

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
November 14, 2001***

The November 14th, 2001, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 East Alameda Drive, Aurora, Colorado 80012. The meeting started at 6:15 p.m. (A copy of the agenda is attached.)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Bonnie Rader, Community co-chair for the RAB opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Rader asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Attendance

The following RAB members were present:

Jerry Hodgson, Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Co-chair
Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
David Denton, Laing Village L.L.C.
Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research
Dennis Guadarrama, Air Force
Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
James Ives, City of Aurora
Bill Killip, State Land Board
Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
Pete Pagano, DTH#2 General Partner

Other attendees:

Tim Blume, Army Environmental Center, Western Regional Office
Morey Engle, Roy F. Weston
Darrell Fray, US EPA Region 8
Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
Christi Kraft, Realtor
Brad Lasater, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Amy Lange, CH2m Hill
Carol Maclennan, Tri-County Health Department
John Mullen, Stone & Webster
Loren Mason, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District
Sharon Parson, Realtor
Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
David Rathke, US EPA Region 8
Monica Sheets, CO AGO
Chris ten Braak, Stone & Webster
Frank Weddig
Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
Tracie White, Stone & Webster
Ed Wilson, Stone & Webster

GENERAL RAB ITEMS

Ms. Bonnie Rader (Community Co-chair) asked if the board had had an opportunity to review the minutes of the prior meeting (July 25, 2001). The minutes for the July 25th, 2001 RAB meeting were approved without correction.

PRESENTATION – INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS AND COLORADO SB01-145 (handouts attached)

Ms. Monica Sheets, Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Department of Law, gave a presentation concerning the enforceability of environmental covenants. A copy of the presentation and a copy of Senate Bill 01-145 are attached. A discussion ensued regarding the difficulties involved with implementing (or forcing) institutional controls and land use restrictions. The Senate Bill is relatively new and it is still early for implementation (no covenants have been completed). Ms. Sheets noted that a meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2001 (1 PM at the State Office) to plan for coordination between local government and state government. In summary, any remedial action that leaves contamination or specifies restrictive land use must have an environmental covenant.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report (handout attached)

Mr. Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research, stated that in August they received funding for demolition work at the main Denver Research Institute (DRI) Site located within the Lowry Training Annex. An OE safety officer was on site during the knock down of a concrete structure. They are waiting on funding for additional OE investigation work at the site.

In response to a question raised at the previous RAB meeting, Mr. Ed Lohr, Department of the Navy, reported that there are no air space restrictions in place from DRI activities.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama reported that Stone & Webster has been contracted through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District to perform quality assurance / quality control work and other OE response activities within the Air Force portion of the Lowry Training Annex. The on going work is being completed in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District and the site data are being evaluated.

Mr. Guadarrama stated that although his role/position is changing within the Air Force, he would continue as a member of the RAB.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report (handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the Former Lowry Training Annex and DRI Site. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner presented his review and conclusions (attached) on the Site Inspection Report – Addendum 1 Hot Spot Removal. Mr. Wegner concurred with the report findings. He recommended that the RAB accept the conclusions of the SI Addendum 1 Report. Mr. Wegner asked the Navy, what did the restoration of the excavation areas include? It was noted that restoration at the site included backfilling with no re-seeding.

Motion

Mr. Ed Lohr asked that the RAB approve the Site Inspection Report – Addendum 1 Hot Spot Removal. Mr. Lohr made a motion that the RAB accept without objection Mr. Keith Wegner’s recommendation that the conclusions and findings of the report (i.e., Site Inspection Report – Addendum 1 Hot Spot Removal) be accepted.

The motion was seconded and passed by the RAB.

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Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a progress report (attached) concerning the TAPP. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner provided comments on the project web site (www.nwo.usace.army.mil/flbgr).

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson Swanson presented a summary/update of the FLBGR project status. The presentation included a summary of current activities and a summary of activities completed to date.

Discussion

An open discussion was held regarding the prioritization process and if the RAB wanted to revisit the prioritization criteria and calculated weighting factors. RAB members were directed to the Management Plan for a listing of the current criteria and weightings. It was determined that the USACE and CDPHE would re-score each area of concern using the current criteria (and weighting). The USACE and CDPHE will present the results of the scoring at the next RAB meeting and the RAB will determine at that time if the criteria and weighting are still appropriate for the project.

A discussion was also held regarding project funding. Copies of letters from the State of Colorado and the Department of the Army (attached) regarding the Settlement Agreement and funding were provided by Mr. Jeff Swanson.

Ms. Rader asked that a list of issues discussed at the Principal's meeting (and their resolution) be presented at the next RAB meeting. Ms. Rader expressed concern about the change in command and how it may affect the project. She would like this concern to be expressed at the Principal's meeting.

Mr. Jeff Swanson recommended making phone calls to Senator Allard's office regarding concerns over funding for the project and how things are progressing. Mr. Jerry Hodgson noted that any concerns about the project that are directed toward the federal government can be provided to him and he will forward the concerns to the appropriate personnel.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held January 16th, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Library in Aurora. Meeting notification should be sent on or around January 7th, 2002.