using the aerial map. Mr. Olson also noted the Edison program for California to replace aged infrastructure such as wood poles and concrete vaults. Mr. McNeil noted a nearby vault replacement completed last week. Mr. Olson provided a safety message regarding downed power lines.

**Fires** - Mr. Kuechle asked about how many of the recent fires were associated with Edison equipment, Mr. Olson responded that 2 of the fires in 2013 were associated with Edison equipment. Mr. Kuechle also asked about the cause of the fires and what Edison can do to prevent future fires. Mr. Olson stated that the cause of the 2 fires was not clear and the fire may have caused the power outage as opposed to the power outage causing the fire. Animals causing electrical fires was discussed but were not associated with the recent Edison fires. Mr. Kuechle asked about what Edison can do to prevent animals from causing fires and Mr. Olson responded that the equipment is maintained pursuant to the codes and regulations which should prevent animals from accessing equipment and causing problems. Mr. Kuechle asked about the oil field use of electricity and whether an increase of that use could cause problems like overloading the system and thus cause a fire. Mr. Olson said he is not aware of any issues with the electrical supply and use at the oil field. Mr. Ferrazzi asked if unbalanced loads could cause a failure or fire. Mr. Olson noted that the loads are now monitored by a computerized system to keep loads balanced across the grid. Mr. Ferrazzi also asked about the fuse links and whether they failed during the fire scenarios, Mr. Olson did not know but noted that the system does have fuses that will trigger somewhere in the system when there is a problem. Mr. McNeil requested that Edison share any information on the cause of the fires and what was done to prevent future problems. Mr. McNeil also noted the problem wind causes with power pole systems. Mr. Olson described Edison's plan for pole wind load studies and a replacement/reinforcement work and inspection program. Ms. Sahli-Wells asked about the fire December 9; that fire was associated with the oil field electrical system. Ms. Sahli-Wells also asked for more detail on the 5 fires over the last year. Mr. Olson stated he will pass on the CAP's concerns for priority attention to the electrical system due to the high fire potential of the area.

**Systems and Sources** - The Edison and LADWP systems and the fact that the systems are overlapped was discussed along with the fact that cable and phone companies also use the power poles. All users must pay to maintain the poles and ensure the poles are engineered to handle the additional infrastructure on the poles. Mr. Olson described the monitoring system Edison utilizes to adjust power across the grid, Edison does not provide power use to the public because the information is proprietary. Mr. Olson noted that Culver City will be receiving and award for power use and reduction of power

use. Mr. McNeil asked about the power source for Edison, Mr. Olson said power sources are from all over the west including hydro and other alternative sources.

#### **D. Regional Planning Update – Tim Stapleton**

**MACC** - Mr. Stapleton announced the MACC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28. DOGGR response to ground movement issue is on the agenda.

**DRP Director Letter** – Mr. Stapleton announced that the Director of the DRP will not be issuing a clarifying letter on the letter on hydraulic fracturing sent out in December 2013. Some members of the CAP had requested the letter commenting the letter was not clear on the definition of hydraulic fracturing.

**SB4 Workshop Question** – Mr. Stapleton noted that the County did not request that a public workshop be held in Los Angeles regarding the SB4 legislation and further noted that the workshops have been completed.

**Air Quality Study** – Mr. Stapleton announced that there will be a two month delay on the issuance of the report due to data processing issues at the University of Wyoming. The report is expected in May or April 2014.

**2014 Drilling Plan Amendment** – FM O&G has applied for an amendment to the 2014 Drilling Plan. The request is to move the bottom hole location of Well LAI1 4453 120 feet to the north-west and rename the well accordingly (LAI1-VIC1 4453). The request is being reviewed by DRP. Ms. Sahli-Wells asked if the drilling plan includes the completion process for each well; it does not.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Complaint Log** – The complaint log for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 has been posted on the County DRP web site. Ms. Sahli-Wells discussed that the follow up report to her odor complaint on December 12, 2013 appeared to dismiss her description of a tar like odor by reporting a skunk smell. Ms. Sahli-Wells described the fact that odors from tar and a skunk are completely different and easily discernable from each other. Ms. Sahli-Wells further stated that the report did not provide enough information regarding the follow up investigation for her to be able to determine whether the follow up activities were adequate to determine the source of the odor. Mr. Kuechle noted the follow up investigator should have looked for the source of the odor and that the skunk odor was not relevant to the complaint. Mr. Perez provided a summary of the odor complaint from the complaint log. Mr. McNeil asked about improvements to the complaint log procedure, callers should call the AQMD in addition to the 1-800 complaint number. Mr. Ferrazzi asked about where in the oil field the FM O&G follow up investigation took place because the complaint log did not provide that information noting that the oil field is 1,000 acres in size. Ms. Paillet stated that the follow up investigation would have been completed along the oil field boundary near Kenneth Hahn Park because that was where the complaint was located. Ms. Paillet noted that the complaint log typically includes the location of the investigation and that FM O&G needs the location of the complaint to be able to effectively investigate. A member of the public requested that the follow up investigation be performed by a third party and the fact that the SCAQMD does provide follow up services to some odor complaints.

**Fourth Quarter Groundwater Report** – Ms. Paillet noted that the report has been posted on-line and Mr. McNeil commented that the results did not contain any issues and that several monitoring wells were dry. Ms. Sahli-Wells asked whether real time data was available for the wells and commented that contamination between the quarterly monitoring could occur and be missed by the monitoring program. Mr. Perez further noted that the monitoring history has not shown contamination in any of the sampling to date. Ms. Sahli-Wells asked about the monitoring locations at the drainage basin sites and why they were not located at the drilling site locations. Mr. Perez discussed the fact that the monitoring well program and well locations were designed and approved by the RWQCB and that

questions on same may be directed to them. Mr. Perez also discussed the RWQCB letter that mentioned up-gradient monitoring well locations and the fact that the recently issued permits by the RWQCB did not include a requirement for additional monitoring well locations. Ms. Sahli-Wells also commented on the fact that with the multiple regulatory agencies involved in the oil field oversight it is difficult to know which agency is the lead/decision maker. Mr. Perez noted that for water issues, the RWQCB is the lead agency. Mr. Kuechle noted that the MACC is the forum whereby the multiple agencies are to meet and discuss oil field issues.

#### **E. Operator Update – Ms. Lisa Paillet**

**2014 Drilling Plan** – Ms. Paillet announced that the 2014 Drilling Plan has commenced and that the drill rig (Ensign 516) is back on the oil field at Well VRU 4232. There are two re-work rigs on the oil field. She also noted the Drilling Plan amendment noted above.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Complaint Log** – Ms. Paillet provided an overview of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Complaint Log as follows; 5 odor, 2 noise, and 2 property damage. 36 total complaints last year with 13 odor, 13 noise, 4 vibration, 5 property damage, and 1 lighting.

**January 9, 2014 Fire** – Ms. Paillet discussed that the fire was caused by an electrical equipment malfunction on the Vickers 2 lease and that FM O&G personnel were able to put the fire out. The connection associated with the fire had passed an inspection prior to failing. FM O&G is initiating a plan to systematically make electrical connection replacements throughout the oil field. A member of the public asked about a wildfire preparedness plan and Ms. Paillet responded that wildfire contingencies plans are contained in the FM O&G ERAP (emergency response plan). The plan is not available to the public per Fire Department direction.

**Political Contributions** - A member of the public also asked about political contributions and FM O&G policy, Ms. Paillet confirmed that FM O&G does not contribute money to political campaigns.

**December CAP Questions** – Ms. Paillet provided the following responses to questions brought up at the December 12 CAP meeting; there are 102 wells in the investment zone, the horse power rating for the well pump engines is between 50 and 125 h.p. dependent on depth and production of the well, the green substance sprayed on the oil field is non-hazardous bio-degradable week killer, and FM O&G cannot provide geologic or fault maps of the oil field as the information is proprietary.

**Earthquakes and Drilling** - Ms. Cottles asked about the risk of earthquakes from drilling and oil field activities. Mr. Ferrazi requested that FM O&G identify which wells have been drilled through a fault zone. Mr. Perez noted that the U.S.G.S. should have their fault maps posted on their web site and that the agency is in the process of updating the maps. Ms. Cottles asked about risk from earthquakes, drilling activities and the risk from same, Ms. Paillet will follow up with FM O&G staff on the question. Ms. Paillet also noted that in the event of an earthquake event, the oil field shuts in and all activity stops.

**Pumping Unit Belt Failure** – Mr. McNeil asked about smoke seen at the oil field recently. Ms. Paillet explained that a belt failed on a pumping unit and melted which caused smoke. The incident did not cause a fire.

**Methanol** – Mr. Ferrazzi indicated that while FM O&G staff at the annual meeting indicated the oil field uses little methanol, SCAQMD records document otherwise. Ms. Paillet will research methanol use at the oil field and report at the February CAP meeting.

**Document Watermarks** – Ms. Cottles inquired as to why the documents provided by FM O&G have watermarks and why the watermarks are so dark because they make reading the documents difficult.

Ms. Paillet responded that the watermarks are necessary and that FM O&G IT was supposed to implement a lighter shade so the documents are more legible. Ms. Paillet will follow up with the IT group at FM O&G to confirm future documents are prepared correctly.

**F. ECC/MRS Update – Mr. Luis Perez**

**Periodic Review** - Mr. Perez noted that MRS is waiting on final agency comments before finalizing the public draft periodic review document. The issue will be discussed at the MACC meeting on January 28. The periodic review is expected to be released in the next week or two for public review. Ms. Steva asked about whether the document will include the comments from the public on the NOP, Mr. Perez indicated that the public comments are part of the document.

**G. CAP Open Discussion/Public Comment**

**CAP Minutes** – Ms. Gosnell noted that the minutes can be difficult to read due to the narrative nature of the document. Members of the CAP further noted that the minutes are comprehensive and detailed but that the document could benefit from some formatting. Mr. Dusette stated that he would add some formatting to make reading the minutes easier. Mr. Kucchle requested that rather than sending the minutes to Mr. McNeil and himself first and the rest of the CAP at a later date that the minutes be sent to the entire CAP as soon as they have been prepared.

**DRP Director Letter** – Mr. Ferrazzi asked as to whether MRS followed up with DRP Director Bruckner on the letter, MRS did not. County staff, Mr. Stapleton, forwarded the request to Mr. Bruckner.

**Cost of Fires** – Mr. Ferrazzi asked Mr. Stapleton to research and provide the cost of Fire Department response to the fires on the oil field. Mr. Stapleton indicated he would check with the Fire Department but clarified that this type of data is not kept by the DRP and that the Fire Department may not provide the information. Mr. Kuechle noted that the CAP is interested in the County cost for such services because FM O&G ought to be responsible for the cost of the fires from their infrastructure. Ms. Sahli-Wells commented that the cost will be an aggregate cost due to the multiple agency response to the fires.

**Air Monitoring Equipment** – A member of the public asked about the air monitoring locations and if the monitors would have picked up the odor complaint on December 12, 2013. Mr. Dusette and Mr. Perez provide a summary of the air monitoring equipment, monitoring results, and alarm history.

**H. Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Ferrazzi requested revisions to the December minutes, as such, the December minutes will be approved at the February CAP meeting after Mr. Ferrazzi transmits his comments to Mr. Stapleton.

**I. Announcement** – Next CAP meeting February 27, 2014.

**J. Adjourn** – 9:00.

ATTENDANCE: 1/23/14

(\*absent)

**DESIGNATED SEATS PER 22.44.142.J.1.a**

***Governmental Entities***

1	Department of Planning	Timothy Stapleton
2	City of Culver City	Meghan Sahli-Wells
3	West Los Angeles College	Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh

***Operator (per 22.44.142.C)***

5	Freeport McMoran Oil & Gas	Lisa Paillet
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**NOMINATED SEATS PER 22.44.142.J.1.a**

**(Accepted first-come/first-served within each sub-group)**

***Landowners (per 22.44.142.C)***

6	Vickers Family Trust	Roger Shockley*
7	Cone Fee Family Trust	Liz Gosnell

***Neighborhood Organizations (Recognized Homeowners Association)***

8	Ladera Heights Civic Assoc.	Carmen Spiva*
9	Windsor Hills HOA	Gary Gless*
10	United HOA (View Park)	Catherine Cottles
11	Culver Crest Neighborhood Assoc.	John Kuechle
12	Blair Hills HOA	Jon Melvin*
13	Raintree Community HOA	Mark Didak*
14	Baldwin Hills Estates HOA	Ronda Jones*

***Neighborhood Organizations (No Recognized Homeowners Association)***

15	Ladera Crest Homeowner	Rene Talbott*
16	Baldwin Vista Homeowner	Irma Munoz*

***School Districts***

17	Los Angeles Unified	Glenn Striegler*
18	Culver City Unified	Scott Zeidman*

***Neighborhood Organizations (All Others)***

19	Windsor Hills Block Club	Toni McDonald-Tabor*
20	Community Health Councils	Erin Steva
21	Baldwin Hills Conservancy	David McNeill
22	The City Project	Ramya Sivasubramanian