

West Valley Citizen Task Force

Summary of Accomplishments – 2016

Introduction

This memorandum summarizes the activities for the West Valley Citizen Task Force in 2016. This summary is intended to be an aid to discussion and decision-making for 2017.

Meetings, Presentations and Other Accomplishments

During 2016 the CTF accomplished the following:

- Five CTF meetings were held. The CTF continued to forgo four meetings in favor of the Quarterly Public Meetings scheduled on the days the CTF meeting would traditionally have been held.
- As in past years, the CTF conducted outreach to the Congressional representatives, DOE leadership and others in the administration concerning funding for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP).
- Topics of presentations and discussions at CTF meetings included:
 - Phase 1 Studies Process and updates on work group progress. (Multiple updates.)
 - CHBWV Project updates. (Multiple updates and presentations based on the four contract milestones: High-Level Waste Move; Legacy Waste Operations; Facility Disposition – MPPB and Vitrification; Balance of Site Facilities; and safety)
 - Particular attention was paid to the High-Level Waste Relocation Project which was completed late in the calendar year.
 - Supplemental EIS Update
 - DOE Budget updates. (Multiple updates.)
 - Probabilistic Performance Assessment contracting status and overview.
 - NYSERDA Aerial Radiation Survey and Field Sampling and Dosage Assessment updates.
 - NYSERDA Erosion Control Measures on Franks Creek and Erdman Brook.
 - State-Licensed Disposal Area Leachate Elevation update.
 - CTF member Ray Vaughan made a presentation on Cattaraugus Creek and its relationship to decision making at the West Valley Demonstration Project.
- Website maintenance and updates continued throughout the year and the new website was operationalized.
- A CTF member reported on attending the intergovernmental meeting on behalf of the Town of Ashford.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent by the CTF in 2016:

- March 16, 2016 letters on funding to New York Congressional delegation and House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and DOE Assistant Secretaries Whitney and Regalbutto.

The following correspondence was received by the CTF in 2016:

- January 14, 2016 letter from DOE and NYSERDA on incorporating climate change into WVDP decisionmaking.
- Copy recipient of March 11, 2016 letter from Senators Schumer & Gillibrand to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

All correspondence is available on the CTF website at www.westvalleyctf.org on the 2016 meeting materials page and/or Correspondence pages.

Press Coverage

Press articles and coverage directly and/or indirectly mentioned the West Valley Demonstration Project and the CTF. These articles are available with the materials for each meeting on the website at www.westvalleyctf.org.

Changes in Membership

There were a number of changes in membership during the year. Charlie Davis replaced Chris Gerwitz as the representative for the Town of Ashford. Heidi Hartley replaced Mike Brisky as the representative for Assemblyman Joseph Giglio. Ann Lazroe replaced Lee Lambert as the representative of the Buffalo/Niagara League of Women Voters.