



2023 Annual Report

The Benicia Refinery Community Advisory Panel (CAP) met six times in 2023 and received updates and presentations from refinery management about different aspects and incidents related to the refinery.

Minutes and presentation material of each meeting are published on the [CAP website](#).

February 13, 2023

The CAP introduced 5 new CAP members (Chris Ferrucci, Kari Birdseye, Cara Bateman, Teri Crosby & Gethsemane Moss). The CAP received an update about refinery operations, health, safety, environmental (HSE), and community affairs issues from refinery personnel. Vice President and General Manager Josh Tulino and Valero's HSE Director, Kim Ronan gave an update about how the refinery handled the flooding from the winter storms at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Valero's Community Relations Director, Paul Adler presented the Benicia Residents Resource postcard that was mailed to every Benicia household in 2021. The CAP elected Dennis Lowry to be the CAP Chair for 2023 and reviewed other CAP related 'house-keeping' items.

April 11, 2023

The CAP received an update about refinery operations, HSE issues, and a community affairs report from refinery personnel. Josh Tulino gave an updated about the odor inquiry that occurred near the Robert Semple School neighborhood. He also explained how the refinery is adapting to the City of Benicia's raw water pipeline outage. Paul Adler highlighted the [2022 CAP Annual Report](#) and Taryn Wier, Valero's Environmental Manager discussed the refinery's Air Monitoring Plan and fence-line monitoring website. The CAP agreed to hold in-person only meetings as part of their Bylaw review and meeting structure discussion. Dennis Lowry discussed potential topics for the June 13th 'Community Information Night' with a focus on air monitoring platforms in Benicia. (BFD, BCAMP, VLO)

June 13, 2023

The CAP hosted the 'Community Information Night' which was open to the public and received a quarterly update about refinery operations and HSE issues. Josh Tulino informed the CAP that the refinery supported Ampports with the installation of their dock repair. Paul provided the Benicia Resident Resource card, Valero's ESG Report and other refinery informational documents to members of the public. [Three presentations](#) about Air Monitoring in Benicia were provided.

August 8, 2023

The CAP received a quarterly update about refinery operations, HSE issues and a community affairs report from refinery personnel. A safety video and refinery driving tour was given to all attending CAP members.

October 10, 2023

The CAP received a quarterly update about refinery operations, HSE issues and community affairs report from refinery personnel. The CAP received an update about Valero's Hydrogen Vent system, [the City of Benicia Cooperation Agreement](#) and an updated [Community Presentation packet](#). CAP Members were asked to promote the December 13th 'Community Information Night' meeting to the public.

December 13, 2022

The CAP hosted the 'Community Information Night' which was open to the public and received a quarterly update about refinery operations, HSE issues and a community affairs report from refinery personnel. Kim Ronan shared a [presentation about our Air Monitoring system and a Hydrogen Vent Emissions update](#). Refinery personnel also answered questions from the public. Minutes and all presentation material of each CAP meeting are published on the [CAP website](#).

Membership Attendance

- Chris Ferrucci - Benicia Chamber of Commerce – (5) meetings: February, April, June, August & December
- Kari Birdseye, City of Benicia – (6) meetings: February, April, June, August, October & December
- Gethsemane Moss, Benicia Unified School District – (4) meetings: April, June, August & October
- Marilyn Bardet, GNS Committee – (5) meetings – April, June, August, October, December
- Rod Sherry, Benicia Industrial Park Association – (2) meetings: June & October
- Dennis Lowry, Community at Large – (6) meetings – February, April, June, August, October & December
- Cara Bateman, Community at Large – (6) meetings: February, April, June, August, October & December
- Teri Crosby, Community at Large – (6) meetings: February, April, June, August, October & December