

Board Weekly Update on Environmental Issues: Week ending Friday, March 7, 2014

Environmental Engineering Firm

At the January 16, 2014, Board meeting, the Board directed staff to initiate work with the environmental engineering firm Environ of Irvine and Los Angeles.

Acting on the Board's direction, the agreement with Environ has been finalized. The Environ contract was ratified at the BOE meeting on March 6, 2014, with direction to work with district counsel on some of the agreement particulars and return to the board with an updated item. Environ has begun its initial investigation work: they have begun to meet with staff and former consultants; they are visiting the sites; they are reviewing documents pertaining to MHS and Cabrillo, including site plans, testing and historical documents; and they have begun the process of working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. One of the first tasks will be to assist the District in training staff and implementing the best management practices (BMP) cleaning program, as well as designing and executing plans for testing indoor air quality and a contaminant abatement program.

California Public Records Act Requests (California Government Code Section 6250 *et seq.*)

There has been to date ten separate requests for public records concerning the District's environmental issues as authorized under the California Public Records Act ("PRA"). District staff and legal counsel are in process of reviewing these requests and providing the appropriate public documents in a timely manner. The ten requests to date are:

- Ken Miller dated October 7, 2013
- California Safe Schools dated October 20, 2013
- Ken Miller dated November 18, 2013
- Anders Sutherland (SWAPE) dated November 20, 2013
- Ken Miller dated December 23, 2013
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility dated January 14, 2014
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility dated January 29, 2014
- California Safe Schools dated February 5, 2014
- Dave Simpson dated February 18, 2014
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility dated February 28, 2014

The Ken Miller PRA request dated November 18, 2013 has been completed and a response sent the week ending January 24 2014. The SWAPE request dated November 20, 2013 has been completed and a response sent on November 27, 2013. The California Safe Schools PRA request dated October 20, 2014 has been completed and a response sent on February 4, 2014. The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility PRA request dated January 29, 2014 has been completed with responses sent on February 6 and 14, 2014. The California Safe Schools PRA request dated February 5, 2014 has been completed with a response sent on February 14, 2014. The Ken Miller PRA request dated December 23, 2013 initial response was completed and sent on February 21, 2014. The remaining environmental PRA requests are in process.