

FINAL Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Amaknak FUDS RAB Meeting Minutes

Project: Amaknak Formerly Used Defense Sites

Subject: RAB and Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Location: Telephone Town Hall

Attendees: **RAB Members:**

Elise Contreras
Alyssa K. McDonald
Okalena Patricia Lekanoff-Gregory
David M. Gregory
Virginia Hatfield
Kale Bruner
Jay Edward King
Rena Flint, Project Manager

Project Team:

Thomas Reed, Environmental Engineer
Kelly Eldridge, Archeologist
Kendall Campbell, Tribal Liaison
Cascade Galasso-Irish
Josie Wilson, HDR

Additional Attendees:

Thomas Rofus
Natalie Cale
Michael Livingston
Erin Reinders
Rufina Shaishnikoff
Melinda Brunner
Jim Paulin
Dennis Robinson
Chris Salts
Piama Olerer
Elena Ramirez

Project Team Support:

Alice Rademacher
Whaley Braham
Chase Quinn
Liz Stoppelman

1. Welcome & Introductions

Rena Flint began the meeting at 6:00 pm by welcoming everyone on the call and reviewing meeting procedures, meeting purpose, and the agenda. This was followed by self-introductions of the project team members and community members who wished to introduce themselves.

2. Restoration Advisory Board

Rena opened the meeting for RAB member introductions and the official induction of the RAB members to the RAB board. Following this was a period of decision-making. The following decisions were reached during this portion of the meeting:

- **Mission Statement** – as a board, would we like to revise or adopt the mission?
Decision: Made decision to adopt mission statement.

- **Operating procedures, Item 2B** – Hold (select one: quarterly/biannual/annual/other) meetings that are open to the public and held at convenient times and locations, typically in the evening. Decision: Hold informal monthly meetings, then transition to a less frequent/quarterly meeting.
- **Operating Procedure, Item 4C** – RAB members will serve a multi-year (Stipulate: how many years) term. RAB member may submit an application to serve another term (Stipulate: not to exceed how many years) when their first term has been completed. Total service will not exceed (Stipulate: how many years). Decision: Members will serve a 2- to 3-year term, with a 6-year limit total (possibility of no length; as a board, they will take the decision offline to determine if an actual length is needed).
- **Operating Procedure Item 4D** – A Community Co-Chair will be elected by the RAB community members. The procedures for conducting this election are specified in paragraph 6 of the operating procedure below. The Community Co-Chair will serve a minimum of (Stipulate: how many years), with replacement by a simple majority of RAB community members at any regular RAB meeting. Re-election or replacement of the Community Co-Chair will be mandatory every (Stipulate: how many years.)
 - Length of Term Decision: 1-year term
 - Co-chair Decision: David Gregory
- **Operating Procedure Item 5I** – Determine what constitutes/defines a quorum. Decision: Quorum equals four members plus Rena Flint (to hold a meeting).
- **Operating Procedure Items 7 & 8** – Item 7 RAB member responsibilities, item 8, participation. Decision: Accept paragraphs 7 and 8 as written.
- **Operating Procedure Item 9** – Amendments to RAB operating procedures can be made with what percentage of RAB members. Decision: Motion to accept paragraph 9 as written with 51% vote of quorum to amend operating procedures.
- **Last Meeting minutes** – November 17, 2020. Decision: Adopt the minutes as written.

3. Project Updates

- Rena provided an overview of the Amaknak FUDS and indicated that she would talk about cleanup projects on Amaknak and on Unalaska Island. The following key items were highlighted:
 - The objective is to clean up military impacts from 70 to 100 years ago.
 - During World War II, the military buildup in Unalaska included nearly 65,000 personnel stationed here at the peak of operations and 11 facilities, encompassing 190,000 acres.
 - Due to this buildup, there were hundreds of individual sites with environmental impacts.
 - By 1947, the military completed its withdrawal from the post, but most facilities were left intact.
- Rena reviewed the cleanup process and highlighted the experiences of project team members working in this area.
- Rena discussed the following project sites and requested help from the group to assist with prioritization:

- Unalaska Valley
 - Pyramid Valley-Port Levashef
 - Summer Bay-Humpy Cove
 - Margaret Bay-Airport
 - Museum of the Aleutians
 - Mount Ballyhoo
 - Mount Ballyhoo Spit
 - Little South America
 - Prioritization of remaining impacts (eight petroleum projects). Decision: The RAB will make the prioritization recommendation in the next meeting.
- Rena provided an update on the Pre-WWII Talk Farm Project, including details on the process and the work that was conducted from 2019 through 2020.

4. Next Steps/Discussion

Rena requested that the group determine a date for the next meeting.

5. Questions/Answers

Rena opened the floor for questions and answers.

- Cas Galasso responded to a question regarding how sites are identified, and Rena mentioned that Cas' contact information is located in everyone's packets.
- Elena Ramirez requested that the education and training awareness about munitions be shared with the Qawalangin tribe.
- Virginia Hatfield requested that the education and training awareness about munitions be shared with the museum.
- Rena queried the group again regarding the date and time for the next RAB meeting.
Decision: The next meeting will be on May 6, 2021, at 18:00 hours (6 pm) and will be a more informal meeting than this one.

6. Contact Information and Closing Remarks

Rena did an official wrap-up and motion to close. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.