



**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads
Ceiba, Puerto Rico**

Meeting #37 -November 18, 2015

Note: This meeting summary is based on informal notes taken at the meeting. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. Rather, it is intended to summarize the overall discussions. If comments or additional notes are provided within 30 days of distribution of these minutes, they will be considered and potentially added as an attachment to this summary.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at approximately 6:17 P.M. See Attachment 1 for meeting attendees.

Thuane Fielding (Navy) welcomed everyone. She expressed thanks to those in attendance supporting the cleanup program at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads including representatives from the Navy, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB), the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), and the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER).

A site visit was held at 8:30 the morning of November 18, 2015. Several members from the Navy and three RAB members attended (see Attachment 2 for the list of visit participants). In addition, twenty seven high school students with interest in science, technology, engineering, and math joined the site visit to learn about the environmental restoration program and cleanup activities ongoing at the facility. Solid Waste Management Units 3, 7&8, 55, and 77 were visited. The list of attendees is attached to these minutes.

II. New and Ongoing Action Items

The following summarizes the status of action items, including new and ongoing action items that will be carried forward to the next RAB meeting.

Action Item Description	Status as of 11/18/2015
Navy will provide handout visual aids, through a combination of maps and tables, to help communicate information on various sites.	Complete. A handout showing the location of the SWMUs with the investigation status was provided at the meeting. These handouts will continue to be provided at future meetings to support discussions.
Navy will prepare a presentation to show the data and results as investigations are complete for future RAB agenda topics.	NEW
Navy will develop a presentation for the RAB members when a Statement of Basis is developed summarizing the investigation history and planned cleanup activities	NEW

III. Status Update on Planned/Completed Activities and Other

Stacin Martin (Navy) provided a brief update of the status of the sites under investigation and/or at the corrective measures stage.

Questions/Comments from the Public

- Naida Dávila (Community RAB member) would like to know if the Navy would be able to provide the results of the completed investigations during future meetings or meeting minutes.
 - Stacin suggested the Navy prepare a presentation to show the data and the results as investigations are completed for future RAB agenda topics.
 - Stacin also suggested developing a presentation for the RAB members when a Statement of Basis is developed summarizing the investigation history and planned cleanup activities.

- Luis Velázquez (Community RAB member) noted that he was pleased to see the work being completed at the facility during the morning site visit. He would like to understand who communicates what can be done with the SWMU 3 land after the contractor finishes cleaning up the site.
 - Stacin communicated that SMWU 3, once completed, will have a monitoring and maintenance plan. As part of the transfer process, deed restrictions are placed on the property and the LRA can use the property for the purposes that meet those restrictions.
 - Naida recalls a discussion about land use restrictions and if they violate the restrictions, they have to pay.
 - Stacin clarified that the Navy still owns the properties where environmental investigations are being completed. When the property is transferred the Deed follows the property to the new owners. Rafael Montes (Community RAB Member) inquired whether there is any understanding or arrangement for planned land use with the landfill.
 - Stacin indicated when the cleanup is complete, the property will go to the LRA.

- Luis expressed concern over the damage of sensitive habitats in the area of SWMU 77 in the redevelopment of the property once cleanup activities are complete.
 - Thuane clarified that the SMWU 77 area is zoned for ecotourism.
 - Ramon Figueroa (Community RAB Co-Chair) clarified that the last master plan that was approved is a plan from 2012. He feels once a developer is identified, there may be a need to modify the plan and there may be an opportunity for the RAB members to express their concerns.

- The RAB members (Rafael, Naida, and Luis Velázquez) expressed further concerns over the planned development of the property at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. They expressed frustration with the government and when changes occur in the government, the planned use of the property changes, which may impact the people of Ceiba.
 - Thuane clarified that the Navy only retains ownership of approximately 500 acres at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. The remaining area has been transferred to LRA or other federal entities. A master plan has been developed and approved and the LRA is looking very closely at the requirements of a developer.
 - Rafael understands what the Navy is communicating and he would like the commonwealth to reach out to the community with their decisions. Thuane suggested voicing concerns about re-development with the LRA.

- Naida expressed concern related to removal of contaminated soil at the facility. She would like to know why the soils cannot be taken out of Puerto Rico all together.
 - Stacin responded that disposal operations meet the requirements of all applicable laws to be protective for human health and the environment. The contaminated material must be removed from the facility because it poses unacceptable risk to human health and the environment for the particular intended use of the property. When it is removed, it is taken to an area and treated or disposed of in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment.

- Luis inquired about a recent newspaper article regarding Parcel 36.
 - Thuane indicated that parcel has been transferred. Stacin also clarified that the parcel does not extend all the way to the water.
 - Naida indicated that the public registrar indicates that the Navy owns it. Luis noted that Carmen Guerrero (DNER Director) indicated in the newspaper article that the Navy was planning to take the property back because it was not being used for the purpose it was intended.
 - Thuane further clarified that the Navy no longer owns that property although it may take some time for the title/registrar to be updated and she is not aware of a plan to take the property back. Ramon communicated to the RAB that this issue is local and so they should write to Carmen Guerrero to clarify their questions.

IV. Closure

Thuane thanked all the participants for attending the site visit and RAB meeting. Thuane closed with many thanks and best wishes for a happy holiday season to all attendees. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 10, 2016. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

ATTACHMENT 1

Meeting Attendees - November 18, 2015

RAB Members	
RAB Community Members Present	RAB Community Members Absent
Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair Naida Dávila Rafael Montes Luis A. Velázquez Rivera	Samuel Caraballo Michael Dalton José Julio Díaz Jorge Fernández Porto William Lourido Lirio Márquez D'Acunti Ramón M. Ríos Agustín Velázquez Ismael Velázquez
Community Members Visiting	
Marilyn del Manzano Luis Hurtado Ramón Perez Aurelio Colón	Higinio Pimentel Luis Figueroa Luis Humberto Gonzalez
RAB Agency Representatives	
Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair	Navy – Deputy Base Closure Manager
Stacin Martin	Navy – Remedial Project Manager
Amy Van Dercook	Navy – Remedial Project Manager
Doug Pocze (absent)	Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Gloria M. Toro Agrait	PREQB – Hazardous Waste Permit Division
Other Agency Representatives	
Malú Blázquez (absent)	Executive Director – Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
Freddy de Jesús	LRA
Carlos Vivoni	LRA
Manuel Martínez	APRODEC
Craig Lyliestrom	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
Santiago Oliver	Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza)
Support Staff	
Pedro Ruiz	Navy
Madeline Almodovar	CH2M (Navy contractor – facilitator)
Jamie Butler	CH2M (Navy contractor – project manager)
Andrew O'Connor	CH2M (Navy contractor – geologist)

ATTACHMENT 2
Site Visit Participants – November 18, 2015

RAB Agency Representatives and Other Agency Representatives	
Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair Stacin Martin (Navy) Amy Vandercook (Navy) Pedro Ruiz (Navy) Carlos Morales (East Region Supervisor, Para la Naturaleza/Puerto Rico Conservation Trust)	
RAB Community Members	
Naida Dávila Luis Velázquez	
Other Community Members (STEM Mentors and Local Students)	
Jonathan Nieves Yanira Maldonado Yashira Maldonado Alejandro Ortiz Fabiola Soto Alexis A. Concepción Edwin O. Vázquez Francisco Solá Allen Márquez Valeria Arboniés Henry Lopez Luis Rodriguez Alexandra Ocasio Carlos Sanchez Laura García	Paul Figueroa Angel Quiñones Joannelys Santiago Julianny Medina Nacelyn Torres Benjamin Ortiz Carolyn Baez Alicea Arlene González Pedro Lorenzo Francisco Vélez Lesly León Daniel G. Concepción Dosiel Torres Josid Torres Rivera Wilveliz Santana