
Shasta County agrees to find out more about jet trails

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In a unanimous decision during their regular meeting July 15, Supervisors David Kehoe, Leonard Moty, Pam Giancomini, Bill Schappel and Chair Les Baugh agreed to determine if the county's current monitoring program is up to detecting the presence of aluminum oxide nan-oparticles in the air, water and soil.

Schappel rejected a suggestion from county staff to rely on federal studies on the issue, stating, "Any federal information will be skewed. We need a local study, then take the results to the feds and say, what about this?"

Richard Simon, Director of the Department of Resource Management, said the Air Quality Management District had jurisdiction over the issue and does test for "fine aluminum." Asked by Schappel if that includes nano-particles, Simon replied, "Presumably so." Simon's response was met with several calls of protest from the audience. Baugh recessed the meeting for 20 minutes to restore order.

Kehoe said he was disappointed no representative from the office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa attended the meeting. Declaring, "Let them see the passion we saw here today!" he suggested providing video copies of the testimonies from the public be made available for all elected officials.

Giancomini made the motion to investigate. After the motion passed, the audience broke into sustained applause.

Record turnout

This ruling came after more than three hours of comments by dozens of concerned citizens. As the meeting convened, Baugh announced the crowd, which filled chambers with people standing against walls and spilling out into the lobby, was the largest that he had ever seen at a supervisors meeting. Loud speakers were on in the lobby so those who couldn't find a seat could listen to the proceedings.

Baugh estimated the number attending at close to or exceeding the 299 limit.

The first member of the audience to comment was Dane Wigington, a Bella Vista resident and the featured speaker on a free DVD being distributed at the meeting titled "Climate Engineering, Weather Warfare, and the Collapse of Civilization."

Wigington made a brief presentation on what he called "scientific geo-engineering methods." Asked by Baugh why he thought this was being done, Wigington said he believed it was for influencing the weather. Pointing to the mechanism of spraying chemicals into the upper atmosphere he said, "We have a contamination issue that is a danger to the public."

The audience gave Wigington a standing ovation. After a few more rounds of applause, Baugh asked the audience to refrain from clapping and instead to silently raise hands when people liked the message they were hearing. During the numerous public comments that followed, hands went up frequently, especially when a speaker addressed threat to public health.

Public concerns

Speakers from a variety of backgrounds expressed concern about chemtrails. A former airline pilot said condensation goes away in minutes and "What's happening now is not normal."

A woman said, "Contrails and chemtrails are not the same thing. Contrails don't change the weather. And the weather is changing.

An instructor from Shasta College said it is "silly" to call the trails "condensation" when they stretch from horizon to horizon.

A man identifying himself as a 35-year biologist said the aquatic insect population is down, while the aluminum concentration in the environment is up.

A local neurologist said he's seen neurological problems recently "quadruple. There's lots of nano-particles in the air," he said.

A man said the particles drift down where people breathe them. "Aluminum, cadmium and barium are the most worrisome."

Illnesses cited by speakers as caused by these substances include respiratory ailments, fibrous skin growths, suppression of the immune system, Alzheimer's and cancer.

“Particulate matter matters,” said a speaker.

Others expressed belief that the particles are tearing holes in the ozone layer, exposing the world to increased UV radiation.

Some of the commenters speculated on the existence of an underlying plan.

A former USAF meteorologist said, “We’ve been misled by the military industrial complex.”

Another man said, “People loading those chemicals onto planes wear HazMat suits. We don’t.”

A woman said geo-engineering reduces rainfall, raising the threat of wildfires. “How better to get people off their land,” she said.

Another woman said there was a plan to “get people out of the forests and into the cities.”

A few speakers asked the board of supervisors to pass an ordinance to ban the airborne release of chemicals over the county.

“We are being sprayed,” said a woman. “You can do this.”

Others wanted to know what tests were being done to determine the current level of contamination.

One woman said she came all the way from Oklahoma for the meeting. She said she had attended a similar meeting where supervisors ended with the words “lack of jurisdiction.”

“Don’t let that happen here,” she said.

Another woman quoted from two federal laws, claiming they canceled each other out, leaving the government with the authority to test chemical and biological agents on the public without notice.

Only one speaker presented white, billowing trails following jets as benign. Identifying himself as an organic farmer, a man said atmospheric conditions determine how long they remain visible in the sky. “Don’t buy into fear of contrails,” he said. “They’ve been with us for a long time.”

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