



**WORKSHOP NOTES - at Fort Ord with Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network  
Community Meeting 2002**

- **- Evangelist LeVonne Stone**  
(President & Executive Director, Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network, Fort Ord Workshop public co-organizer) -
  - Fort Ord is a Superfund site
  - This is the first time we've had people from the State come down and talk with the members of the impacted community at Fort Ord & the Monterey Peninsula
  - The Governor's office came down for a Toxic Tour (Salinas/Fort Ord jointly) a couple weeks ago.
  - Fort Ord is one of six places the State will be doing a workshop in
  - Trying to find ways to address the environmental injustices that we're facing
  - We have people daily come and tell us what they're experiencing economically and environmental health concerns
  - Community concerns: landfills, ground water with carbon tetra-chloride contamination, real affordable housing
  - We don't have the funds to do what needs to be done for the communities of color and low income community members. Other groups have the advantage with grants and support.
  - We're hoping to try to bring together our community; we're fractured due to a lack of resources & concern from elected officials.
- **Romel Pascual (Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice, Cal/EPA)-** Introductions
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - We need a good public participation process – we need important information to flow from the impacted communities to the top and responses to come back down here where we are.
  - We hope for good follow-up.
  - What we are trying to accomplish here is so important that I have lost my job as a civil Service employee at Fort Ord – therefore we formed the FOEJN which continues to address community concerns
  - We Need good quality health care for impacted community members and their families
  - Monterey County Health Dept is not responsive to concerns at Superfund sites.
- **Public - Sylvia Quarles**
  - President of The African-American Democratic Party
  - Family arrived to Seaside in 1961
  - S. Corals is oldest of ten children
  - Two (2) siblings have passed away due to cancerous problems
  - Everyone I know is sick, dead, or dying of cancer or environmental related diseases.
  - I know of a woman with breast cancer
  - Man with spinal cord injury at the local convalescent home being treated very badly yet he is a veteran of former Fort Ord military base
  - Another colleague with diabetes who has already lost a leg
  - Thinking about children who were born and raised here and grand children exposed to these diseases caused by contaminants and hazardous toxics
  - I am representing blue collar workers who couldn't attend this workshop because they had to work and pick up children from schools.
- **Public – Christine Bettencort**
  - She is the Director of Part of Life 2000
  - From Soledad – a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood
  - They're trying to put a power plant in the neighborhood



- . Daughter has severe breathing problems
- . Spreckles, Los Palmas, Salinas Valley
- . A report by Dr. Gunner Hoiser studied documentation for burning; no health studies have been done or epidemiological reports presented
- . Have put together a book of evidence which shows impact of breathing contaminants associated with burn.
- **R. Pascual**
  - . This workshop is an attempt to gather input into a EJ strategy which will direct Cal/EPA and it's BDOs on environmental justice
  - . Setting the Context of the EJ Strategy
  - . EJ Strategy Development Timeline
- **Public – Vienna Merritt-Moore**
  - . Thank you for coming
  - . But we would like to know how much clout this document has over the military
  - . We were at a meeting at the local Air Resources Board; They stated they didn't have authority over the military
  - . I am disappointed that the Governor's crew isn't here
  - . How much clout does this document that you're forming have?
- **R. Pascual**
  - . This document will provide guidance for Cal/EPA
  - . The army is a federal agency
- **Public – V. Merritt-Moore**
  - . How much clout do you have with the Army?
  - . So if there was a major problem in EJ, how much can you get done?
- **R. Pascual**
  - . If it's under the confines of our work then we do have authority
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - . We have two more people to introduce
- **Public - Sister Rosa Dolores**
  - . From Paharo; Borders on Santa Cruz County;
  - . They want to put a peaker power plant in our area
  - . The community has gotten lots of signed petitions opposing this project which uses two thirds of our water
  - . this is a small agriculture community and this plant will not bring in jobs for local communities.
- **R. Pascual**
  - . We hope to develop a strategy by February 2003
  - . We'll be back to gather more input
  - . We initially wanted to have a dialog of the strategy
  - . Let's go over our strategy and what we're trying g to accomplish in our strategy
  - . Then we'll go over the open discussions
  - . We developed the strategy in response to what we've heard at the public meetings
  - . Overview - EJ Strategy Goals
  - . I know that we'll be hearing a variety of issues and concerns
  - . So let's open this up for discussion
- **Public – C. Bettencort**
  - . I know of a power plant that was approved to operate by the local Air District that violated their variances
  - . We had evidence that they had four (4) variances back to back and they violated their variances



- . When the public turned them (power plant) in for ash on cars, dead fish, and hospitalization; the local air district gave them an emergency variance so they didn't have to monitor them
- . The problem that I see is that we have crooked bureaucrats; there should be new laws made to jail lying bureaucrats
- . There should also be whistle blower rewards established
- . They should not let the polluter cry, "My investment!"
- . So I think that the State should make the lying bureaucrats responsible for their actions
- . Eliminate chemical releases
- **R. Pascual**
  - . One of the objectives of the strategy looks at the precautionary principle -we've heard that at every meeting
- **Public – C. Bettencort**
  - . But when the agencies are covering up the polluters actions
  - . It would not make sense to me, to work with the people who are killing people- we are paying the consequences
- **Public - Geraldine Armstrong**
  - . My house is in Seaside I am being contaminated
  - . I worked for 37 years as a Civil Service employee at Fort Ord
  - . I have symptoms – severe headaches and congested right nostril since 1990s – no drugs seem to help and have tried everything
  - . I have lost weight and nearly died
  - . Have not been able to inhabit my house since March 2001
  - . I've had people investigate my house – they said they could not detect anything
  - . Said it might be radon
  - . Very sensitive to smells – since my illness which doctor say is due to severe allergic reactions form unknown contaminants
  - . Other people who have come to my house have felt the effects too
  - . I have contacted Supervisor of the area, Assemblyman Fred Keeley, Congressman Sam Parr, and they said everything that can be done has been
  - . I'm a widow on a fixed income and cannot afford to buy a new home
- **Public - Shari Welsh**
  - . I live on the base, I know there's a lot of toxic stuff
  - . There's many species of animals here on the base, and plants; I would like the plants and animals protected
  - . Concerned about the government tearing down multiple buildings; I saw some people cut trees down
  - . Other issues are that most of us are low-income, I'm a single mom
  - . I want a place to live and it's getting ridiculous ; we would like a roof over our heads
  - . The army left the houses and I would love to have one of those houses
  - . I would like to see some accountability; especially in fishing
  - . I would like to see an aggressive approach to new technology of; low float toilets
  - . Don't see why individuals are held accountable and not business and industry
- **Public - Ada Haynes**
  - . Treasurer for Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network
  - . Since I've been here I've gotten lumps on my right leg; doctor don't know what it is
  - . FOEJN has asked community stress program to be initiated by ATSDR. This is a two-year process and we still do not know what happened.
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - . We wanted to say that it wasn't the mental stress but stress of the process



- We're not be directed to the mental health department by the Monterey County Health Department this stress is physical as well as emotional brought on by a very convoluted process
- We don't have a working relationship with Monterey County Health Department
- **Public – A. Hynes**
  - Doctors don't know what is causing the lumps on my legs. I never had them before coming to Fort Ord.
  - I have to buy drinking water
    - They say the water is safe; but I smell the water
    - All the companies around here buy water so they don't drink water either
    - Can't afford to pay for high cost housing
    - Ranges that are being closed off with razor sharp barbed wire & nobody is cleaning it up the unexploded ordinances from these 8,000 ranges
    - They need to clean the place up so that our children will be safe
    - Seaside was mostly an African/American community before the base was closed.
    - These were the people mostly contaminated by the UXO from these ranges.
    - Now they are being run out and replaced with people who were not a part of this Superfund site.
- **(Continued)Public – A. Hynes**
  - These ranges are located near communities of color and low income residents.
- **Public – V. Merritt-Moore**
  - Moved here five (5) years ago from San Jose; trying to get away from the pollution
  - I have 3 children; I've had cancer; I know what it feels like when you don't know whether you're going to raise your children
  - This is about more people getting cancer
  - This is about pregnant women finding out that they have a birth defect
  - This is about children getting asthma and a lot of other different diseases
  - And people are scared by all the terminology
  - That's why two (2) years ago we started doing events
  - We thought the burnings were the most threatening
  - The burnings Ed Lowry (DTSC) is about to sign the Record of Decision that will allow the military to burn
  - We don't have a health assessment of what will happen with those burns
  - I have a list of 30 different compounds
  - In this area they want to burn OOE 16 (most depleted uranium)
  - Fort Ord is possibly most toxic site of in the country
  - They won't get the compounds hot enough to combust so they'll hover
  - There's so much toxic material out there
  - The military dumped the stuff
  - We have landfills of extremely toxic stuff
  - The emphasis is going towards farm workers in Salinas that's not fair
  - The army has a relocation plan so people can leave during the burning – they've given people only 3 days notice
  - You're only allowed to participate if you're a United States citizen or have a green card so that means that many farm workers don't get a part of the plan
  - There's a lot of people who don't even know about the plan
  - A lot of information has been sent to DTSC and the EPA (region 9); why haven't they insisted that they do a proper health assessment?
  - Those burial pits out there have been contained for 80 years
  - October/November 2002 supposed to be doing the burnings
- **Public – L. Stone**



- We're want to make sure that the Army, EPA, the State and other responsible parties know that we are here.
- **Public – V. Merritt-Moore**
  - I have a hundred letters addressed to Governor asking for an environmental impact report
  - You guys don't hear us; I applaud LeVonne for bringing you here
- **Public - L. Stone**
  - We're trying to make sure everyone get a chance to speak. We have a number of people who still have not spoken, and we started at 4:00pm.
- **Public – Susanna Bassetton**
  - Burnings; Read lots of federal and local government documents
  - This gentlemen is not going to do a damn thing, that's my opinion;
  - They're in cohorts with each other
  - They said that they'll have something ready in February 2003 which is not going to help us
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - The fact that they're here is very important
  - As a community, we need to come together and put let our concerns be known.
- **Public – S. Bassetton**
  - He's (R. Pascual) gonna have to be forced to do something in the next 3 weeks
  - We need to start our own legislation
  - We need to put a lawsuit together to the Legislature
  - This gentlemen is going to take back information and we're not going to hear anything more about it
- **Public - Jennifer Owour**
  - I'm concerned about environmental hazards.
  - I would agree that we go on with the workshop, so that people can voice their concerns.
  - We need to be intent on what we implement
  - We have to ask ourselves what can we do? Instead of saying there's nothing that you can do
  - Health issues from contaminants are a huge problem– I've read lots of information
  - What can we do? Much of what you've been hearing around the State have been about the diseases from environmental hazards.
  - I hope we come up with something more constructive
- **Public - Brenda Owour –High School Student**
  - The environment isn't as clean as it was before, as a student, I am concerned what will happen to us and our world. Who will make it safe for me?
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - One of FOEJN's goals are to educate our youth; we want to make sure that they know what's happening and that we have resources available for them. We have a youth group as part of this organization.
  - Currently, our children are very uneducated about Environmental hazards and how to protect themselves.
- **Public - Mike Boyd**
  - President of California for Renewables Energy
  - Concerned about siting of power plants in California
  - I joined Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network because of concern that the city wasn't addressing Environmental Justice concerns in the communities
  - President Clinton's Executive Order
  - This county's response said that EJ didn't apply to them
  - I'm concerned that this part of the State don't know the information & local responsibilities
  - We've been involved with EJ in April 2000 with EPA Office of Civil Rights



- . We have a Title VI complaint in (Pittsburg, CA)
- . We're now in alternative dispute resolution complaint process
- . What happens after you filed a complaint
- . The people who file usually file because they don't have any other alternative
- . The same people don't have the money – economic barrier
- . What we hope comes out of that is an EJ protocol
- . Everyone has their own definitions and own protocol
- . I've been reaching out to other EJ communities in the State
- . What's missing is common protocol
- **Public – C. Bettencord**
  - . It seems our air district is above the law
- **Public – M. Boyd**
  - . It's not that they (air district) think that they're above the law; they just don't know the law
  - . It's not clear to these people what their responsibilities are
  - . California Energy Commission (CEC) didn't know until we filed complaint
  - . We're trying to make it all the same for anybody
- **Public – Doug Quetin (local Air Resources Control Board)**
  - . Did you look at New Jersey's protocol
- **Public – M. Boyd**
  - . We looked at EPA Title VI complaint website
  - . EPA provided us a lot of information to file our complaint
  - . We did research on demographics and revised guidelines
  - . Since our complaint was going to EPA; we thought that was the right procedure
- **R. Pascual**
  - . For those who don't know about Title VI complaints - Any federal agency or state agency that receives federal dollars may not discriminate
  - . Title VI complaints are filed when the complainant thinks that an agency used federal funds to discriminate
- **Public – M. Boyd**
  - . California Energy Commission money comes from the Department of Energy
  - . Since the City of Pittsburg get money from HUD
  - . In this county, a large sum of money comes from EPA for cleaning up the Superfund site (Fort Ord) so this area has a large sum of money to possibly lose
  - . That's a large incentive and that's the strength we have
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - . That's what we're hoping to learn about, our strengths, and how the money is being spent that is supposed to benefit impacted communities.
- **Public - Ricky Ross**
  - . Been in the area since 1991
  - . Went through the Hazardous Materials Certification program from UC Santa Cruz; only two (2) people out of twenty (20) in the program got jobs
  - . Concerns: Drinking water in Monterey County
  - . Fort Ord is well aware of the toxic dumping that went on for many years, during the military operations.
- **Public – S. Theresa Rosa Dolores**
  - . Thank you for coming to listen to our concerns about peaker plant being planned for Pahajo
    - It's located in the unincorporated area of Monterey County
    - Composed of mostly farm workers, of which 25 percent of the population is below national poverty level 1000 children under 14 years old in town)
  - . We've had several disasters without the response from the County



- . We've had 2 murders there
- . 1995 flood – the whole town was evacuated; everyone was effected
- . Since then we've had the attention of the County and they've established an office
- . We have been trying to build community capacity through our center
- . County has started the General Plan
- . We've started a community plan
- . Housing
  - Nothing has been built in Paharo in 11 years
  - We are in desperate need of affordable housing
- . We are trying to change the image of Paharo
- . County staff introduced the County plan
- . What benefit is this peaker plant for Paharo?
- . They've (the County) also communicated to us that the rail will stop there and there's a potential for growth
- . It's a 45 mega watt plant so it doesn't go to the State; it's up to the County to make the decision
- . We don't have a mayor or council so it's up to the County
- . This plant will be using 75,000 gallons of water
- **(Continued) Public – S. Theresa Rosa Dolores**
  - . There was just a moratorium just lifted in Monterey
  - . They say its is a clean plant and state of the art plant
  - . And it's all within the environmental acceptable levels but then again we have over 1000 children whose systems are just developing
  - . We have asked for an EIR; and they say there's no need because mitigation has begun
  - . Health: I haven't found it going to be any conclusive evidence that there' isn't going to be a problem
  - . Violation of Goal 2 for us; this plant was already in the process well before any of the community found out
  - . We have quite a few complaints is the noise, the water
  - . What is this plant going to do for the community of Paharo; it's not going to bring any jobs; it's probably going to be Union so they'll be imported
  - . What's going to happen to the strawberries and other crops that this plant is going to neighbor
  - . Union Pacific tracked trains full of propane and gas right there and they say it's not a safety issue; but why put more stuff there?
- **R. Pascual**
  - . What is needed at the community level to build community capacity?
- **Pubic – C. Bettencort**
  - . I participated in the Fort Ord RAB
  - . The thing I noticed is that the politicians was infiltrated; none of them were there to be open minded or help us; they were there to kill us
  - . They already had they're agenda set up
  - . Keep the rats off the community panels
- **Public – M. Boyd**
  - . This is a battle that I've been fighting for three (3) years
  - . The real issue is for the public participation to be meaning
  - . CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - . We should get all the information that the decision makers get
  - . All information is supposed to be transparent
  - . Public input should be incorporated into the process
  - . Level playing field – Should be funding to enable the public to participate
  - . Groups should be able to hire experts to do research



- Once we have our own experts we are creating our own administrative records and the decision makers would be ignoring the information at their own risk
- We have our experts give our own evidence out of the administrative records
- I have three (3) lawsuits pending
- **Public – Sister Theresa**
  - Issue: Power plant come into low-income and minorities communities because they think those communities have no intelligence but that's their faux-paux on their part
  - That's why the people don't trust those government
  - If people understood more what the power plant do then more people would be interested and opposed to it
  - Be aware of the cultural languages and traditions
  - Make use of the preachers and the cultural leaders
- **Public – Joli Spencier**
  - Meaningful involvement needs to equate for meaningful action
  - I received information from Joe Maloney that carbon tetra fluoride has been found in the ground water at /Fort Ord and in Marina proper
  - Why are we discussing acceptable risk?
- **(Continued) Public – Joli Spencier** The results won't be available for another year
  - How do I obtain the results without waiting a year; the public has a right to the information as it becomes available
- **Public - Cecil Mills**
  - Sister Rosa was named woman of the year by Fred Keeley
  - I would like for the people that are here from the State to feel that they're empowered to help us
  - 75,000 gal a day at half operation of plant
  - 158,000 gal a day at full operation
  - We're in over draft; I don't understand that because we have wells that are going bad
  - I don't understand why if the corporations take profit from our community why don't they pay for the treatment; someone will have to bear the cost of that treatment
  - I'm concerned about that treatment issue
  - Freight trains that the plant will sit next to also contain nuclear waste compounds
  - We had a fire in Paharo last Friday and the fire company that's supposed to respond to the Calpine plant came fifteen minutes after the Watsonville Fire Department did; that's a serious problem
  - That issue hasn't been investigated into; the Calpine spokesman said at the Planning Commission meeting that they didn't have to consider the public's remarks, only the fact on record
  - A lot of the people didn't go to the Planning Commission or here because they're renters and not land owners; They have fears that if they come to the meetings or sign a petition, that the landlords will throw them out; these fears are widespread
  - They don't attend meetings easily because because of work schedules but also childcare issues and a cultural history of being left out of the decision making process
  - They're not here because they're not in the country legally or their status may be in dispute. These are low and very low income people that are at work right now.
  - They (the farm workers) don't speak the English language at all
  - They're not comfortable at meetings where only English is spoken; and childcare
  - The meaning of EJ needs to consider the social, cultural, economic issues
  - I want you to consider how many of us are being paid to be here? None of the community members.
  - It should be that if you're going to a meeting that you are paid by your employer to be there
  - Where's the childcare?



- . I couldn't find this place to park
- . Question: Title VI and CEQA application in redevelopment area?
  - They said they didn't have to file a EIR because they are in a redevelopment zone
- . What can we do, who do we write to, speak to, I want a list of information , contacts, emails and phone numbers
- . What actions can we take before we start making lawsuits
- . What can I do legally so they will take action and respond
- . What is the correct & efficient protocol; I'm not waiting six months
- **Public - Sister Rosa Dolores**
  - . We only have 2 months
- **R. Pascual**
  - . The Federal Freedom of Information Act
  - . California is the Public Information Records Act
- **Public – C. Mills**
  - . I sense a catch 22 because I don't know what the name of the document
- **R. Pascual**
  - . You just request information on certain project or issue
- **Public – T. Acosta**
  - . My little girl had a lot of problems breathing; that could have been my own fault; not reading the paper, watching the TV
  - . I make \$8.50/hour and how am I going to send my daughter to college?
  - . The last time they burned at the base, my little girl spent 4 days at the hospital; ever since they've stopped my little girl was totally different
  - . I've been here for 20 years
- **Public – S. Corals**
  - . I live in Seaside
  - . On the peninsula since 1960
  - . I have a brother that I lost to asphyxiation
  - . My mother died of colon cancer
  - . My father has polyps
  - . I can name a good number of people who have died or are sick
  - . When my children were young they couldn't sleep without the vaporizers
  - . My daughter suffers from allergies and respiratory problems
  - . When I hear people that say, we can't wait
  - . An African-American mother is dying on Stillwell and now we hear the rest of the story
  - . I would dishonor those that have died if I didn't speak about the truth
  - . There has to be an objective way to have people speak to honor our right to speak without interferences so you really get to hear
  - . There needs to be a method and a model
  - . I can sometimes talk too much
  - . If this is not the forum to engage in uncensored speech
  - . No meetings should ever be left without a moment of silence for those that have died
  - . There needs to be that a community get an early on education on superfund, toxic plume
  - . Even if it means that we have to come off jobs so we all understand that there is this urgency
- **Public - Mark Roost**
  - . I live in Santa Cruz
  - . In terms of the burning, I've been working on an alternative concept to disposing
  - . I don't think it's necessary to the land to get to the stuff
  - . I would recommend to fly over with small planes and then having drones come in and taking in information



- Once the ordinance have been located, then having a boon (reinforced jaws made with antitank)
- **Public - Herbert Olson**
  - Burning examination for wood burning stove, you'll find the percent of the material that getting burned is 50% and the other stuff turns into smoke; that assumes that you have an object that burns
  - So, in terms of a field that's a different story
  - When you have things that you want to get rid of (incinerator) scrubbing process
  - Water, oil, air are deposited on the substrate
  - Cool the materials down less to what mercury will condense
  - Have a degree, physics, chemistry, biology
  - Cost of moving the material being too great; but those costs are trivial in the way of the health of the people
- **(Continued) Public - Herbert Olson**
  - I was observing at a County meeting; every time someone objected the monographers made a mark
  - That is the type of action I would like to see in this body and other throughout the State
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - It is now 10:00pm. We need to conclude the public testimony
- **Public – S. Welsh**
  - Agriculture methyl bromide
  - Burning
  - Carbon tetra chloride
  - Asthma
- **Public - Lynn Boyle**
  - I have lived here for 20 years in Marina
  - They used to dump hazardous waste
  - I hear about all these people with different diseases, I also have illnesses
  - I wouldn't of known about the EJ until I found out from the school; so there's still many people who don't know
  - I worked in the federal government for 22 years
  - There's so much bureaucracy in the government
  - We've got to cut out the red tape
  - 900 million dollars to clean up the base
  - They talked about the bad wells and the ground water
  - There's good houses available but not affordable
  - Why not let the people help refurbish the houses on base
  - We can't wait 10-15 years to address these issues
  - We've got to get the attention of the military and see what's being done
- **Public – L. Stone**
  - Romel, this is just a drop in the bucket
  - I wanted you all to hear from the impacted commuinties in the Monterey Bay area. So that you know that you hear from their own mouths, what we are faced with every day.
- **R. Pascual**
  - There are levels of bureaucracy
  - What agencies can do is to keep going out into the communities to get information
  - There is a level of coordination that needs to occur between, state and federal level, state and local level, and local level and the community
- **Public – C. Bettencord**
  - Why are we going to study our stress? Why don't we stop the stress?



- **Public – L. Stone**
  - People from the City government don't even listen to us; the people are very arrogant
  - There is no way that these people are going to be helping us. Look at the years that have passed without attention to our needs.
- **Public – M. Boyd**
  - In reference to Goal 3 & 4
  - Basically what people are saying that local government is not responsive to our concerns and we're looking towards the state for some guidance in this
  - We don't have the financial means to do it
  - There's other agencies that aren't doing this – Resources Agency; they control the CA Energy Commission
  - We need for Cal/EPA to come up with a protocol
  - We need to have someone for them to go to if there's something not being done
- **R. Pascual**
  - Let me all encourage you all to read the EJ strategy
  - We didn't have the opportunity to have a discussion on the strategy
- **Public – S. Corals**
  - We have to look at how people learn; some people need visuals, and some people need audios
- **R. Pascual**
  - We have some obvious timeline goals
  - Assemblyman Fred Keeley – he is a staunch advocate on EJ
  - AB 1553 – General Plan; element is optional
- **Bonnie Chiu (Governor's Office of Planning & Research)-**
  - The version that was signed is the version that EJ element needs to be integrated through the guidelines (20 years)
  - Draft guidelines are going to be available in October 2003
- **Public – M. Roost**
  - I just started a master ribbon program
  - I've come up with a proposal
  - People in the City of Marina actually avoid the people's needs and go after the shopping malls
- **Public – C. Bettencord**
  - I'm disabled and don't make any money; low-income
  - One of the things that have kept the people from participating is the lack of proper disclosure
  - When the air district sued it wasn't their intent to sue
  - They took the toxic chemicals out of the suit
  - We need to tell the medical society to not treat with antibiotics for the toxic burns
  - People are told by the agencies that, "it's just a little smoke"
  - Proper disclosure
  - Vegetation waste
  - We have the agencies covering it up
  - The air districts say you're crazy and to not listen to you
  - We're not paid to do this
  - They should listen to us no matter how crazy they made us out to be
  - Bill Killgore – He said the people are not the state
  - Get the farmers to complain; the farmers pay the state. They're the state.
  - Now it seems that the power plant is the state
  - My daughter's hair fell out and she had bumps on her face
  - They didn't hold the meeting in our town; no one knew that the plant opened until it opened



- We called the State of CA, I talked to Alan Lloyd
- It's not my job to regulate the agencies
- We get prosecuted and they protect the companies
- We can't get the transcripts or the notice of violations
- If they join with the air district, they're holding secret meetings we don't even know about them
- **R. Pascual**
  - I think we should make a concerted effort to coordinate
- **Public – C. Bettencord**
  - There's some definitely purposeful miscommunication; they've allowed use and people get sick and die
  - Eliminate the air district to help the people not have EJ issues
  - Criminalize them for their illegal actions
- **Public – V. Merritt-Moore**
  - In the beginning I wanted to know why DTSC hasn't responded to the information that we have sent
  - Precautionary Principle
  - We want some kind of health assessment
- **R. Pascual**
  - Please read the strategy framework **END**