

**Valero Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
ZOOM Meeting – “Community Education Night”**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was conducted on ZOOM and Diane Ferrucci called to order at 4:30 p.m.
The following attended:

CAP Members

Mayor Steve Young	Benicia City Council
Diane Ferrucci	Benicia Unified School District
Marilyn Bardet	Good Neighbor Steering Committee
Rod Sherry	President Industrial Park Association
Neil Wilson	Community at Large

Valero CAP Representatives

Josh Tulino	VP and General Manager
Paul Adler	Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs
Kim Ronan	Director of Health, Safety, Environment and Regulatory Affairs

Valero and City of Benicia employees

Erik Upson	Benicia City Manager
Josh Chadwick	Benicia Fire Chief
Melissa Manke Fimbres	Director Technical Services
Mike Sumter	Human Resources Manager
Sharon Shearer	Staff Environmental Engineer
Pam Fischer	Executive Administrative Assistant

Welcome – Diane Ferrucci acting in place of Steve McClure

- Diane introduced CAP members on the call. Mayor Steve Young indicated he hoped that Paul that would be discussing release that occurred this week. Diane did clarify it would be part of the update.
- [Agenda](#) was approved.
- Approved summary meeting minutes from the [September 14th, 2021 CAP meeting](#)

Refinery Update

Diane Ferrucci gave reminder that the purpose of this meeting is an educational opportunity for the Benicia community for what’s going on with Valero relative to the community. Questions should be held until the end; updates and reports should answer questions regarding recent events; however if not addressed, Paul Adler will provide link to have questions answered.

- Josh Tulino, VP and General Manager
 - The past 3 months of operation at the plant have involved a major turnaround event. Several operating units were shut down 10/1/21 in order to open up units to clean, inspect, upgrade equipment. Over October and November, over 700 man hours were used during the 70 day process that was completed in early December.

Upon startup of the units over the past week/weekend, one fluid catalytic cracking unit had a release that was quickly contained and isolated. Material was a heavy oil. Through

reports from the community, it was discovered that the material had gotten off site and impacted a part of the community. We are working with impacted individuals through claims filed directly to our insurance provider. During the event, we worked with Benicia Fire Dept. Both Valero and Fire Chief performed air monitoring and no visible air quality concerns were found. Valero is in full cooperation with individuals impacted by the incident.

- Kim Ronan, Director Health, Safety, Environment and Regulatory Affairs
 - Focus over last quarter has been on Safety and Environmental through turnaround. Now looking forward to next year.
 - Another major turnaround coming early next year
 - Working on regulatory compliance due dates in September.
 - Working on VPP recertification for next year.

- Paul Adler, Community Relations & Govt Affairs Director
 - Information from CAP meetings is uploaded to CAP website. The website includes agenda, minutes and presentations from the CAP meetings as well as is an educational source of the Benicia refinery and our industry. The link also provides information to contact Valero to reach out to any unanswered questions. The link is: [Benicia Refinery Community Advisory Panel](#)
 - Exciting community events:
 - Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser – 10th year to raise money for local organizations as part of the United Way Campaign. Business partners are invited to attend event. This year it was a clay shooting event held at Family Club Ranch with \$135,000 being raised for the Benicia Community Action Council.
 - Benefit for Children Celebration – Valero Corporate office holds Valero Texas Open PGA Golf Tournament –Benefit for Children tournament held next day offering opportunity for business partners to participate and donate. In 2021, over \$16 million was raised. Proceeds are distributed to over 13 refineries and ethanol plants; Benicia Refinery received \$500,000 to support 9 different organizations providing services to children in our surrounding communities.

Cal OSHA – Voluntary Protection Program (VPP Overview)

- Iraj Pourmehraban presented an overview of the VPP program that Valero is proudly a long-standing member of. Iraj’s presentation provided an abbreviated view of the process and requirements of achieving and retaining certification. This certification shows a dedication and commitment to safety, continual operational and process improvements and standards of excellence in the manufacturing industry.

Community Questions

Inquiries occurred about the Saturday, December 11th incident, release and claims procedure process.

CAP Member Updates

Due to length of question period with the Community members, CAP Members made no updates.

The next CAP Meeting will be held on March 8, 2022. How to get Hired at the Refinery?
A tentative refinery driving tour will be scheduled for the June 2022 meeting, date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.