

**Valero Community Advisory Panel (CAP)  
Approved Summary Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
Valero East Conference Room A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

The following attended:

**CAP Members**

Marilyn Bardet	Good Neighbor Steering Committee
Diane Ferrucci	Benicia Unified School District
Trevor Macenski	Community at Large
Steve McClure	Benicia Chamber of Commerce
Mayor Elizabeth Patterson	Benicia City Council
Brian Tulloch	Benicia Industrial Park Association

**Valero CAP Representatives**

Paul Adler	Director Community Relations & Government Affairs
Don Cuffel	Director Health, Safety, Environment and Regulatory Affairs
Don Wilson	VP and General Manager

**Others in Attendance**

Ranyee Chiang, Ph.D.	Guest Speaker, Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
Ila Perkins	Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
Josh Chadwick	Benicia Fire Chief
Stacy Holguin	Trustee, Benicia Unified School District
Lorie Tinfov	City Manager, City of Benicia
Steve Young	Benicia City Council Member
Lisa Crowley	Staff Environmental Engineer
Matt Dimech	Refinery Analysis Accounting Specialist
Frank Hartig	Manager Refinery Security
Dora James	Staff Safety Engineer
David Le	Refinery Controller
Ray Quain	Director Human Resources
Alysia Porter	Assistant to VP & General Manager
Kim Ronan	Manager Environmental Engineering
Tom Stanley	Director Refinery Operations
Taryn Wier	Sr. Environmental Engineer

**Welcome – Steve McClure**

- CAP members and Valero CAP representatives were introduced
- Agenda for June 11, 2019 and September 10, 2019 were approved

**Refinery Update**

- Don Wilson, VP and General Manager
  - Refinery Operations Overview
    - Refinery running smoothly and preparing for holiday weekends
    - Minor shutdowns to occur for catalyst changeout, and major turnaround/maintenance on one of our major units will occur next year.
    - Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the refinery went well and thanked the City Council for recognizing that milestone.

- Pointed out and reminded everyone how to access CAP website where all past minutes are posted.  
<https://www.beniciacap.com/>
- Mentioned the recent Benefit for Children event where \$400,000 was given to local charities.

Marilyn Bardet mentioned that on Sunday, 12/8/19, at 2:20 p.m., she saw sooty, black emissions above the (white) steam at the flue gas scrubber. She asked what had happened at the refinery. Don Wilson said that there were no abnormal emissions. Possibility it could have been a flock of starlings as they can appear to be dark clouds in the sky. Don Cuffel also offered that monitoring of the flue gas scrubber includes opacity monitoring equipment (measurement of how dark something is) which takes place inside the unit, and there was no indication of any emission.

Encouragement was given to call the refinery directly concerning situations like this (707-745-7534).

- Ranyee Chiang, Ph.D., Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
  - Ms. Chiang gave an overview of the BAAQMD and Air Monitoring Programs (PowerPoint presentation attached)
- CAP Member Updates
  - Steve McClure, Benicia Chamber of Commerce
    - Chamber continues to try and make it easier for businesses to conduct their business in Benicia. Thanked the support of the City and relationship with Valero.
  - Diane Ferrucci, Benicia Unified School Board
    - Elections for BUSD trustees will be changing from at large to area voting. After the last public meeting on 12/12/19, the Board will select the area map and move forward so that it will be ready for the 2020 election.
  - Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, City of Benicia
    - Thanked Fire Chief Josh Chadwick and Valero for their participation on the air monitoring workshop that was conducted.
    - City hopes to have a workshop with Cal-EPA regarding the methane situation and hopes there will be grants available for that.
    - Lastly, looking into MCE micro grids for Benicia in order to deal with PG&E power shutdowns.
  - Marilyn Bardet, Good Neighbor Steering Committee
    - Working to establish a nonprofit for a Benicia community (ambient) air monitoring program.
  - Brian Tulloch, Benicia Industrial Park Association
    - Made comment that the city of Benicia seems to be better than other cities at communication.
  - Trevor Macenski, At Large
    - Shared Planned Bay Area update and will continue to review job growth center development around Lake Herman.
- Topic for the next community CAP meeting on Tuesday, March, 10, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
  - Documents submitted to the City's Public Information Bank website  
<https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/publicinfobank>

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.