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Meet your community cleanup representative

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WHAT'S ON THE COVER?

CHAIRMEN DUTIES —

Edwards Restoration Advisory Board co-chairs, Bruce Davies (left) and David Smith (right) listen to a presenter at one of the semiannual board meetings, which are open to the public. Davies is the public co-chair and Smith is the Air Force co-chair.

Who represents your community on the Edwards RAB?

In California's Mojave Desert, the Edwards Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board provides an open forum for the exchange of information among members of the public, base restoration officials, and state and federal regulators. The RAB meets semiannually to discuss the cleanup progress of chemical contaminant releases that occurred at Edwards prior to October 1986. As members of the board, public representatives from on- and off-base communities act as channels of communication between the public and those responsible for the base's environmental restoration program. Contact information for each community's public representative can be found on the back of this newsletter, under the "RAB Members" section.

Off-Base Representatives

Boron: Ericka Buckreis



The newest member of the RAB, Buckreis joined the team in July 2016. She is employed in the private sector as a field biologist and geographic information systems database manager. Buckreis also volunteers as a director on the Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation Board, as a chairperson for the High Desert Region of the California Resource Conservation District and with the Kern County Sheriff's Office Desert Search and Rescue Group. Having lived in Boron

her entire life, Buckreis grew up on a ranch where her father rehabilitated and relocated wild animals.

Lancaster: Jocelyn Swain



Swain has represented Lancaster on the RAB since July 2011. As an environmental planner for the City of Lancaster, she is responsible for ensuring that developments proposed by the city or private organizations comply with environmental laws. Swain grew up as a self-proclaimed "Navy brat" whose previous jobs found her working at Edwards as an archaeologist and with the environmental impact analysis program. One of her current passions is training for and

competing in triathlons.

Mojave: Victor Yaw



Having been on the RAB since August 1997, Yaw is the representative most familiar with the base's cleanup program. He has been a Mojave resident since the late 1950s, and served 2 years in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam. Yaw is a longtime member of the Kern County Sheriff's Office Desert Search and Rescue Group, serves as a senior volunteer with the California Highway Patrol, sits on the board of directors for the Mojave Public Utility District and is the president

of the board of directors for the East Kern Cemetery District. He currently works as an aircraft painter at the corrosion control facility at Edwards and enjoys gem collecting.

North Edwards: Bruce Davies



Nearly a lifelong resident of North Edwards, Davies joined the RAB in August 2010 and also serves as the board's public co-chair. In college, he majored in mathematics, with a minor in computer science, and holds a master's degree in finance. Davies currently oversees

strategic planning for the base's C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and volunteers as the president of the Edgemont Acres Mutual Water Company. One hobby he enjoys is scavenging the desert for petrified wood to add to his growing collection.

Rosamond: William Gaddis



A Rosamond resident since 1989, Gaddis joined the RAB in January 2011. With a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and a master's in industrial and system engineering, he supervises 19 avionics engineers who support various test programs on the base. Gaddis also

volunteers as a group leader for the Rosamond Royal Rangers program that mentors young men, and is a deacon and Sunday school teacher for the Assembly of God congregation in Rosamond.

Base Representatives

Air Force Research Laboratory, Det 7: Joe Mabry



A new addition to the RAB, Mabry joined the team in April 2016. He was hired as a chemist for AFRL straight out of graduate school, and holds a doctorate in polymer chemistry. Now in a leadership position within his department, Mabry finds his days more consumed with publishing papers and

writing funding proposals than actual lab work.

Main Base Test Wing: Otto Zahn



Although he has worked at Edwards since 1985, Zahn did not join the RAB until August 2013. He is currently employed as a civil service industrial hygienist at the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program on base. Zahn retired from a 21-year military career that ended in the Public Health sector, and

he holds a master's degree in industrial hygiene.

Don't see your community's public representative listed? That means there is a vacancy on the RAB that you may be able to fill, specifically for California City, Base Housing, NASA Armstrong, North Base, and South Base. Please note you must be 18 years of age or older and you must live or work in the community you represent. Please contact Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, at 661-277-8707 for more information or e-mail 412tw.rab@us.af.mil to request an application.

Where to find more INFORMATION



Published data and documents related to the Environmental Restoration Program at Edwards are available for public review at three Information Repositories. The Information Repositories are located at:

Edwards Air Force Base Main Library
5 W. Yeager Blvd.
Edwards AFB, California
(661) 275-2665
www.edwardsfss.com/wordpress/library

**Kern County Public Library
Wanda Kirk Branch**
3611 Rosamond Blvd.
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www.kerncountylibrary.org/rosamond-branch/

Los Angeles County Public Library
601 W. Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, California
(661) 948-5029
www.colapublib.org/libraries/lancaster/

For questions about documents in the repositories, you may contact Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, at (661) 277-8707 or by e-mail at 412tw.pae@us.af.mil.

General information about the environmental program at Edwards can be found at the following websites:

www.edwards.af.mil/About/Environment
www.facebook.com/EdwardsEnvMgt/



Restoration Advisory Board Information

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is made up of appointed representatives from communities on and around Edwards Air Force Base, regulators from federal and state agencies and base officials. The board's purpose is to provide a forum for two-way communication between the public and those responsible for environmental cleanup at the base.

The board meets semiannually, rotating meeting locations among communities surrounding the base. The public is welcome to attend. Those who have questions or concerns about cleanup activities at Edwards

may contact any RAB member or Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, at (661) 277-8707.

The RAB also has its own Facebook site: www.facebook.com/RAB.Edwards. "Like" us on Facebook today!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nov. 16, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Lancaster, California

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