



**Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting**  
**Valero East – 610 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA**  
**Drive to the back of the building**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**4:30 PM – 5:15 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was conducted in person at Valero East. Steve McClure called to order at 4:33 pm. The following attended:

CAP Members

Steve McClure	Benicia Chamber of Commerce
Steve Young	City of Benicia, Mayor
Dennis Lowry	Community at Large
Rod Sherry	Benicia Industrial Park Association

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 employees

Frank Hartig	Valero, Manager Plant Security
Pam Fischer	Valero, Executive Administrative Assistant

Benicia Unified School District

Gethsemane Moss	Board Member
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City of Benicia

Edwin Ostrowski	Sustainability Coordinator
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**Welcome**

- Agenda was approved.
- The minutes from the [8/9/22 meeting](#) approved and seconded by Steve McClure-all members approved.

**Refinery Update**

- Josh Tulino, VP & General Manager – Fall is generally when we do maintenance work. Currently, we have equipment down for planned maintenance. We are anticipating that all processing units will be back in operation beginning in early November.
- Kim Ronan, Director of Health, Safety, Environment and Regulatory Affairs – Current focus is on maintenance turnaround; Our contractor headcount on site is over 1,000 additional contractors on site. Year to date recordable injuries for employees and contractors are both at 0.

- Paul Adler, Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs –Valero hosted a United Way Clay Shoot event that raised \$118,000 with proceeds being split between the Benicia Community Action Council and Meals on Wheels. Special Olympics ‘Bike the Bridges Event’ consisted of a Valero team of 10 participants. It was good to see Benicia hosting the event and we hope this event continues. Benicia-Tula Sister City student scholarship project is occurring; Benicia Dog Festival is coming up this Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. ESG & TCFD reports are on the CAP website and will be distributed at Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Community Information Night CAP meeting. A list of CAP Membership showing their start date and terms of current board members was discussed. In 2023 there will be changes as Steve McClure will be stepping down from the Chamber representative after a number of years; Diane Ferrucci will be stepping down and BUSD will select her replacement. Amira Barger’s 2-year term will end at year end. Neil Wilson is also at 2 years. Josh and Erik Upson will continue to collaborate and select the ‘Community at Large’ position.

### **Non-Profit Presentation** – Solano Land Trust

- Michelle Dickey & Laura Lavidas – Restoration Projects
  - Presented a [slide show presentation](#) to share Solano Land Trust’s mission to “Inspire a love of the land and preserve it for people, food, and the natural environment”. Steve Young added that Measure K on the ballot for November is to protect the open space around Lake Hermann for another 20 years. There are two upcoming guided hikes at Rockville Rd & Suisun Valley Rd: October 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am – 12 pm and November 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 pm.

### **CAP Member Updates**

- Steve McClure – Benicia Chamber of Commerce – Hosted a candidate forum last Monday night.
- Gethsemane Moss – The BUSD board is going through the application process to replace Diane Ferrucci. Held a board meeting last week, looking at student data and curriculum and adoption process for textbooks. School Superintendents are gathering to discuss fentanyl crisis and bring awareness to parents especially with upcoming Halloween holiday.
- Rod Sherry -BIPA - holding Zoom call Wednesday morning with a presentation from Mario Guiliani to support Measure R for 3/4% sales tax for road repair.
- Steve Young – City of Benicia, Mayor – Spending a lot of time promoting Measure R the 3/4% sales tax that will be used for road repair (2<sup>nd</sup> worst city in Solano county at index of 57). The tax will allow for repair all roads within 10 years and then maintain (\$60M needed). Also, during Mayor’s committee of with other cities, it was discussed that for there may be opportunity to see if asphalt can be purchased from Valero. It is being researched.
- Dennis Lowry – Surfaced that several of the current council candidates have Valero as a focal point of campaign. Important for community to be aware of the impact there could be on Valero and the city.

Paul Adler mentioned that the next CAP meeting will be the semi-annual ‘Community Information Night’ and the discussion will focus on Fenceline Monitoring. Marilyn is welcome to give an update as to how her BCAMP program is going.

Kim Ronan asked what the process is to make the community aware of the “community” meeting. Paul explained it would be through ads in the Benicia Herald, Benicia Magazine, eblasts through the City and updates through Chamber of Commerce.

**Meeting ended at 5:15 pm**

### **2022 CAP Calendar**

- Tuesday, December 13, 2022; 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm ‘Community Information Night’– Fenceline Monitoring