

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Joint Meeting of the Board and Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Monday, June 18, 2012

11139 Woodley Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Anne called meeting to order at 3:30PM

Committee Members present: Wayde Hunter, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, Bill Lillenberg, Barbara Iversen, Agnes Lewis, Ray Pollok and Jan Subar. **Absent:** Josh Jordahl

DWP asked to return after the agenda was posted. We agreed to have their presentation prior to addressing the May meeting report.

Bull Creek Extension Realignment Project (BCE): from LADWP

Steve Ott attended our June meeting with Victoria Cross and Jennifer Barrick to give a power point presentation on the activities at the reservoir. The presentation detailed the UV light treatment system that is closest to Balboa and Woodley. This unit is due to be complete by 2014.

The process for approval and notification of project was discussed. The process occurs a few different ways: Environmental assessment, contract award and budget approvals. Environmentally exempt projects are approved through the budget and contract approval process.

The Committee had several comments/questions and the representatives requested that we submit them in writing so they can direct them to experts if necessary.

We agreed to compile a list to submit. Anne and Wayde will work on this next week. Some of the comments/questions we have are:

- What documentation and/or public hearings were held to inform the public of the change from a temporary cover to permanent use of the black shade balls? Where were these meetings held?
- Was an environmental review done of the temporary addition of the shade balls, and the subsequent permanent use of the shade balls versus covering the reservoir? What were the results?
- Why did DWP choose to exempt this project from environmental review?
- What environmental studies or evaluations have been done to this project? Please list all, and provide hard copies, hotlinks or pdf files if available.
- What is the next largest size of the covered reservoirs in Los Angeles? With what was it covered?
- How will the shade balls be transported to the site? How much time will the transportation and deployment of the shade balls require? Have schedules been developed? If not, when?
- How many trucks and what type of trucks will be used? How many shade balls per truck? Will new/temporary roads be required to deploy the shade balls? Will the trucks use ultra-low sulfur diesel, or be natural-gas powered?
- What time of day and/or night will the balls be delivered? What haul route(s) will be used?
- Will the current surface level of the reservoir be maintained? If not, what will the level of both water and shade balls eventually be?
- Will the addition of the shade balls result in a reduction of the reservoir's capacity? How much reduction?
- What is the difference in the life between black colored shade balls vs other colors?
- What tests have been done to ensure that these ballasted shade balls will perform as claimed in their resistance to becoming airborne, and the potential formation of pressure ridges in the presence of 76,000,000 other shade balls? How will pressure ridges be eliminated if they form?
- How will the abraded material from the balls, which will occur as the result of constant movement from the prevailing winds, be screened out of the water supply? How frequently will the shade balls require replacement? What is the plan for continual replacement?
- How will the exposed surfaces of the shade balls be kept clean over extended periods of time? (lack of rainfall, dust, bird droppings etc.)
- How will the potentially large influx of contaminants as listed above during heavy rain storms and/or excessive winds be handled?

- Is the DWP aware that black is the color that will make surface contamination more evident than any other color and may result in additional visual impacts, not to mention the disgust factor that those contaminants will end up in the post treated drinking water with the first storm?
- What other reservoirs have been covered with black shade balls and what is the acreage of each? How long have they been covered with shade balls?
- Have you utilized any data that you may have collected from any of these reservoirs and has it been scaled up for comparison for the use on a reservoir that is 180 acres?
- How do you justify/rationalize the use of the black shade balls on 180 acres, which will look like a large blacktop asphalt parking lot when it is located next to the Interstate 5, (a scenic highway)?
- Did you take into account the increased degradation of the shade balls caused by build-up and the reaction of the contaminants on exposed surfaces?
- Have you gathered/used any data from existing locations that utilize these shade balls, such as airports, as a deterrent for birds?
- What is the expected gradient temperature changes of the air above and the water below the surface with the use of the black shade balls?
- What is the temperature and humidity impact to the surrounding residential area with the loss of the evaporation?
- Was any research/study conducted in the choice of black vs any other color? Please provide documentation, if any.
- Was cost a factor in the selection of black shade balls?
- What is the degradation rate of black vs other colors?
- Were the burdens/impacts on the communities that surround the Los Angeles Reservoir considered before taking other DWP reservoirs out of service?
- What considerations and options were discussed before taking the other DWP reservoirs out of service? Were public meetings held?

PLUM Committee minutes May 21, 2012 approved as presented.

CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD:ENV-2005-6657-EIR:12100 Browns Canyon Road: Hidden Creeks

We are still waiting to get more information.

Installation of an Above Ground Facilities (AGF)

Verizon: cellular antenna on power pole in front of **Aliso Canyon Park** - T-Mobile: Ref. 2010009507: Adjacent to: **17925 Indian Meadows Place**, 91344

We are waiting for more information.

Los Angeles County Preliminary Draft Significant Ecological Area and Hillside Management Area Ordinance.

Still reviewing this.

Los Angeles County Technical Update to Title 22 of the Zone Code (<http://planning.lacounty.gov/tu>)

Still reviewing this.

Ongoing Business:

Review of code enforcement/conditions of approval for home/project sites within the GHNNC boundaries.

None

Planning and Land Use Meetings, Conferences, Educational Opportunities. Discussion and Possible action

The LABC sustainability conference was discussed at the Board meeting, but we did not discuss details at our committee meeting.

Discussion and consideration of any new or old information available on BFI/Allied/Republic Waste at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

No discussion.

Committee Member Comment:

- The Design Review Board (DRB) for our community plan area met at the GHNNC office on June 13 and approved a design for the addition of a new building at Devonshire and Balboa.
- The flag signs that are at many of the Granada Hills shopping centers are not legal and should be reported to the City.
- There may be some massage parlors within our boundary that offer more than legitimate massage.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: at 5:30 PM