



2022 Annual Report

The Benicia Refinery Community Advisory Panel (CAP) met six times in 2022 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 8, 2022

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 gave an update about the December 11th, 2021 overspray incident. The refinery submitted a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) report related to the event which is published on the [City of Benicia's Public Information Bank website](#). Valero's HSE Director, Kim Ronan provided an explanation about the timing of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) Notice of Violation (NOV) related to Regulation 8/2. In 2018, the refinery inspected a hydrogen vent within the refinery and self-reported the results to BAAQMD. Kim addressed what actions Valero have occurred to address the NOV since its discovery and reminded the audience that emission levels have been reduced by 98% as a result of the inspection. In addition, Kim clarified that the refinery's sample results never measured concentrations that exceeded the reference exposure level for public health. Valero's Community Relations Director, Paul Adler distributed and summarized content from the [2021 Annual CAP Report](#). CAP Chairman Steve McClure referenced feedback that he received from CAP members about the structure of the CAP and ways to improve communication with the community. Beginning in 2022, the CAP and refinery have agreed to add 2 additional meetings each year. There will be a total of 6 CAP meetings and 2 of the meetings will be open to the public. The CAP will also work with Paul to create a resource tool/postcard that will be mailed to all Benicia residents informing them about different refinery related websites, phone numbers & email addresses that are associated with refinery operations.

April 19, 2022

The CAP received an update about refinery operations, HSE issues, and a community affairs report from refinery personnel. Josh Tulino gave a briefing about the Port of Benicia fire that occurred on Saturday, April 9th and the impacts that it had with the refinery's petcoke conveyer system. Paul Adler shared the CAP's 'Benicia Resident Resources' postcard that was mailed to Benicia residents. CAP members discussed ways to continue to improve communication on social media platforms.

June 14, 2022

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 by mid-July the refinery, Amports and the City are anticipating a temporary rebuild of the pet coke dock loading facility that was damaged due to the fire. Amports will be working on a permanent rebuild of the dock in the future and the refinery's petcoke operation is currently being stored in a silo located at the refinery and then transported to different destinations. Valero's Human Resources Manager, Mike Sumter [presented a PPT about Valero's Benicia Refinery Hiring Process](#).

August 9, 2022

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 11, 2022

The CAP received a quarterly update about refinery operations, HSE issues and community affairs report from refinery personnel. The CAP received a [presentation](#) from Solano Land Trust. 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 available to participate using ZOOM. The CAP and members of the public received a quarterly update about refinery operations, HSE issues and a community affairs report from refinery personnel. Kim Ronan shared a [presentation about our fence line monitoring system](#). Refinery personnel also answered questions from the public. Minutes and presentation material of each meeting are published on the [CAP website](#).

Membership Attendance

- Steve McClure - Benicia Chamber of Commerce – (6) meetings: February, April, June, August, October, December
- Steve Young, Mayor - City of Benicia – (4) meetings: February, June, August, October
- Diane Ferrucci, Benicia Unified School District – (4) meetings: February, June, August, December
*Dr. Gethsemane Moss (alternate for BUSD) attended the October meeting
- Marilyn Bardet, Good Neighbor Steering Committee – (4) meetings – February, April, June, December
- Rod Sherry, Benicia Industrial Park Association – (4) meetings: February, April, October, December
- Dennis Lowry, Community at Large – (5) meetings – April, June, August, October, December
Dennis was appointed in March 2022
- Neil Wilson, Community at Large – (3) meetings: February, June, December
- Amira Barger, Community at Large – (2) meetings: February and December