

West Valley Citizen Task Force

Summary of Activities – 2017

Introduction

This memorandum summarizes the activities for the West Valley Citizen Task Force in 2017. This summary is intended to be an aid to discussion and decision-making for 2018.

Meetings, Presentations and Other Accomplishments

During 2017 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. Meeting summary and materials are available at: <http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2017-meeting-summaries/> and <http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2017-meeting-materials/>
- As in past years, the CTF conducted outreach to New York Congressional representatives, DOE leadership and others in the administration concerning funding for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP). The CTF also passed a resolution in support of the Town of Ashford Impact Aid Request.
- Topics of presentations and discussions at CTF meetings included:
 - 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 Facility; Balance of Site Facilities; and safety)
 - Particular attention was paid to the Vitrification Facility Demolition and Main Plant Process Building ventilation system reconfiguration.
 - DOE Budget updates. (Multiple updates)
 - Path Forward to a Phase 2 Decision
 - Probabilistic Performance Assessment contracting and assessment process
 - Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process, contracting and overview of process
 - NYSERDA Perspective on Waste Reclassification
 - Phase 1 Studies Process and updates on work group progress (Multiple updates)
 - House Resolution 2389
 - CTF member Ray Vaughan made a presentation on erosion modeling issues
 - Town of Ashford updates on involvement with the Energy Communities Alliance and Impact Aid Request
- Members of the Regulatory Roundtable attended a CTF meeting.
- Website maintenance and updates continued throughout the year.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent by the CTF in 2017:

- February 6, 2017 letters on funding to New York Congressional delegation and House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and DOE Leadership.

- October 25, 2017 Resolution in Support of Town of Ashford Impact Aid Request of September 12, 2017

The following correspondence was received by the CTF in 2017:

- Copy recipient of January 13, 2017 response letter from DOE to Congressman Higgins concerning New York Congressional delegation letter of October 28, 2016 to Secretary Moniz.
- May 2, 2017 letter from DOE in reply to CTF February 6, 2017 letter.

All correspondence is available on the CTF website at <http://westvalleyctf.org/about/ctf-correspondence/> and/or <http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2017-meeting-materials/>.

Press Coverage

Press articles and coverage directly and/or indirectly mentioned the West Valley Demonstration Project and the CTF. These articles are compiled between meetings and are available with the materials for each meeting on the website at www.westvalleyctf.org. Each article is posted on the website as they are received from the agencies.

Changes in Membership

There were a number of changes in membership during the year. Anthony Memmo rejoined the CTF as the representative of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Kenneth Zittel joined as the alternate for Clyde Drake. Ann Lazroe resigned as the representative of the Buffalo-Niagara League of Women Voters.