
The Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Environmental & Reuse Subcommittee
Monday, January 26, 2026
(2 Hours and 24 Minutes)

I. Call to Order

Dr. Hunnicutt called the Environmental & Reuse Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:10pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt, Joyce Armstrong and Servio Gomez

Exused: Dedria Smith

Other CAC Members: Neola Gans and Falaofuta Satele

A quorum was established at roll call.

B. Approval of Agenda: January 26, 2026

Joyce Armstrong, made a motion to approve the agenda for January 26, 2026, and Servio Gomez seconded. The motion was approved and passed.

C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2025

Joyce Armstrong made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 17, 2025, and Servio Gomez seconded. The motion was approved and passed.

I. Announcements:

Dr. Hunnicutt addressed the Navy and members of the public, discussing the HPSCAC and tonight's meeting.

III. Continuing Business:

A. The Update on Environmental Cleanup at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) Michael Pound, Environmental Coordinator for the Navy's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program at HPNS, will provide an update on the Navy's ongoing environmental cleanup at the former shipyard. Primary topics discussed will include:

1. Parcel C Dry Dock 2 Repair

2. Parcel C Phase III Remedial Action Fieldwork

3. Overview of Air Monitoring Approach for Parcel G Building Demolition

4. Navy and Regulatory Agency Notification Process Update

The Navy presented improvements to the event notification protocol, emphasizing faster laboratory reporting of action level exceedances and clearer coordination between contractors, the Navy, and regulatory agencies. The protocol establishes that regulatory agencies are notified within 24 hours of an incident and receive detailed summaries within 72 hours, ensuring timely communication and oversight. An update was provided on the December 18, 2025 collapse of a portion of the dry dock 2 edge at parcel C, which occurred after heavy rain and king tides and was identified during routine inspections. The incident did not impact active cleanup areas, no contaminated soil was released, and nearby radiological soil stockpiles remained intact and confirmed as non-impacted. Regulatory agencies were immediately notified, the EPA conducted site inspections, and stabilization and repair work is planned to begin in mid-February 2026 following contractor mobilization. Parcel C phase III remedial action fieldwork continues to focus on soil and

1 groundwater cleanup, particularly within remedial units C2 and C5. Excavation activities
2 near building 251 have removed over 2,200 cubic yards of contaminated soil exceeding
3 cleanup goals, followed by backfilling, compaction, and structural stabilization to restore
4 site integrity. Additional excavation was required based on confirmation sampling, and new
5 groundwater monitoring wells have been installed to track post-cleanup conditions.
6 The project timeline shows ongoing excavation and durable cover installation through early
7 2026, with groundwater treatment injections scheduled to begin in March 2026 and
8 continued monitoring planned throughout the year to ensure cleanup effectiveness. Health
9 and safety measures include strict dust control protocols, real-time air monitoring, truck
10 routes designed to avoid residential areas, and public posting of monitoring data on a regular
11 basis.

12 The presentation also detailed air monitoring plans for upcoming parcel G building
13 demolition, identifying contaminants of concern such as particulate matter, metals, asbestos,
14 radionuclides, mercury, and PCBs. Monitoring will be conducted using three zones with
15 upwind and downwind stations, supported by tamper-proof mobile trailers and continuous
16 24/7 radiological monitoring for specific isotopes including cesium-137, plutonium-
17 239/240, and strontium-90. Action levels for air monitoring were explained as conservative
18 thresholds designed to trigger evaluation and adjustment of dust control measures well
19 before any risk to public health, with a 10 millirem level set significantly below regulatory
20 limits. Exceedances prompt corrective action rather than indicating immediate danger, and
21 updated notification protocols ensure early communication of such events.

22 The parcel G demolition schedule spans from early 2026 through 2027 and includes
23 hazardous material abatement, demolition of multiple buildings, and ongoing environmental
24 monitoring. Work plan approvals have been completed, with final plans expected by the end
25 of January 2026 and mobilization to follow. The EPA provided an overview of its oversight
26 role under the Superfund program, explaining that the Navy is the lead agency responsible
27 for cleanup while EPA and the state of California provide regulatory oversight. The cleanup
28 process follows the CERCLA framework, which includes investigation, remedy selection,
29 cleanup, and long-term monitoring, with required public involvement and five-year reviews
30 to ensure continued protectiveness. A historical overview highlighted the shipyard's long
31 industrial and naval use, including radiological activities, and outlined the timeline of
32 cleanup milestones since the site was added to the national priorities list in 1989 and closed
33 in 1994. Parcel transfers to the City of San Francisco occur only after cleanup is complete
34 and approved by regulators, with formal documentation and public comment periods
35 required before transfer. The EPA also addressed a previous plutonium-239 air monitoring
36 exceedance reported in November 2024, noting that preliminary analysis indicates the result
37 was likely due to laboratory contamination rather than an actual site release. The agency
38 emphasized that even if the exceedance had been site-related, it would not have posed a
39 health risk due to the conservative nature of action levels, but acknowledged the need for
40 improved transparency and communication moving forward. Current EPA activities include
41 daily monitoring of fieldwork, independent soil sampling, review of radiological data and
42 demolition plans, oversight of coastal erosion response, and workforce development through
43 a Superfund job training initiative.

44 Overall, the meeting emphasized ongoing cleanup progress, strengthened notification and
45 communication protocols, robust environmental monitoring during demolition and

1 excavation, and continued regulatory oversight to protect human health and the environment
2 while preparing the site for future reuse and redevelopment.

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4 *To hear the presentations, Q&A, and public comments in greater detail, please refer to*
5 *the January 26, 2026, Environmental and Reuse meeting recording at hpscac.com*

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7 **V. Adjournment**

8 No other business was brought before the committee, and Dr. Hunnicutt adjourned the
9 meeting at 10:34 p.m.