



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

Meeting #43 – June 28, 2017

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 6:15 p.m. See Attachment 1 for a list of meeting attendees.

Daniel Concepcion (Facilitator) greeted attendees to the 43rd Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR) RAB meeting, gave a brief explanation of the agenda and introduced the NAPR Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program Manager, Thuane Fielding (Navy).

Thuane thanked the attendees for participating and for supporting the cleanup program at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, including members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), the Navy, and Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) were unable to attend this meeting but continue to be involved in the NAPR clean-up activities and they look forward to seeing community members at future meetings. Thuane also emphasized that LRA continues to collaborate with the Navy on the cleanup process and participate in reviews and approval supporting future land transfers.

II. New and Ongoing Action Items

The following table summarizes the status of the action items, including new and ongoing tasks which will be discussed at the RAB meeting.

| Action Item Description | Status as of 6/28/2017 |
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| Navy will prepare a presentation to show the data and results as investigations are complete for future RAB agenda topics. | ONGOING: As investigations are completed, this information is being presented to RAB members at the next available meeting. |

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| Navy will develop a presentation for the RAB members when a Statement of Basis is developed summarizing the investigation history and planned cleanup activities | ONGOING: As Statements of Basis are issued for public review and comment, a presentation is being provided for the community members at the next RAB meeting. |
| PREQB will provide State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) contacts to community stakeholders who have expressed interest. | IN PROGRESS |

III. Army Environmental Site Update

Thuane indicated that Michael Mackiewicz, Army representative, was not able to attend but did provide an update for the boat maintenance task at SWMU 73, indicating that the work planning and field investigations are in progress; the Army representative plans to attend a future meeting to provide a summary of data results and recommended path forward.

IV. Solid Waste Management Unit 3 Construction Completion Report and Post-Closure Care Plan

Stacin Martin (Navy) provided a presentation of the closure plan and construction completion of the NAPR Landfill, also known as the Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 3 site. The presentation included background historical information on the four (4) areas of the landfill, a review of the work entailed for each of the two phases of the closure activities performed for the site, and the federal and state regulations which govern the closure and post-closure requirements for landfills.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

- Ismael Velázquez (RAB community member) wanted to know what type of development could be performed at the property after it is transferred.
 - Stacin responded that the property could be used for any activity that complies with the restrictions stated within the property transfer deed.
- Ismael asked if the Navy is aware the area has crabs and that the crabs will come back and dig as much as three (3) feet into the cover;
 - Stacin responded that inspections will be completed on a regular basis, he added that the landfill cap is not a suitable habitat for the crabs because the surface and subsurface material is not favorable for burrows.
 - Thuane further indicated that the LRA will assume responsibility for the inspections of the landfill following the transfer of the property.

V. SWMUs 7&8 (Tow Way Fuel Farm), 54 (Former NEX Repair and Maintenance Shop), 55 (TCE Plume Near Tow Way Fuel Farm): 2015/2016 Long Term Monitoring Results and Path Forward

Stacin discussed the updates to the Corrective Action Monitoring Program for SWMUs 7&8, 54, and 55 including a historical background of each of the SWMUs, their location, geology, hydrogeology and contaminants of concern and the Corrective Action Objectives (CAO) for each site. The

presentation concluded with a discussion of the path forward achieve the CAOs and the next steps required to be able to transfer this property to the LRA.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

- A community member asked what are land use controls.
 - Stacin explained that Land Use Controls (LUCs) can be fencing, signage and/or a property transfer deed restriction notation.
- Ismael asked about the depth at which the contamination is found.
- Rafael Montes (RAB community member) added that he recalled a meeting in Fajardo that discussed the land use plan for NAPR. Do the LRA and other government officials agree on the type of land use?
 - Stacin explained that when the LRA's Land Reuse Plan was developed, the site contaminants were considered in the decision and added that the LRA is aware of the restrictions applicable to this site.
- Rafael Montes emphasized that some people have other ideas for developing the property and they would not want to put people at risk.
 - Stacin provided a recent example of coordination with new property owners over the allowed uses for areas with land use controls.
 - Thuane further conveyed that in her meeting with the LRA this past week they shared the status of the sites cleanup, including the penalties imposed for each infraction related to a non-authorized use of the property.
- Ramón Figueroa (RAB Community Chair) discussed the evolution of the Land Reuse Plan.
- Héctor Velázquez (Community member) asked about whether everything done on NAPR must be in accordance with the land use plan? And why, if a decision needs to be consulted, why was Mehr (ship company) allowed to establish itself on NAPR land?
 - Ramón clarified that the Navy is not involved on the property transfers from the LRA to other tenants when the property has an unrestricted use; for example, the dock property where Mehr is operating was compatible with the land use plan for the property therefore the property was transferred without any additional consultation with the Navy.
 - Thuane suggested to Héctor and the participants to get more details from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Project Management Office (PMO) website (www.bracpmo.navy.mil); it has information about the closure process for the facility and details about the BRAC Law which includes special legislation for installation closures. Thuane indicated that more information can be also found in the Consent Order, including all the environmental requirements.
 - Regarding the transfer to Mehr, Thuane indicated that the Navy did not transfer the property to Mehr. The Navy transferred the property to the LRA. .
 - Thuane stated that if the public feels the properties leased on NAPR have not been developed in accordance with environmental requirements, the community should communicate their concerns to the LRA.

VI. Status Update on Planned, Ongoing, and Completed Activities

Stacin provided an update on the ongoing, and completed activities for the months of April through June 2017 and discussed planned activities for July through September 2017.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

- Ismael – recalls that during a RAB meeting months ago, a community member showed safety concerns about Mehr’s proposed operations; the LRA Director at that time stated that the local environmental regulators would oversee the environmental compliance of the operations.
- Hector asked for the point of contact for LRA; he also asked whether LRA upper management is involved in the property lease decisions.
 - Thuane indicated that the Navy meets with Mr. Adalberto Molina, LRA representative; Thuane clarified that the Navy does not meet with the LRA Board.
 - Ramón Figueroa stated that he sits on the LRA Board and indicated that there is a vacancy on the Board if there is a member of the public that would like to apply.

VII. Closing

Thuane thanked again all the participants for attending the RAB meeting. The meeting ended at approximately 8:15 PM. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017.

ATTACHMENT 1
Meeting Attendees – June 28, 2017

| RAB Members | |
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| RAB Community Members Present | RAB Community Members Absent |
| Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair Rafael Montes, Luis A. Velázquez Rivera, José Julio Díaz, Agustín Velázquez, Ismael Velázquez | Samuel Carballo, Michael Dalton, Naida Dávila, Jorge Fernández Porto, William Lourido, Lirio Márquez D'Acunti, Ramón M. Ríos |
| Community Members Visiting | |
| Luis Figueroa | Luis González |
| Luis Rios | Hector Velázquez |
| Pedro Tejada | |
| RAB Agency Representatives | |
| Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair | Navy – Base Closure Manager |
| Stacin Martin | Navy – Remedial Project Manager |
| Doug Pocze (absent) | Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 |
| Jessica Mollin (absent) | Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 |
| Vicente Quevedo (absent) | Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) |
| Juan Babá Peebles (absent) | Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) – Federal Facilities Coordinator, Emergency Response Area |
| Other Agency Representatives | |
| Adalberto Molina | LRA |
| Luis Maldonado | LRA |
| William Sarriera | LRA |
| Manuel José Martínez | Alianza Pro Desarrollo Económico de Ceiba (APRODEC) |
| Craig Lilyestrom (absent) | Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources |
| Santiago Oliver (absent) | Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza) |
| Carlos Morales (absent) | Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza) |
| Neida Pumarejo | Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza) |
| Support Staff | |
| Pedro Ruiz | Navy |
| Jamie Butler | CH2M (Navy contractor – NAPR activities manager) |
| Daniel G. Concepción | CH2M (Navy contractor – facilitator) |
| Bethany Garvey | CH2M (Navy contractor – project manager) |