

NEWS DIGEST

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Aerojet pact supported

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on Friday announced support for a modified consent decree between Aerojet and state and federal agencies.

The board also asked a federal judge to sign off on the pact, clearing the way for cleanup work to begin on Aerojet's Superfund site. A spreading plume of groundwater contamination has fouled 10 Arden-Cordova Water Service wells.

The decree lays out the legal agreement on who will pay for cleanup and how it will be done, and provides details on how to replace lost water supplies. The pact also says that in exchange for a quicker cleanup, Aerojet will have 3,200 acres of "buffer land" along U.S. 50 -- never used for rocketry operations -- removed from the Superfund list.

Rosemary Younts, spokeswoman for Aerojet's parent company, GenCorp, said that although the company had not been officially informed of the decision, "we are pleased with the agreement. We think it's beneficial to the cleanup effort, the company and the community."

To the dismay of a residents' group, Neighborhood Eyes, the board refused to reopen its public comment period, which ended Nov. 8. Alex MacDonald, senior engineer with the board, said the group -- which brought about 20 people to the meeting -- indicated that it planned to appeal the decision to the state Water Resources Control Board. The board's attorneys, however, have said that the decision could not be appealed.

The Neighborhood Eyes group also is sending letters to the U.S. Department of Justice, which members maintain has the final say on whether to reopen the federal Environmental Protection Agency's comment period. It, too, closed Nov. 8.

No one with Neighborhood Eyes could be reached for comment.

Younts said she met with a handful of Neighborhood Eyes protesters outside company

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property Friday afternoon, but added that they left soon afterward.

Downtown parade set

The annual Hangtown Christmas Parade through downtown Placerville is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. today at Schnell School Road and conclude at Main and Sacramento streets.

The parade will be held rain or shine. Among the participants will be Pleasant Valley artist Keith Stafford, who will be dressed as "Kente Claus."

Annexation proposed

The California Department of Food and Agriculture will make a presentation on the state's glassy-winged sharpshooter program at Wednesday's meeting of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

Also on the commission's agenda will be a presentation by the city of Placerville on the annexation of Smith Flat.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the Bethell-Delfino Agriculture Building conference room, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville.

Water board to meet

The Georgetown Divide Public Utility District board of directors Tuesday will select a member to serve on the El Dorado County Water Agency.

Also scheduled is a reception for Harry White, the district's new general manager, and recognition of the retiring general manager, Marie Davis.

The board will meet at 3 p.m. in the district offices, 6425 Main St., Georgetown.

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