



**Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting**  
**Valero East – 610 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA**  
**Drive to the back of the building**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was conducted in person at Valero East. Dennis Lowry called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm. The below CAP members, Valero employees and City of Benicia staff members attended the meeting.

**CAP Members**

Dennis Lowry – Chair & ‘At Large’ Member  
Chris Ferrucci – Benicia Chamber of Commerce  
Dr. Gethsemame Moss – Benicia Unified School Board  
Rod Sherry – Benicia Industrial Park Association  
Kari Birdseye – City of Benicia  
Marilyn Bardet – Good Neighbor Steering Committee  
Cara Bateman – ‘At Large’ Member  
Teri Crosby – ‘At Large’ Member

**Valero CAP Representatives**

Josh Tulino – VP & General Manager  
Taryn Wier – Environmental Manager  
Paul Adler – Director Comm. Relations  
& Government Affairs

**Valero Employees**

Frank Hartig – Valero, Manager Plant Security  
Michael Thetford – Valero, Assoc. Env. Engineering  
Mason Rollans – Valero Intern, Mech. Engineering  
Pam Fischer – Valero, Executive Administrative Assistant

**City Representatives**

Chief Josh Chadwick- Benicia Fire Department  
Terry Scott – City of Benicia, Vice Mayor

Tonight’s meeting is a “Community Information Night” meeting and the public had been invited to attend this meeting. There were 2 representatives from Solano County and another 8 members of the community present. Each person in attendance introduced themselves. Kari Birdseye, Chief Chadwick and Terry Scott announced that they would need to leave at 5:30 pm due to a City Council meeting.

The agenda for 6/13/23 was unanimously approved. A request to change the 4/11/23 minutes was made. Under **CAP Business Discussion**, the second bullet will be changed to add “meetings will continue to be in person and remote access such as Zoom will not be used during meetings.” The updated minutes were unanimously approved.

**CAP Member Updates**

- Chris Ferrucci – Benicia Chamber of Commerce - Annual Golf Tournament was a success. Thank you to Valero for sponsorship. Invited all to participate in Chamber week that begins next week.
- Dr. Gethsemame Moss – Benicia Unified School Board – Board is now fully staffed with election of Amy Hirsh.
- Rod Sherry – Benicia Industrial Park Association – In last meeting, presentation was given by Police Department on crime rates and what they are doing to stop crime in the Industrial Park area. They are working on making this excellent presentation available online.
- Kari Birdseye – City of Benicia – Thanked Valero for support of organizations in the “safety net” in the

city. Recent City Council meeting included discussion that more help is needed from public and private partnerships because of budget constraints.

- Marilyn Bardet – Good Neighbor Steering Committee – Nothing to add at this time, though she will have questions later.
- Cara Bateman – ‘At Large’ Member - Dennis and Cara attended the Progressive Democrats of Benicia meeting regarding refinery and air quality related issues; a lot of information was shared. Also, as a follow-up to some concerns of a possible parallel between the Martinez Refining Company Catalyst release and Valero’s release in Dec. 2021, Contra Costa County announced that sampling results have been released and it was found that there was nothing of significant concern regarding the release to cause harm for the public.
- Teri Crosby – ‘At Large’ Member – Social Media has been relatively quiet; though she has heard a lot of positive reinforcement on the support Valero gives throughout the community.

### **Refinery Update**

- Josh Tulino, VP & General Manager – The refinery has been operating safely & reliably with only minor maintenance. Valero supported Amports during the installation of the current temporary dock and are now providing more support with rebuilding the permanent replacement dock.
- Paul Adler, CR & GA Director - Welcomed and thanked those from the community who are attending this meeting. Paul pointed out several documents that were available for the guests to pick up including hard copies of the presentation, the Resource postcard, the ESG report, and other refinery information.
- Taryn Wier- Environmental Manager – Agreed with Josh’s point that due to stable operations, there have been no environmental updates.

### **Air Monitoring Presentation**

Dennis Lowry introduced the two guest presenters presenting in addition to Taryn Wier. They were Fire Chief Josh Chadwick, Benicia Fire Department, presenting the Mobile Monitoring & Incident Response Procedures and David Lindsay, Board Member for BCAMP, presenting the Benicia Community Air Monitoring Programming. For Taryn’s presentation, Dennis had asked Valero to provide a layout of the monitoring systems at the refinery on a map/layout. The map was on display at the meeting and is located on page 2 of the Valero presentation.

Below are the hyperlinks to the following presentations:

[Valero Refinery Monitor Presentation](#)

[Benicia Fire Department Presentation](#)

[Benicia Community Air Monitoring Programming - Community Monitors](#)

### **Questions from the Audience**

Refinery personnel addressed questions and provided answers from audience members.

Next CAP meeting will be a Refinery tour. Dennis Lowry requested the tour include the Waste Water Treatment ponds. In addition, the CAP would like a report with information on water usage, water treatment, water disposal, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm

### **2023 CAP Calendar**

- Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Refinery Tour for CAP Members
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 4:30 – 6:00 pm – ‘Community Information Night’