

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator
Date: July 15, 2020
Subject: **Summary of the June 24, 2020 Meeting**

Next Meeting

Date & Time: **July 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM**
Location: Zoom

CTF Members and Alternates Attending

Charlie Davis, Clyde Drake, Heidi Hartley, John Hood, Lee James, Kathy McGoldrick, Tony Memmo, Pat Townsend, Ray Vaughan, Eric Wohlers. Facilitator: Loraine Della Porta.

Agency Participants and Observers

Department of Energy (DOE): Bryan Bower, Martin Krentz, Moira Maloney.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): Paul Bembia, Lee Gordon, Peter Vlad.

CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC. (CHBWV): Joe Pillittere, John Rendall, Kelly Wooley.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Pat Concannon.

Neptune and Company: Sean McCandless.

Public: Diane D'Arrigo, Kelsey Shank, William Townsend, Jay Wopperer.

Introductions, Announcements, Administrative Business

Bill Logue welcomed all present and reviewed the meeting agenda and materials¹. He described how the meeting would be conducted using Zoom and how observers could participate. CHBWV President John Rendall introduced Kelly Wooley as the newly appointed Deputy General Manager. Mr. Wooley has more than 30 years of professional experience, including safety, operations, waste, and radiological controls in the nuclear field. He has held leadership positions as Vice President, Safety, Health, Security and Quality Program at CH2MHill Plateau Remediation Company, and Vice President of the Plutonium Finishing Plant Closure Project, at the Department of Energy's Hanford Cleanup Site. Mr. Wooley then introduced himself.

WVDP Contract Extension

Bryan Bower, Director of the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP), started by noting that the site shifted to Essential Mission Critical Activities in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was now slowly bringing employees back to onsite work.

Mr. Bower then provided an update on the contract extension. As background, he noted that in April 2018 DOE paused planned demolition work on the Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) to re-evaluate demolition options while deactivation work continued. In March 2019 planning resumed after reviewing lessons from the Vitrification Facility demolition and other work across the DOE complex. A proposal was requested from CHBWV to address the lessons learned and the impacts of the pause. Prior to the move to Essential Mission Critical a 29-month contract extension was negotiated. The contract extends through June 2023 to complete demolition of the MPPB to grade and includes an additional \$243 million for a total contract value of \$836 million. He noted that not all additional funds would be for demolition of the MPPB and other facility disposition activities because "hotel costs" (safety, security and basic maintenance) associated with the longer timeframe are included. The contract is a completion contract for the specified scope of work rather than for a specific time period. The impacts of delays due to Covid-19 are being assessed.

Mr. Bower then reviewed ongoing and future work under the contract. In preparing for MPPB demolition CHBWV has removed 7 of 9 ancillary facilities to the MPPB, completed 98% of deactivation work, demolished 44 of 47 Balance of Site Facilities (BOSF) and completed significant infrastructure improvements. After the

¹ Each is listed at the end of this summary and may be found at www.westvalleyctf.org

completion of this contract there will be a follow-on contract, Phase 1B, to complete the Phase 1 work.

CHBWV Project Update

John Rendall of CHBWV presented a project update breaking it into two segments for the period prior to Covid-19 and after Covid-19. In response to a question, Mr. Rendall stated that CHBWV could not fully assess the impact of Covid-19 as the site had not yet returned to full operations. After the shift to Essential Mission Critical, activities such as planning, engineering and readiness continued. Much of the physical work was suspended.

Safety. As of June, the 12-month rolling average for Total Recordable Cases (TRC) is now 0.0. Days Away, Restrictions, Transfers is now at 0.0. The last TRC was March 20, 2019 and last Recordable injury March 27, 2019. The Sheriff's Department recognized Captain James Madden for his life-saving response to a fellow officer.

Contract Scope and Work Prior to Covid-19. Performance Based Incentive 1 (PBI#1) addresses the demolition and removal of the MPPB; deactivation of the MPPB is 98% complete. PBI#2 includes other work under the contract including BOSF, Surveillance and Maintenance and site operations; for BOSF 44 of 47 facilities have been demolished and areas restored or 94% of the work completed.

Under PBI#1 The General Purpose Cell (GPC) and GPC Crane Room wall patching to mitigate rainwater infiltration is complete and a new hoist installed in the Equipment Decontamination Room (EDR) crane. In the Product Purification Cell-South (PPC-S), decontamination of the concrete walls using Nitrocision® is 10% complete, this was preceded by building of a mock-up and training of the work crew. The Fuel Receiving and Storage (FRS) Facility asbestos containing material (ACM) removal and utility piping air-gapping is complete and characterization/stabilization of pool water piping performed. In the Vent Wash Room a mockup for the water cooling pump for the concrete diamond cutting saw was set up. The saw will cut an access hole into the east wall. For the MPPB ancillary support structures five of seven building demolitions are complete. The Utility Room is scheduled for demolition in July, contingent on the second phase Covid guidelines for resumption of work. The Load-In Facility will not be demolished until 2023 as it will be used for weather protection of equipment during MPPB demolition. The site is poised to resume the next level of work when the guidelines permit.

Under PBI#2 (BOSF and Infrastructure) the Chemical Process Cell-Waste Storage Area (CPC-WSA) was demolished. Going forward, that area will have gravel removal and restoration and the Schoolhouse septic tank and well will be removed and area restored. In the Remote Handled Waste Facility (RHWF) two of seven contact handled waste containers were processed.

Post Covid-19. In response to the pandemic, DOE issued a partial stop work across all sites. On March 26 the WVDP and Ashford Office Complex transitioned to Essential Mission Critical Activities with limited site personnel and onsite work limited to critical compliance, environmental monitoring, mitigation of emergent conditions, payroll, security and critical preventive maintenance. This work included dam inspections, potable water sampling, installation of additional work and break space to meet social distancing guidelines, offloading materials and supplies delivered for when work resumes, lawn mowing, site maintenance, procurement, payroll, document production and administrative support. Many employees teleworked and others remained on call.

Covid Phase 1 Work Resumption. On June 8 DOE gave permission to resume work at 40 staffing levels onsite and continuation of telework. Site work focuses on low-risk high-priority activities such as cleaning and sanitizing, developing readiness checklists and briefing materials for the next phase of work resumption that should occur in the next several weeks.

In response to a question from an observer, Mr. Rendall stated that they were hopeful that any additional stimulus money would include funds for the site. Mr. Bower noted that the WVDP sends a "wish list" of potential work to DOE Headquarters in the event additional funding becomes available.

Responding to a question, Mr. Rendall noted that the rail line to Ashford Junction was part of the planned work.

Community Solar Project

Charlie Davis, Ashford Councilperson and CTF alternate, presented a brief update on the Community Solar Project. Work was stopped on March 20. In June work is being planned and coordinated with National Grid and design plans are being finalized for permit application to the Army Corps of Engineers. Site clearing activities will begin in July and equipment requiring a long lead time will be ordered. In August site construction will begin and run through November. A fence will be installed as will conduits, racks and panels. Mr. Davis expects the project

will be operational in November and Mr. Davis and Ms. McGoldrick thanked NYSERDA, DOE and the CTF for their support. In response to questions, Mr. Davis stated that residents who sign up for the program will receive a 10% discount of their bills for 25 years. The project will include two 5 megawatt systems. It will not have any battery storage capacity at this time.

Other Business

Ray Vaughan, referring to the 2018 SEIS Scoping comment letter submitted by the CTF, suggested that experts present to the CTF to prepare the group for commenting on the Draft SEIS. He noted that Alan Hutson of Rockwell Park Cancer Institute had made one presentation and expressed his willingness to present on basic probabilistic methods. He also suggested that Dr. Kristen Schrader-Frechette of Notre Dame and a former member of the Phase One Studies Independent Scientific Panel be invited to the July or September meeting or a pre-meeting workshop. Other members of the CTF supported the concept and suggested that Neptune be asked to present again or be involved during any expert presentation. It was agreed that an Agenda Work group call be scheduled to refine the concept and discuss it with DOE and NYSERDA. Mr. Bower noted that there was no contractual mechanism in place at the moment.

Lee Gordon of NYSERDA noted that he was collaborating with his colleagues at DOE and hoped to have a graphics heavy presentation on water flow from the site through the watershed and beyond available for the July meeting.

Observer Comments

All observer questions are incorporated into the above summary.

Action Items

Action	Who; When
Schedule Agenda Work Group Call	Logue & Agencies

Meeting Documents Available on the CTF Website

Description	Generated by; Date
Meeting Agenda	Logue; 6/24/20
CHBWV Project Update	CHBWV; 6/24/20
DOE Project Extension Update	DOE; 6/24/20
News Clippings Since the Last Meeting	NYSERDA; 6/24/20