



**Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting**  
**Valero East – 610 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA - Drive to the back of the building**  
**Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 - 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was conducted in person at Valero East. Dennis Lowry called to order at 4:30 pm. The following attended:

**CAP Members**

Dennis Lowry	CAP Chairman & Community at Large Member
Patrick Cawley	Benicia Chamber of Commerce
Kari Birdseye	City of Benicia, Councilwoman
Dr. Gethsemane Moss	Benicia Unified School District, Board Member
Rod Sherry	Benicia Industrial Park Association
Marilyn Bardet	Good Neighbor Steering Committee
Cara Bateman	Community at Large Member
Teri Crosby	Community at Large Member

**Valero CAP Representatives**

Lauren Bird	VP and General Manager
Melissa Manke Fimbres	Health, Safety, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs Director
Paul Adler	Director

**City and County Representatives**

Josh Chadwick	Benicia Fire Chief
Colby LaPlace	Solano County
Josh Steele	Solano County
Jeff Gregory	City of Benicia, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Rainier Garcia	City of Benicia, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

**Valero employees**

Cameron Wicklow	Valero, Director Technical Services
Pam Fischer	Valero, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Welcome**

- [Tonight's Agenda](#) and minutes from the [8/27/24 meeting](#) were approved.

**Refinery Update**

- Lauren Bird, Vice President & General Manager
  - The FCC Unit's main blower has been having mechanical issues for the past 6 weeks and we are working with many contractors to get this important unit fixed. Our Cat Feed Hydrotreater

is also being worked on due to planned maintenance. Due to the extra activity during the turnaround, today's refinery driving tour will not visit the Water Utilities area of the refinery.

- There was a recent consent decree signed between San Francisco Baykeeper, Valero & Amports due to the alleged discharge of petroleum coke in 2022. The total settlement amount between both Valero and Amports was ~\$2.4MM and we expect that there will be media coverage of the settlement. It was noted that Amports has the Air District permit for the coke operation at the dock.
- On Thursday, our employees will conclude the United Way Employee Giving campaign in which ~\$463,000 has been raised from employee pledges. These donations will be distributed through United Way to local charities. Valero published our annual [ESG Report](#) that highlights our corporation's Environment Social and Governance priorities. Copies of the Report were distributed.
- Melissa Manke-Fimbres, Health, Safety, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs Director
  - Melissa mentioned that the refinery is working with the Solano County Hazardous Materials department regarding odors that occurred in February related to issues with one of our tanks. Once that information has been finalized, it will be published onto the [City of Benicia's Public Information Bank website](#). We are working with the city to receive permits for the Phase 4 Pathway of the Fenceline project and resolve language affiliated with the easement agreement.
- Paul Adler, Community Relations & Government Affairs Director
  - Paul highlighted content on the [Valero Benicia Refinery Public Relations website](#).

### **Refinery Presentation**

- Melissa shared the [Refinery Water 101](#) presentation, which included information about various sources and processes of water use in the refinery.

### **CAP Member Updates**

- Patrick Cawley – Benicia Chamber of Commerce – none
- Kari Birdseye – City of Benicia, Councilwoman – They are continuing to evaluate ISO comments and will present to the public for another review once attorneys approve it.
- Marilyn Bardet – Good Neighbor Steering Committee – Has also been working on the second draft of the ISO. She feels the ISO doesn't duplicate current program and would increase public trust of Valero with increased transparency.
- Dr. Gethsemane Moss– Benicia Unified School Board, Board Member – none
- Cara Bateman – Community at Large Member – She is finding that there is mixed opinion with her community contacts on the ISO and is eager to review 2<sup>nd</sup> draft.
- Teri Crosby – Community at Large Member – none
- Dennis Lowry – CAP Chairman & Community at Large Member – He has been researching water savings and appreciates the hard work on the Refinery Water 101 presentation.

**The meeting ended at 5:30 pm & a driving tour of the Water Tank facilities started at 5:40 pm.**

### **2024 CAP Calendar**

- Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm @ Valero East