

Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting



EMRC's Community Liaison Meeting held on 1 June 2011 was attended by five community members. Previous minutes were endorsed by attending members.

Litter

A resident expressed concern that litter has been blowing off trucks with unsecure loads destined for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility. This not only contributes to litter along the side of the road but may also endanger someone's life if large items are lost. EMRC will write to the company involved. Residents are advised to report all unsecure loads to both the police and to the City of Swan rangers as EMRC has no legal jurisdiction beyond its property.

Automatic gates and surveillance cameras for the entrance to the Facility have been included in the 2011/12 budget and it is hoped this will act to deter people dumping rubbish at the gate if the Facility is closed. The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has advised it is now monitoring sites where illegal dumpings are regularly taking place. EMRC encourages residents to report illegal dumpings to their local council who have rangers with the power to prosecute. A request for EMRC to have signage near the Toodyay Road/Tonkin Highway intersection advising the opening and closing times of the Facility was made and EMRC will make enquiries with the City of Swan as to their requirements.

Noise and Odour

Results from the noise survey have been received by EMRC which show that there were some spikes in the noise from the power station at night that exceeded permissible levels. EMRC has notified Landfill Gas & Power who are currently trying to identify what is causing the excessive noise.

Residents reported that the power station and trucks seemed noisy in the morning. The Red Hill staff have identified that the new water truck is particularly noisy and will investigate if

this machine is exceeding noise standards.

Odour issues relating to Landfill Gas & Power have also been identified. The cause of these odours is currently being investigated.

The baseline ambient air monitoring program has now been running for two months and is scheduled to continue until the end of July.

Groundwater

The fieldwork for the June water monitoring round has been completed. EMRC is currently waiting for the laboratory results.

Environmental auditors have been on site to review the procedure used to collect water samples from monitoring bores and to assess the progress being made with the Lot 1 and Lot 11 groundwater contamination. They have provided EMRC with suggestions in regards to future contamination investigations which will be adapted.

Fauna Management

A resident asked if studies have been conducted on the health of the kangaroo population at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility. EMRC officers reported that ecologists studied the health of the resident population of Western Grey Kangaroos as part of a fauna survey two and a half years ago. No health issues were identified.

Recent on site bird surveys have revealed that there are presently no Ibis on site. Perth Airport have announced that they will undertake a Regional Ibis Study in conjunction with a national survey to identify where large populations are found in the area and the behaviour of these birds. The Red Hill Waste Management Facility will be included in this study.

The resident bandicoot (quenda) has recently had a baby and both are quite sociable.



Revegetation

Planting will take place on the week starting the 20 June with an EMRC staff planting afternoon to be held on the Friday. This year the western slopes of the Class III cell near the Transfer Station will be rehabilitated with approximately 3,500 native tubestock.

Solar Cities Project

The 9 kw solar tracking system is now up and running at the Facility.

Water Corporation

The Soil Remediation Area is currently being prepared to accept material for the lime amended bioclay project. The first material from the Water Corporation was scheduled to arrive in July but it now appears the project will be delayed as the Water Corporation is still commissioning some items of the plant.

Resource Recovery Facility (RRF)

The public comment period on the Draft Community Partnership Agreement has closed and the Community Task Force are currently reviewing all comments. These will be taken into account when formulating the final Agreement.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has provided some response on the scoping document for the RRF. The baseline monitoring and modelling work will also be reviewed by the EPA once work is completed at the end of July.

Other Business

Residents asked what the maximum height of the current Class III cell will be. EMRC officers advised the cell has almost reached its design height and the next cell to be filled is Red Hill Farm Stage 1. In regards to litter control, the Facility has purpose built fences around the active Class III cell to catch wind blown rubbish and three litter collectors are employed full time to collect wind blown litter.

Residents were advised that a weather station was installed on the farm area of the Facility in January. This station records rainfall, air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and wind direction. Community members can access data from this station through accessing the EMRC Red Hill section of the Element Hydrographic Solutions website (www.elemenths.com.au). The username to access this page is emrc, and the password is redhill.

Shade structures have been installed at the Transfer Station.

The next meeting is to be held at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility on 3 August 2011 at 6.00pm.

Agenda:

- **Litter**
- **Noise**
- **Odour**
- **Fauna**
- **Revegetation**
- **Groundwater**
- **Water Corporation**
- **Resource Recovery Facility**
- **Other Business**

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