

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
July 17, 2002***

The July 17th, 2002, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Aurora Public Library at 340 S. Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado 80017. 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
- Tom Butts, Tri-County Health Dept.
- Joe Freund, Community member
- Dennis Guadarrama, United States 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
- Paul Reining, DRI-DU
- Bob Hastings, Colorado Countryside, Inc.

Other attendees:

- Bill Kelso, Parsons
- Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
- Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
- Barbara Wilson, Stone & Webster
- Ed Wilson, Stone & Webster
- Jim Anelle, USACE
- John Mullen, Stone & Webster
- Tracie White, Stone & Webster
- Conrad Parrish, Stone & Webster
- Teri Hartman, Stone & Webster
- Allyn Allison, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Robyn Lydick, I-70 Scout Newspaper
- Bruce Whisenant, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Arlene Dussault, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Darrell Frey, US EPA Region-8
- Jeanette Alberg, Senator Allards Office
- Les Tyralla, Stone & Webster
- David Rathke, US EPA Region VIII

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 (May 15, 2002). The minutes for the May 15th, 2002 RAB meeting were approved with the correction moving Bob Hastings, Colorado Countryside, Inc. under the RAB member list (he was placed under "Other attendees").

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Navy Report

Mr. Ed Lohr, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division, stated that they are awaiting final approval of cleanup of the DRI site from Washington. Phase 3 Ordnance and Explosive (OE) investigations are complete. By July 16th, 2002, all OE scrap was dug out of the pits and determined inert. Radioactive scrap material is currently being stored on site in drums.

Validation of 1500 targets should be completed mid August through September 2002, and an OE summary report with recommendations should be complete by October 2002.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama reported that his budget from the USAF is currently \$1M. Clearance activities at the Former Lowry Training Annex (FLTA) have continued with 8 more grids cleared. The FY03 financial outlook is positive due to good progress in clearance activities. Mr. Guadarrama stated he will have a map with progress grids for the September RAB meeting. He expects his activities to be complete the end of FY03, if not by then, perhaps early FY04.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the FLTA and DRI Site. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner believes the current DRI work plan is adequate for the collection of data and screening of material to determine whether or not scrap will be categorized as radioactive waste. Mr. Ed Lohr motioned to accept Mr. Wegner's reports; the motion was also seconded by Mr. Mark Harding.

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Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a progress report (attached) concerning the Technical Advisory Services for the Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range (FLBGR). The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. A summary of Mr. Wegner's observations is provided in the handout.

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson and Mr. Jeff 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. Jerry Hodgson stated there are no clearance teams at BT6 this week (July 15-19, 2002) due to an earlier puncturing of a gas line; however, teams are expected back at the site on Monday July 22, 2002. He also stated BT6 is 7% more complete since the April 15, 2002 RAB meeting. Additional SAR/HSI field calibration is scheduled for mid – end of August, 2002.

Discussion

When will work move forward at the Jeep and Demo Range?

Mr. Jerry Hodgson replied that assuming funding is available, clearance activities will restart after completion of the geophysical mapping efforts, chemical safety submission and field prep activities.

How long will the chemical safety submission and geophysical study take before work can resume at the Jeep and Demo Range?

Mr. Jerry Hodgson stated that geophysical mapping efforts and the Jeep and Demolition Range management plan are currently in progress. He expects to have a contractor on-board to start the chemical safety submission by mid-August and complete it by the end of the Calendar year. If funding is available, field work should resume in March 2003.

Mr. Jeff Swanson asked if there was a good reason that no contractor has been selected for the chemical safety submission (three months have already gone by with no selection and he is concerned about letting another month progress before any contractor is hired to do the submission).

Mr. Allyn Allison answered that his contracting office is going through the procedure of choosing one contractor out of six allowed to bid on the project. He stated that they do not necessarily choose the least expensive contractor, rather the best qualified.

Where is the USACE in this selection process?

Mr. Allison replied that they currently have four contractors scheduled for a site visit this Friday, April 19, 2002. After visiting the site, the four contractors are to write their proposals which are due July 26, 2002. Huntsville is set to award a contract on August 12, 2002.

Mr. Jeff Swanson asked if there was any way to accelerate the contractor selection process due to the fact that work in the Jeep and Demo Range will be delayed four months [if the contract is awarded in August, it will have been four months since the April 25th RAB meeting]. Jeff also expressed concern as to why there has been such a long delay when the USACE could have used a readily available contractor from the beginning (Stone & Webster).

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held September 18th, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Public Library in Aurora.

Meeting notification for the next RAB meeting should be sent on or around September 9th, 2002.