

**Restoration Advisory Board  
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range  
16 January 2008  
MEETING MINUTES**

*The 16 January 2008 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, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

***ATTENDANCE***

The following RAB members were present:

- Mark Harding, Rangeview Metro District
- Bob Hastings, Citizen
- Jerry Hodgson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (USACE), Co-Chair
- James Schrack, City of Aurora
- Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE)
- Lynn Robbio Wagner, Tri-County Department of Health

Other attendees:

- Marilyn Hull, CDPHE
- Warren Smith, CDPHE
- Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
- Larry Falsetto, Citizen
- Larry Liebrecht, Colorado Aviation Historical Society
- Pete Sims, Lend Lease
- Morey Engle, Shaw Environmental, Inc. (Shaw)
- Steve Gehring, Shaw
- Pat McGinnis, Shaw
- John Mullen, Shaw
- Rick St. Amand, Shaw
- Lisa Stahl, Shaw
- Chris Sundeen, Shaw
- Meggan Pickner, Sky Research (Sky)
- Jimmie Ivey, Student
- David Rathke, U.S. EPA Region VIII
- Joyce Bartell, Waste Management Recycle America

***GENERAL RAB ITEMS***

Mr. Hodgson, USACE, asked if the Board had an opportunity to review the minutes from the 28 November 2007 RAB meeting. As there were no comments, the minutes from the November RAB meeting were approved.

***CHARTER UPDATES***

***Proposed RAB Charter Revisions***

*(presentation posted on the web)*

Mr. James Schrack, City of Aurora, opened the meeting by discussing the ongoing revisions of the RAB Charter. Mr. Schrack explained that the bulk of the work concerning Charter revisions had been done at

the sub-committee level, with recommendations brought before the entire Board for consideration. The proposed Charter revisions are primarily focused to items that would provide clarification while meeting the needs of the RAB. The sub-committee, which includes Mr. Julio Iturreria, Ms. Carol Maclennan, and Mr. Schrack, came up with a number of suggestions for the Board's consideration. The particular updates recommended by the sub-committee were captured in the red-line version of the Charter provided to the RAB members for review. After confirming that action was taken on all appropriate comments and revisions, Mr. Schrack asked if the RAB had any more comments on the revised Charter. As there were none, Mr. Bob Hastings, Citizen, moved that the RAB accept the revised Charter. There were no objections.

### ***Proposed RAB Policy and Operating Guidelines***

Mr. Schrack then discussed the proposed RAB Guidance Handbook, which would serve as guidance to RAB members to be used during meetings, voting, etc. Recently added information included "Meeting Ground Rules", which suggest starting and ending meetings on time, following the agenda, treating others with respect, listening without interruption, asking relevant questions, and making decisions by consensus. Mr. Schrack stated that only minor changes were made to the Handbook since the November 2007 RAB meeting, mainly to ensure that it was consistent with the Charter. The particular revisions recommended by the sub-committee were captured in the red-line version of the Handbook provided to the RAB members for review. Mr. Schrack asked if the RAB had any comments on the revised Guidance Handbook. As there were none, no further action was needed. In closing, Mr. Schrack made it clear that the Handbook was not developed because the RAB was having problems, but rather to ensure that the RAB would continue to operate smoothly and efficiently.

Both the revised Charter and Guidance Handbook are to be made available on the [www.flbgr.org](http://www.flbgr.org) website.

### ***BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE***

#### ***New Board Membership Update and Nomination***

*(presentation posted on the web)*

Mr. Schrack then outlined the criteria used by the sub-committee in evaluating and recommending potential new RAB members. The primary concern was to have candidates who represent a broad cross-section of the community, reside in the vicinity, have experience in government programs, have time to commit to the RAB, and have a genuine interest in participating on the RAB. Equally important, however, was finding people who brought two-way communication skills to the RAB.

The efforts of the sub-committee produced four promising candidates who have expressed interest in joining. Most of the candidates met and interacted with the rest of the RAB prior to the November 2007 meeting. Mr. Schrack pointed out that great efforts have been made to assure participation on the RAB is a joint decision by both the RAB and the candidates. Of the four candidates discussed at the November 2007 RAB meeting, only two were in attendance at the 16 January meeting. Mr. Schrack then introduced the two proposed members in attendance. The first proposed member was Joyce Bartell, who works for Waste Management but would serve on the committee as a citizen. In addition to her work with Waste Management, Ms. Bartell has volunteered extensively with a wide range of non-profit organizations. The second proposed committee member, Larry Falsetto, is a local resident with a strong business background and a history of extensive volunteer work.

A motion was then made for these two candidates to officially become members of the RAB. The motion was seconded and Ms. Bartell and Mr. Falsetto moved from the audience to join the other RAB members at the table. Mr. Schrack indicated that the sub-committee would continue communicating with the other two candidates not in attendance to ascertain whether or not they were still interested in joining the RAB. Mr. Hodgson closed this portion of the meeting by thanking the sub-committee on behalf of the RAB for their hard work on the RAB Charter updates, the Guidance Handbook, the 2007 community outreach effort, and the search for and nomination of new Board members.

### ***Reaffirmation of Existing Board Members***

Mr. Hodgson then asked the RAB members present to reaffirm their commitment to serving on the RAB, as this hadn't been done in several years. All Board members present consented to continuing their service on the RAB.

### ***Vacant Community Co-Chair Position***

Lastly, Mr. Schrack stated that though the initial thought was to select a citizen co-chair during this membership process, the sub-committee has reconsidered this idea and is recommending instead that the RAB wait awhile longer to select a citizen co-chair to make sure that any new members interested in the position have time to gain an understanding of the project and what is required of the co-chair. Mr. Hodgson voiced his agreement with the sub-committee's decision.

### ***FORMER LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX (FLTA)***

#### ***Air Force Update***

*(presentation posted on the web)*

Mr. Hodgson reported on munitions related work completed to date within the East Extension Area of the Former Lowry Training Annex (FLTA). To date, field teams have completed response activities in 420 of 460 acres. Ongoing activities include evaluation of munitions response findings and USACE QA of geophysical data. Munitions response activities should be completed within southern portion of the area in winter/spring of 2008 with post-removal verification for the entire 460 acre East Extension Area planned for later in the spring of 2008. Final reporting for the Air Force portion of the FLTA should be completed in late 2008.

Mr. Mark Harding (Rangeview Metro District) inquired about Air Force funding for the remaining work. Mr. Hodgson replied that while additional funding may be needed, he thinks that the project has enough money to finish the planned work. Mr. Hodgson also noted that due to Air Force restructuring, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) has taken over as the new contracting office for the FLTA work. However, he was uncertain as to the ramifications of this change.

### ***FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE (FLBGR)***

#### ***Project Status and Field Work Update***

*(presentation posted on the web)*

Mr. Hodgson presented a briefing on the current project status of FLBGR activities. His presentation included a summary of activities completed to date, ongoing activities, and future efforts. Mr. Hodgson indicated that all parties were satisfied with current site prioritization and that no reprioritization efforts are anticipated in the near future. To date, the project has had 2,910 days without lost time due to injury. Currently, there are two munitions response teams at the mortar range, one team in the Jeep/Demo Range, and one team in the No Name AOI, an area discovered during the Wide Area Assessment effort.

#### **Bombing Target 2 (BT2)**

Geophysical mapping and anomaly reacquisition are complete. Digging of geophysical anomalies is ongoing. Approximately 42 "map-and-dig" grids, as well as 34 "mag-and-dig" grids remain. Project activities will continue through the winter, including a re-evaluation of all munitions response findings and historical data. Also, the site boundary will be redefined as needed with response efforts continuing next spring and summer. Since the last RAB meeting, 104 "map-and-dig" grids have been completed and one demolition shot was performed. To date, 515 live items have been found within BT2.

#### **Mortar Range**

Geophysical mapping, anomaly reacquisition, and digging of geophysical anomalies are complete. Fourteen "mag-and-dig" grids remain. Project activities will continue through the winter, including a re-evaluation of all munitions response findings and historical data. Also, the site boundary will be redefined as needed with response efforts continuing next spring and summer. Since the last RAB

meeting, two “mag-and-dig” grids have been completed and one demolition shot was performed. To date, seven live items have been found within the Mortar Range.

#### No Name AOI

This is a 26-acre Area of Interest (AOI) located east of the Mortar Range that was identified during the Wide Area Assessment effort. The area was possibly affiliated with historical grenade training activities as well as historical air-to-ground gunnery training activities. Geophysical mapping and anomaly reacquisition activities are complete. Digging of geophysical anomalies is ongoing. Project activities are anticipated to continue through the winter.

#### Jeep/Demo Range (JDR)

At the JDR, one grid has been completed since the last RAB meeting. To date, 380 live items have been found. No demolition shots were performed at the JDR since the last RAB meeting. The focus of future field activities will be on the remaining center area. The USACE is in the process of developing a conceptual plan to address this area. However, CDPHE needs to be consulted before the conceptual plan is finalized.

#### Other

Mr. Hodgson then presented the current completion percentage for the FLBGR, stating that the project is projected to be 63 percent complete and that he anticipates significant progress to be made in the coming year.

#### ***2008 Meeting Schedule***

Mr. Hodgson announced that at the November 2007 meeting, the RAB had agreed to shift from bimonthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Meetings will continue to be on the third Wednesday of the month with upcoming meetings occurring on 16 April, 16 July, and 15 October in 2008. Locations for the remaining 2008 RAB meetings have not yet been determined. In addition to the Doubletree Hotel and the Aurora Public Library, the RAB is considering meeting at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds due to its close proximity to the site. Ms. Lisa Stahl (Shaw) commented that the fairgrounds are the preferred alternative and that Mr. Julio Iturreria is following up on the fairgrounds’ availability. Mr. Schrack added that one of the advantages of using the fairgrounds complex for the meeting is that it could be coupled with at least a partial tour of the site for the new RAB members.

#### ***Final Comments and Discussion***

Mr. Jeff Swanson, CDPHE, stated that the target date for completion of site work was approximately 5 years out for parcels owned by the State Land Board. Mr. Hodgson noted that since the JDR and bombing targets 1, 4, and 6 were the only non-State Land Board properties, he was very comfortable with a 5-year target date. Mr. Swanson then gave a quick update on the status of the Navy/DRI site, located adjacent to the FLTA. The initial Preliminary Assessment was being redone as a geophysical investigation of the property, conducted by an independent third party, found significant issues with the original work. A RI Work Plan for investigating the site could be complete by next year, but Navy HQ doesn’t foresee getting funding for the work until 2010. Moreover, it will be a few years more before they can come back out for intrusive field work. Mr. Swanson acknowledged that this schedule does not match the State Land Board’s expectations for the property.

Mr. Hodgson inquired whether Board members found the presentation format and line of information acceptable. The Board agreed that they were but it was suggested that at the next few meetings Shaw personnel print out and distribute all of the PowerPoint presentations to help the new RAB members become more acclimated with the project. It was also recommended that a poster board showing a full map of the site be present at the RAB meetings.

Lastly, Mr. Mark Harding suggested possibly scheduling a tour of the site to coincide with the planned July 2008 RAB meeting, presumably to be held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Mr. Hodgson agreed that would be a good idea and noted that a July tour would be best since both the geophysics and UXO crews would be fully mobilized then.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Hodgson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.