

Summary Notes, February 24, 2009
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the SRS Strategic Plan planning hierarchy, the SRS CAB Input to the Integrated Priority List, and Budget Update. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided.

ATTENDEES:

CAB Members

- Madeleine Marshall, Co-Chair
- Judy Greene-McLeod, Co-Chair
Stan Howard
Emile Bernard
Joe Ortaldo
Sarah Watson
Manuel Bettencourt
Ranowul Jzar
K. Jayaraman
Kathe Golden
Ric Castagna
Don Bridges
John Snedeker
Bill Lawless – Technical Advisor

Stakeholders

Murray Riley, Public
Heather Cathart, SCDHEC
Van Keisler, SCDHEC
Carol Connell, ATSDR
Jack Roberts, Public
Martha Berry, EPA
Rob Pope, EPA
Josh Yon, SCDHEC
Anna Cornelious, Public
Tiffany Reed, Public
Liz Goodson, Public
Bob Adams, Public
Ted Millings, SCDHEC

DOE/Contractors/Others

Sheron Smith, DOE-SR
Doug Hintze, DOE-SR
Lance Schlag, DOE-SR
Rich Olsen, DOE-SR
Jon Campbell, WSRC
Paul Daugherty, DOE-SR
Tiajuana Cochnauer, USFS-SR
Paul Sauerborn, SRNS
Bill Smith, SRNS
Rob Trimble, SRNS
Larry Ling, SRNS

Welcome and Introduction:

Ms. Judy Greene-McLeod, Co-Chair, S&LM, opened the meeting with a welcome and thank you to all attendees. The attendees introduced themselves with special recognition of the new SRS CAB members. Ms. Greene-McLeod stated a special welcome to Bill Lawless who is the SRS CAB technical advisor as of February 17th. She then referenced the meeting ground rules and encouraged adhering to them.

Committee Update:

The meeting discussions started with an update on the S&LM committee activities and the status of all S&LM open and pending recommendations. The S&LM Committee would like to consider closing or submitting a letter to the Department to close Recommendations #253 and #240; SUBJECT: Savannah River Ecology Laboratory; and Recommendations #254, #252, and #238; SUBJECT: SRS Budget from pending status..

Ms. Greene-McLeod stated that at the SRS CAB full board meeting in March is when the CAB members have the opportunity to volunteer/sign-up for which committee they would like to work on this year. She encouraged the current members and new members to sign-up for the Strategic and Legacy Management Committee; and if they are interested, to please refer to the 2009 SRS CAB Work Plan for a description of the Committee scope and topics of interest this year.

Ms. Greene-McLeod provided information on the upcoming SRS CAB full board meeting agenda topics which should be very informative and interesting.

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Committee Meeting Summary:

Members of the SRS CAB Strategic and Legacy Management Committee conducted a committee meeting on February 24, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC. DOE-SR hosted the meeting. DOE-SR provided a copy of the Draft SRS Strategic Plan to the CAB Members. The agenda topics included a presentation and discussions on planning hierarchy, provided by Doug Hintze, DOE-SR; and the SRS CAB Input to the Integrated Priority List and Budget Planning, provided by Lance Schlag, DOE-SR. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided. The meeting was well attended. A special welcome was extended to Bill Lawless who has been selected as the SRS CAB technical advisor.

Doug Hintze, DOE-SR, provided a presentation on the SRS Strategic Plan including the planning hierarchy and how the development of the Plan is progressing. Mr. Hintze stated that there are extensive efforts underway to further integrate Strategic, Program, and Comprehensive plans across the Site to ensure efficient utilization of resources and funding. He stated that the current planning processes are being assessed to enable simplification and streamlining where possible. The SRS Strategic Plan will be finalized by May 2009. The CAB asked who approves the Plan. Mr. Hintze replied that the Plan is an SRS document and is approved by Jeff Allison, DOE-SR Manager. DOE-Headquarters reviews and has input to the Plan, but does not approve. All strategic, operational, and tactical efforts must align to ensure funding of work supports the Site mission. There was open discussion on the types of Planning documents at the Site, the interactions and integration of the NNSA activities and impacts, and how Project Baseline Summaries are defined. Mr. Hintze provided a copy of the Draft SRS Strategic Plan to all CAB members for their review and comment within two weeks. Several CAB members were interested in how new missions will be determined and brought to the Site.

Lance Schlag, DOE-SR, provided a briefing on the EM planned budget for FY 2009; an update to the FY 2010 Budget; and solicited the CAB's input to the FY2011 Integrated Priority List. Additional information was provided on how the budget does not necessarily match the certified baseline. The Integrated Priority Lists are adjusted based on the annual funding received by the Site. CAB members asked questions regarding the Site funding and the President's Stimulus package and how the Stimulus package would create jobs, affect work and accelerate the cleanup efforts at SRS. Mr. Schlag stated that the Stimulus package will be separate appropriations and SRS will have to plan to use the funds within the next two years. Information on the Stimulus Plan is still forthcoming, the reporting and oversight are strenuous, and funds must be obligated by the end of FY 2010. The discussions indicated a strong interest by CAB members in the budget priorities; the funding differences between the baseline, requested funding, and the actual funding allocated and received by DOE-SR; and the possible Stimulus package funding usage by the Site. Mr. Schlag will provide additional budget and Stimulus package funding information at the upcoming full board meeting in March. The CAB members requested information on matching the funding with the scope of work.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Madeleine Marshall offered to the attendees a copy of the publication of *Compass – Issue 12* with a featured article on how do hurricanes affect forest resources.

Adjourn:

Ms. Greene-McLeod adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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Follow-Up Actions:

1. CAB members are to provide comments on the Draft SRS Strategic plan by Friday, March 6th;
2. CAB members are to provide input to the FY2011 Integrated Priority List (IPL) within 30 days;
3. CAB members have requested additional information from DOE-SR on the Project Baseline Summary (PBS) descriptions to help understand the IPL priorities;
4. Provide a briefing at the full board meeting in March on the Stimulus Plan and be able to match Stimulus dollars with scope of work.
