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**BCA Board of Directors Resolution Regarding
NASA's DEIS 9/30/13**



WHEREAS Bell Canyon is the closest neighbor to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

WHEREAS Bell Creek receives 90% of the watershed the SSFL

WHEREAS winds blow soil material from the laboratory into Bell Canyon

WHEREAS the NASA owns a 450 acre portion of SSFL

WHEREAS NASA has recently released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

WHEREAS the DEIS only considers 2 extreme alternatives, "no cleanup" or "cleanup to background"

WHEREAS the "no cleanup" option ignores those chemicals that require cleanup

WHEREAS the "cleanup to background option" is not risk based

WHEREAS the health, environmental, historical and cultural destructive consequences of the "cleanup to background" option that includes removal of 500, 000 cubic yards of soil, 320,000 of which will be trucked off site has not been fully identified and mitigated

WHEREAS the "cleanup to background" option is paradoxically unnecessarily harmful to public health, the environment and the historical and cultural resources

WHEREAS the "cleanup to background option will destroy the wildlife corridor going through NASA's property

WHEREAS the "cleanup to background" option will newly grade 105 acres with neither drainage nor grading plan

WHEREAS the "cleanup to background" option will disrupt Native American sacred ground

WHEREAS the soil erosion runoff from surface water will not be able to be adequately controlled

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WHEREAS such erosion will likely deleteriously alter the drainage of the SSFL through all the streams and creeks originating within or adjacent to that property

WHEREAS alteration in surface water hydrology will have consequential undefined impacts on aquifer recharge and groundwater kinetics

WHEREAS alteration in surface water hydrology will result in stagnant pools creating new mosquito breeding grounds

Whereas mosquitoes are known vectors of disease including West Nile Virus, Bird Flu and Equine Encephalitis



WHEREAS airborne soil erosion will carry endemic San Joaquin Valley Fever spores (Coccidioidomycosis) which constitutes a public health risk

WHEREAS all such adverse health consequences noted above have not been taken into any consideration in NASA's DEIS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bell Canyon Homeowners' Association considers the NASA DEIS in its present form to be defective and framed too narrowly

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bell Canyon Homeowners' Association recommends that the NASA DEIS be rewritten after the AOCs, which are guiding the DEIS, are mutually amended by the parties to take health risk into account by the inclusion of PRG's into the lookup tables and other EPA standards that are used in all other cleanups of this nature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mutually agreed to completion date also be modified to allow other in situ treatment methods to be considered as practical alternatives for the cleanup process consistent with the CEQ letter, NEPA and CEQA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the above, a new NASA DEIS be prepared and published for public comment

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