

*San Diego County*  
**VALLE DE ORO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**  
**P. O. BOX 936**  
**LA MESA, CA 91944-0936**

**Minutes of the Meeting:** February 18, 2014

**Location:** Otay Water District Headquarters  
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.  
Training Room, Lower Terrace

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02pm, Lori Myers, presiding chair  
Members Present: Brownlee, Fitchett, Henderson, Hyatt, Mitrovich, Myers, Perry, Phillips, Schuppert, Tierney  
Members Absent: Feathers, Forthun, Manning, Reith, Wollitz
2. **FINALIZE AGENDA:** Agenda will be heard as written
3. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** No discussion or comment was heard
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 14, 2014 passed 9-0-1
5. **LAND USE**

Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Case #H03233-002: Proposed request for site closure and environmental no further action (NFA) in regards to environmental contamination by the former Shell Service Center (currently an independent gas station) located at 9663 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA (southeast corner at Kenwood Drive) which resulted from leaking underground storage tanks (USTs).

Ms. Myers introduced this item and distributed the committee report written by Ms. Feathers. Ms. Myers introduced Bill Girolamo, of Conestoga-Rover Associates (CRA), a consultant for Shell Oil, addressed the group. Mr. Girolamo explained his presence. CRA did an assessment of the documents and did the groundwater monitoring and feasibility analysis. CRA then submitted their analyses to the Dept of Environmental Health which agreed with CRA's assessment and the conditional action plan. This plan now goes out for public notification.

Mr. Girolamo stated, as representative of Shell Oil, that he cannot answer questions on their behalf and can only explain the document presented to VDOCPG. He cannot discuss or address "formally" any of VDO questions. He will convey VDO concerns and comments.

Ms. Myers asked the group to review the committee report and Ms. Feathers findings.

Background:

The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is a document required by the State of California for sites where underground storage tanks (UST) have leaked fuels such as gasoline or diesel. Leaking from the UST's was first discovered in 1985. It was determined in 2012 that there are no municipal water wells within a one-mile radius of the site although there are five active private wells. Four of the wells are uphill from the site. One well is south and cross-gradient to the site and 0.60 mile away.

The CAP objective is to implement the most cost effective remediation approach to protect human health, groundwater quality and other sensitive receptors. Three alternatives were brought up. (Please see committee report for details.) The remediation method recommended by CRA, the firm that developed the updated site conceptual model, CAP and request

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Background (con't):

for site closure, is no further action (NFA). This is based on groundwater assessment during the past year which showed stable or decreasing trends.

The staff of the San Diego County Site Assessment and Mitigation Program (SAM) California concurred with CRA's recommendation.

The VDO committee report discussed a few key points. Monitoring of wells in the area show high level of contamination. There is no study that shows the actual depth and formation of the plume. There is not enough information to give confidence that the plume is stable.

Points made by Ms Feathers in the committee report: I believe that monitoring the wells with no course of action is a waste of time and money. Therefore, Alternative #2 Monitored natural attenuation should be eliminated. I believe that waiting another 21 years for the natural attenuation of the MTBE plume to occur, in addition to the almost 30 years since the first contamination was discovered at this site, is irresponsible. Eliminate Alternative #3 No further action. I believe that Alternative #1, In-situ enhanced biodegradation (ISEB), is the best course of action, if the pilot testing determines that it is technically feasible and effective. I think that allowing this MTBE plume to remain in place and potentially impact a beneficial-use aquifer, Spring Valley Creek or the groundwater in this vicinity for the next 21 years, is not acceptable. I move to recommend Alternative #1, In-situ enhanced biodegradation (ISEB), as the remedial alternative if the pilot testing determines that it is technically feasible and effective.

Motion was presented by Mr. Phillips to adopt the committee report. (Mitrovich seconded)

Myers presented a modified motion. Both Phillips and Mitrovich approved of the modified motion.

Motion: Move to recommend Alternative #1, In-situ enhanced biodegradation (ISEB) be performed provided pilot testing determines that ISEB is technically feasible and effective. Additionally, institution controls, such as deed restrictions, should be put in place to notify potential owners or future users of the groundwater in the vicinity of the site, about the possible risks.

VOTE: 10-0-0

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –**

The Board of Supervisors will be honoring Mr Jack Phillips with a proclamation at their Wednesday, February 26, 2014 meeting at 9:00am.

Location: County Administration Center  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 310  
San Diego, CA 92101

The Planning Commission will be honoring Mr Jack Phillips at their Friday, February February 28, 2014 meeting at 9:00am.

Location: County Operations Center (COC)  
Conference Center Hearing Room  
5520 Overland Ave  
San Diego, CA 92123

**9. ADJOURNMENT - 7:46pm**

Prepared by: Allison Henderson