

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
17 January 2007***

The 17 January 2007 meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Doubletree Hotel, 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014. The scheduled start time was 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Jerry Hodgson (USACE) convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., by announcing that the co-chair, Ms. Bonnie Rader, would not be in attendance. He then asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

ATTENDANCE

The following RAB members were present:

Jerry Hodgson, USACE Omaha District, Co-chair
Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
Pete Pagano, DTH#2
Melissa Yoder, State Land Board
James Schrack, City of Aurora
Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
Lynn Robbio Wagner, Tri County Department of Health (TCHD)

Other attendees:

Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
Morey Engle, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
John Mullen, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Teri Farrell, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Chris Sundeen, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Rick St. Amand, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Pat McGinnis, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Steve Gehring, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
Sky, Sky Research (Sky)
Tracie White, Sky Research (Sky)
Megan Pickner, Sky Research (Sky)
David Rathke, USEPA Region VIII (EPA)
Brian Hlavacek, Tri-County Health
Laura Bishard, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
Larry Liebrecht, Colorado Aviation Historical Society
Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
Brenda Christman, Lend Lease Communities
Simon Walker, Lend Lease Communities

GENERAL RAB ITEMS

Mr. Jerry Hodgson (USACE) asked if the board had an opportunity to review the minutes from the 17 May and 20 September 2006 RAB meetings prior to the meeting. Mr. Mark Harding (Rangeview Metropolitan District) asked for clarification regarding the Range Master Phase II Demonstration, performed in June 2006. Specifically, Mr. Harding was curious about the statement in the minutes “all four grids were heavily contaminated.” Mr. Harding asked whether the soil was heavily contaminated

before or after clearance. Mr. Hodgson replied that the Range Master clearance effort removed only a limited amount of the surface contamination and unfortunately spread much of the remaining contamination around on the ground surface; thus leaving munitions behind. Mr. Hodgson further commented that the Range Master also had trouble maintaining depth of cut. However, the remote control worked well.

As there were no further comments, the 17 May and 20 September 2006 minutes were approved.

Prior to moving ahead with the agenda, Mr. Jeff Swanson (CDPHE) announced that Ms. Bonnie Rader (Community Co-Chair) would be stepping down from the RAB due to her time commitment and priorities with the Lowry Landfill Superfund site. Ms. Rader wanted to let the committee know as soon as she could so that they could decide how best to proceed. The ensuing discussion amongst the Board soon moved beyond the need for a new co-chair to ways the RAB could improve community involvement in general.

The discussion began with Mr. Swanson pointing out that the RAB had not done a membership drive in several years and that this may be a good time to perform community outreach. As to the issue of co-chair replacement, he stated that the charter is wide open with only a few caveats. In general, the RAB community co-chair is to be a community member with no direct affiliation with the project or management of the project, or with federal, state, or local oversight authorities, or any affected business enterprise (e.g., land developers). The community co-chair can not represent an organization, but only themselves. There was a consensus that the Board needs to reach out to the community and see if any local community members might be interested in joining the RAB, and if so, if anyone may want to be a co-chair.

Mr. Pete Pagano (DTH#2) suggested that the RAB contact and solicit local homeowners associations (HOAs) for interest. Mr. James Schrack (City of Aurora) volunteered to help research HOA contacts for the area through the City's Neighborhood Services department. Mr. Schrack also pointed out that Department of Defense has created new guidelines on how to facilitate a RAB. Mr. Hodgson responded that he had seen the guidelines and they serve more as guidance than a rule and that they do not affect how the Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range (FLBGR) RAB is currently operating. Ms. Lynn Robbio Wagner (TCHD) asked if there was a community outreach plan. Mr. Swanson replied that there is a Community Involvement Plan (CIP) from 1998, but it deals primarily with how the original RAB was formed. Ms. Robbio Wagner suggested that the RAB should review the document and update any necessary information. Mr. Swanson concurred and suggested that the USACE could potentially direct Shaw to post the CIP on the FLBGR internet website to make it available to the public. Ms. Teri Farrell (Shaw) offered to track down the electronic version of the CIP and to post it on the website, with approval from the USACE.

Mr. Hodgson suggested that the RAB focus its resources to the immediate need for a new community co-chair and to the need of getting new community representatives involved, rather than to updating the CIP (which could take several months to finalize). Mr. Harding agreed and pointed out that a significant amount of time has past since the RAB solicited new people, and that this outreach is overdue since the community makeup has changed so much in recent years. Mr. Harding also pointed out that previously, there had been very little response to community outreach efforts. Ms. Melissa Yoder (State Land Board) recommended that they put together a list of co-workers and contacts who might be interested parties, as opposed to a "knocking on doors" approach. Mr. Swanson reiterated what Mr. Pagano had said earlier about contacting homeowners associations. Ms. Laura Bishard (CDPHE) suggested contacting the City of Aurora Community Outreach, especially since growth in the area near the Lowry Range has been substantial. She also offered to see if anyone at CDPHE would be interested in helping with that effort. Mr. Swanson offered to sketch out an outreach/contact letter, but Mr. Hodgson recommended that Keith

Wegner (Correlation Corp.) draft a generic letter to homeowners associations inviting their members to an upcoming RAB meeting to get a first hand account of the RAB's involvement in the project.

In summary, it was decided that Keith Wegner (with support from Shaw) should draft a letter to be distributed to HOAs and other potential community contacts soliciting involvement in the FLBGR RAB. RAB members were asked to compile and send a listing of other potential contacts to Mr. Wegner. Mr. Wegner is also to research and provide recommendations to the RAB on the process for evaluating and selecting a community co-chair and other general RAB members. At this time, the FLBGR CIP is not to be updated.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (TAPP)

STATUS UPDATE

(presentation posted on the web)

Mr. Wegner reported on his recent activities with the FLBGR Project. After outlining the project tasks scheduled for the TAPP, he presented the Independent Review Activities including the Final 2006 Prioritization Report, which had been prepared and previously sent to RAB members on CD. The report is located on the project website (www.flbgr.org) under the Restoration Advisory Board page. Also, he reviewed the Integrative Corrective Action Plan for Arapahoe Park. Mr. Wegner then presented the final 2006 Area of Concern (AOC) scoring. He closed by presenting the budget performance, which showed that the TAPP efforts were 64.1 % complete. There were no questions from the RAB or the audience.

FORMER LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX (FLTA)

FIELD WORK UPDATE

(presentation posted on the web)

Mr. Hodgson presented an update on the Former Lowry Training Annex (FLTA). Munitions response activities at the FLTA EOD Circle (circular boundary) and the northern and eastern extension grids are complete. "Map and Dig" response activities are complete in the northern portion of the East Extension Area (145 acres) and the geophysical mapping of the southern area is complete (315 acres). Mr. Hodgson commented that the project is approximately \$650K short of completing the work in the southern portion of the East Extension Area, which could be accomplished within two to three months once funding is received from the Air Force. Ms. Yoder asked how long it would take for the funding to arrive. Mr. Hodgson responded that he could not give an exact answer. However, he did state that when funding does get awarded the project has the manpower available to complete the work in a timely fashion. Mr. Swanson commented that he had inquired about the status of funding (with the Air Force) around Christmas, but thus far had received no feedback.

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE (FLBGR)

FIELD WORK UPDATE

(presentation posted on the web)

Mr. Hodgson then presented an update of the FLBGR project status. The presentation included a summary of activities completed to date, ongoing activities, and future efforts. Currently, the focus of the work is on the Jeep/Demo Range (JDR) and the Rocket Range with three munitions response teams assigned to each of these areas.

JEEP/DEMO RANGE

At the JDR, 128 grids have been completed since the last RAB meeting. To date 380 live items have been recovered and destroyed, and 256 of the 307 site grids have been cleared (approximately 80% of the site). In addition, all "Map and Dig" clearance activities are currently considered complete. The areas remaining for clearance are focused around the center, triangular berm area.

James Schrack (City of Aurora) asked about the status of the Cherry Creek School District parcel to the north of the JDR. Mr. Hodgson replied that the land has already been transferred to the school district,

with the northern portion to be used for a transportation facility. Future plans call for the southern portion to be used as a school site, but development of that portion is currently on-hold. The JDR area nearest to the school parcel has been mapped and cleared of munitions. However, Mr. Hodgson pointed out that current munitions response technologies are very limited when it comes to detecting remnants of the chemical weapons identification kits previously found within the JDR (CAIS vials).

ROCKET RANGE

Since the last RAB meeting, 136 grids have been completed at the Rocket Range. To date, 92 live items have been recovered and destroyed. Geophysical mapping efforts at the Rocket Range are complete, anomaly reacquisition and removal is ongoing, and 337 of the 488 site grids have been cleared (approximately 69% of the site). Ten grids have been reserved for an ERDC demonstration project to be conducted during the summer of 2007.

BOMBING TARGET 7

Since the last RAB meeting, one "Mag and Dig" grid has been completed. To date, two live items have been recovered and destroyed. Planned "Mag and Dig" and geophysical mapping activities at Bombing Target 7 are complete and anomaly reacquisition and removal is planned for February 2007. To date, 57 of the 136 site grids have been cleared (approximately 40% of the site). The current plan is to complete the Bombing Target 7 site in 2007.

BOMBING TARGET 6

With 299 grids swept, surface sweep operations at Bombing Target 6 are considered complete. A large scale geophysical mapping effort, with resulting anomaly reacquisition and removal activities, is planned for Bombing Target 6 in the spring/summer of 2007.

BOMBING TARGET 5

At Bombing Target 5, approximately 578 acres have been cleared with over 40,000 anomalies dug. Approximately 628 acres have also been geophysically mapped and an additional 98 acres have been characterized and investigated. Within the central target area, 50 "Mag and Dig" acres have been completed with over 44,000 anomalies dug. A total of 270 live items were found, 271 demolition shots were performed, and 71,419 pounds of munitions debris were removed from the site. Work at BT5 is essentially complete. Currently, the project is awaiting approval of the Site Specific Final Report.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

FLBGR continues to be a leader in innovative technology application, which is being used to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of geophysical surveys and munitions response actions. Examples of innovative technology applications were provided in a handout at the meeting.

Mr. Hodgson closed his portion of the meeting by presenting the proposed 2007 RAB meeting schedule. Ms. Farrell pointed out that the next meeting was scheduled for the Aurora Municipal Center because the typical meeting room at the Aurora Public Library was already reserved. Future meeting locations have not been set since the Library's current policy is to not schedule meetings for the full year. Mr. Hodgson suggested that the RAB consider changing the meeting location back to the Doubletree Hotel for the March 2007 meeting since it might be better to be in a familiar location as the RAB may be inviting potential new community members to visit.

Mr. Hodgson then opened up the floor for questions. Mr. Schrack asked about the clearance schedule for Bombing Target 2. Mr. Hodgson responded that Shaw is in the process of moving a few clearance teams into the State Land Board portion of this AOC. However, no work is anticipated within the near term for the City of Aurora parcels. To date, the Omaha Corps Real Estate Division had not received a right-of-entry (ROE) for this property from the City. Apparently, the City wanted to alter some of the language in the original ROE to restrict or manage access to their parcels. Mr. Schrack responded that he was under

the impression that a revised ROE had been submitted to the Corps and suggested that it may just be a communication breakdown. Mr. Hodgson responded that he would check with his real estate office on whether a revised ROE had been received.

STATE LAND BOARD LOWRY RANGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
MELISSA YODER, STATE LAND BOARD

(presentation posted on the web)

Ms. Melissa Yoder provided an update on the Lowry Range development and conservation RFPs. She began by reviewing the October, 2005 decision by the State Land Board regarding its future vision on use of the Lowry Range, focusing on three major points:

1. Water resource development;
2. Open space and conservation planning; and
3. Contained development.

Ms. Yoder started by saying that the Board has existing agreements in place with the Rangeview Water District to maximize the potential for long term income through its surface and groundwater resources across the Lowry Range. RFPs were released in 2006 for the second and third of the above points; conservation and development. The overall project priorities include reasonable and consistent revenue, not maximum revenue; integration of open space and conservation into development plans; establishment of long-term productive relationships; and effectively working with local governments and regional planning entities. Proposals were received from the Arapahoe Grasslands Conservation Team, Carma Colorado, Lend Lease Communities, and LRP, LLC. Of these, the Arapahoe Grasslands Conservation Team was awarded the Conservation contract and Lend Lease Communities was awarded the Development contract.

A revised vision is currently being developed for the eastern extent of the Lowry Range (under the Conservation contract) to include the creation of a Water Resource area, with decisions on future use deferred until parties can discuss regional needs. The overall project goals include:

- Smart growth and development – to create and maintain a revenue stream to support the School Trust
- Long term conservation – to find compatible uses to keep this land in the stewardship trust and reduce long-term risk to the Board
- Water resource development – to capitalize on assets and opportunities to find regional water storage options through reservoirs

The floor was then opened up for questions. Mr. Pete Pagano (DTH#2) asked about the acreage for development. Ms. Yoder responded that there would be approximately 3,800 acres developed for mixed residential and commercial use and that the length and process for the planning phase was unknown. Mr. Hodgson followed up with a question regarding conservation. Ms. Yoder replied that some of the area would be used for higher activity recreation; the Coal Creek drainage, however, may be set aside for conservation. All of this would be decided with involvement from the stakeholders. A question was asked whether or not there would be any residential development in the “proposed conservation” area. Ms. Yoder responded that no, the Board was not interested in any residential development in the conservation area. When asked about the four proposed reservoirs on State Land Board property and if there are plans for more, Ms. Yoder replied that the location and magnitude of reservoir development is still undetermined. Mr. Swanson inquired about the timing for the finalization of the plan for the conservation area. Ms. Yoder responded that the Board wants a strategy in place by April 20th. Ms. Yoder stated that the Board felt that enough studies have been done and that they want to move forward

as soon as possible. Ms. Robbio Wagner (TCHD) asked if any of the land was privately owned, to which Ms. Yoder responded that no, the entire area that she was discussing is State Land Board property.

At this point, the floor was opened to any other topics or discussions. As there were none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.