

PGDP Citizens Advisory Board
Surface Water Operable Unit Task Force
November 6, 7:30 a.m. * CAB Office

Subcommittee Members Present: Linda Long and Bill Tanner
Other CAB Members Present: Mark Donham
DOE Representative: Dave Dollins and Raul Castenada (via teleconference)
Contractor Support Staff: Stacey Young, Craig Jones, Rudy Bonilla and Chris Marshall, BJC.

The task force briefly reviewed the public information meeting concerning the proposed remedial action plan for the clean up of the North South Diversion Ditch. The task force agrees with the plan and supports and effort to move the project forward.

Mark Donham voiced concerns about the plan.

The task force heard a report from Raul Castenada about negotiations between DOE and regulators concerning the CAB's recent recommendation on site wide sediment controls. Castenada said as a result of the task force and the CAB's input on sediment controls, the project core team has developed a draft strategy which addresses a site wide approach to sediment control. The task force requested a copy of the document to review and comment upon. Castenada agreed to contact the regulators and talk with Don Seaborg about releasing the draft document.

Bill Tanner discussed a proposal, which he thinks will impact both the groundwater and surface water operable units. He wants to begin detailed discussions and studies with DOE to perform a mass balance (water audit) of the sewer/storm water drainage system. The assessment should be able to determine how much water goes in the plant and how much leaves the plant. If there is a difference, you will know there is some loss of water, which could be because of damaged pipes. Tanner also discussed performing a TV survey so that DOE could determine how damaged the clay pipes might be. His theory is that water leakage causes cross-contamination of soils and surface water. He also believes that some water leaks could reach the groundwater aquifer and actually "charge" the contamination plume. He concludes that when DOE determines there is damage to the pipes, to begin refurbishing the pipes with current commercial methods. Tanner mentioned that it is an important step for DOE to take and for other organizations to get behind if PACRO and the community want to move forward one day with reindustrialization.