

West Valley Citizen Task Force

Summary of Activities – 2023

Introduction

This memorandum summarizes the activities for the West Valley Citizen Task Force in 2023. This summary is intended to be an aid to discussion and decision-making for 2024.

Meetings, Presentations, and Other Accomplishments

During 2023, the CTF accomplished the following:

The CTF held six public CTF meetings (January, March, April, June, September, October) in a hybrid format of in-person and Zoom. Two ad hoc workgroups met a total of three times. One workgroup discussed the Request for Information for the Energy Communities Alliance grant, and the other workgroup organized a CTF trip to Washington, DC in early 2023. The CTF continued to forego four meetings a year in favor of the Quarterly Public Meetings in February, May, August, and November.

In October, the CTF met with NYSERDA President Doreen Harris and USDOE Deputy Assistant Secretary Jeff Avery.

Meeting summaries and materials are available at <https://westvalleyctf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/West-Valley-CTF-2023-10-25-Meeting-Summary-1.pdf> and <https://westvalleyctf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/West-Valley-CTF-2023-10-25-Meeting-Summary-1.pdf>.

Topics of presentations and discussions at CTF meetings included:

- CHBWV project updates:
 - Safety
 - Waste disposition
 - Guard house construction
 - Main Plant Process Building Deconstruction
 - Tank sampling
 - Emergency simulation
 - Community support
- CTF visit to Washington, DC
- Roles and Responsibilities of NYS Department of Health regarding West Valley
- Award of the ECA grant to the Town of Ashford
- Health implications of radiation and the West Valley site
- Potential changes to the CTF ground rules
- Air sampling, alarms, and emergency response at West Valley

Website maintenance and updates continued throughout the year. In addition, virtual meeting equipment was updated to improve sound and visual quality during the meetings.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was sent by the CTF in 2023:

- January 23: Letter to Eric Wohlers on his retirement.

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. Each article is posted on the website as it is received at www.westvalleyctf.org.

Changes in Membership

- John Eberth replaced Heidi Hartley as the representative for Assemblymember Giglio's office.