

# Porter Ranch Community Advisory Committee

Meeting #17

Thursday, June 16, 2016  
Porter Ranch Community School

## **DRAFT NOTES**

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Chair Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

### *Members Present:*

Paula Cracium  
Jarrod DeGonia  
Craig Forrey  
Michael Harris  
John Lee  
Issam Njim  
Jane Stanton

### *Guest Speakers:*

Gillian Wright (SoCalGas)  
Neena Master (SoCalGas)

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

John Bwarie announced that this would be the final meeting of the PRCAC. The committee was established to share urgent information. The website will be maintained online.

Paula expressed a hope that Neighborhood Councils would continue to seek out information and sharing with the residents in their respective councils.

Issam asked what the Councilmember's opinion was on dissolving the committee.

John Lee responded that the Councilmember established the committee but does not govern it. He clarified that the committee was established to disseminate urgent information and that need is no longer present.

Issam asked if the SCG made the decision.

Paula stated that the committee has run its course. Paula asked if any board members thought the meeting should continue.

Jane Stanton agreed that the committee has run its course. Families are moving home. Any further information to be shared can be through the neighborhood councils.

Paula took a straw poll.

Michal Harris introduced himself as replacing Andre Van der Valk. He appreciated the information that has been shared during the lifetime of the committee. He agreed it was time to end the meetings.

Craig agreed that it was time to end the meetings unless another emergency arises.

John Lee commented that information that has been requested has been disseminated recently through email. If there isn't a need for guests, there isn't a need for meetings.

Jarrold DeGonia agreed that ending the meetings was a good thing.

Issam disagreed. He also expressed that there are many unresolved issues including a lagging cleaning schedule. He noted ongoing regulatory changes and that the committee should stay in tune with them. If the SCG is not funding, that is one thing. Information still needs to be disseminated.

Paula stated that information still needs to be disseminated but that can be done through the Neighborhood Councils. This body has become less effective. Committee member participation has dwindled and the information can be shared effectively through the NC System.

Gillian and Neena reported that the interior cleaning program is nearly completed. People are returning home, and they continue to have some residents who have long-term leases that will expire at the end of the month and into July. The customer centers continue to operate. They have provided information to residents to submit all reimbursements by July 15<sup>th</sup>. They had experts in the field visiting homes to monitor the cleaning program.

Paula asked if there is a response from the County regarding people who suffered health effects.

Gillian stated that the priority was cleaning homes but that there will be a broader discussion next week.

Jane asked for clarification on the reimbursement submission deadline.

Gillian—that is for reimbursement submissions, and the date is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Issam stated that some claims are still in dispute.

Gillian stated it is a submission deadline.

Jarrold asked about cleaning outside Porter Ranch.

Gillian said that any relocated homes that asked for cleaning were provided cleaning.

Jarrold said he has heard from people who have not received cleaning.

Gillian stated that some of those were people who were notified but did not make a timely request. Some residents have cancelled at the door or who weren't home for the appointment. There were several hundred who chose to return home without cleaning.

John Lee asked about the meeting next week with County Public Health.

Gillian stated that those conversations are confidential.

Jarrold asked how many claims were outstanding.

Gillian—they receive 2000 a week.

Issam asked about an inadvertent extension and a hotel room was charged, will those be reimbursed?

Gillian— There were a few cases and those were being paid by SCG. If a resident extended beyond their notified checkout date, those costs won't be covered.

Issam—if the Neighborhood Council set up an ad hoc committee, would SCG be willing to participate and attend for conversation?

Gillian— Ending this forum does not signal SCG leaving the community. The information will continue but at a different pace and covering different information. SCG is willing to work with the community to work out what is next.

Issam— The committee was intended to be face to face and now we will only have email and phone?

Gillian—SCG will do their best to meet the requests of the neighborhood councils. She'd like to understand the commitment and find the right balance to speak to the issues that are of concern to the community.

Jane Stanton asked if there are outstanding claims related to the businesses.

Gillian did not know the answer to that as they are reviewing business claims case by case. They are careful to look at each one to determine if it can be paid.

Issam—have any business claims been paid?

Gillian didn't have that information.

Neena described the wells based on information they were provided from their operations side. 107 of the wells have completed phase one. 72 wells have moved to Phase Two. During Phase Two, each well will go through testing to determine if it can be returned to service or needs repair.

Jarrod—did all of those wells pass or were some taken offline?

Gillian—The 1950s era wells were taken off line.

Paula stated that the DOGGR website has information on the well inspections at [conservation.ca.gov](http://conservation.ca.gov) in the second green box titled: "Testing Results of Aliso Canyon Wells Available." The information may not match online, because DOGGR only posts information about the certified by their inspectors/reviewers. She also asked about the expected heat wave.

Gillian— During the heat expected this week, it is possible that SCG be asked to withdraw from the facility.

Paula— Do you have a targeted date for injection?

Gillian— No.

Issam— Is there a plan to close the community resource center?

Gillian— It will continue as is through the end of the year and then possibly be transitioned into another form of resource operations for the community.

Paula read information from County Health regarding pool and soil testing that will begin next week. Regarding DOGGR, she update the committee on a conversation she had had with them earlier in the day. There are no surface leaks, but there are a number of wells that have not passed and are being evaluated as to why they did not pass and what the remediation would be.

Paula stated that the challenge to bring the facility back to full capacity before all the testing has been done is a concern for the community.

In a conversation with Paula, Jason Marshall from the Department of Conservation said that when they go back to work on the rigs, some tests can be done while the plug is in place. For others, there is a mechanism to keep the wells safe during repair. There was not a blow out preventer and that can help seal off a well. The investigation for SS25 is still underway, so it isn't clear if that would have prevented the leak.

Paula stated that committee members can also reach out to DOGGR. They will continue to monitor the site.

Issam asked why DOGGR couldn't attend.

John Bwarie said that they responded that they were not able to attend or be on a call tonight.

Paula talked about the difficulty of getting people here to report at this time.

Issam asked about the reason for the fire trucks at the facility last week.

Gillian stated that there was a small fire in an oil drum, and the fire department came to put it out.

Paula asked if the fire was put out before the fire department arrived.

Gillian—They were put out, and there are investigations as to the cause.

Dusty reported that SB887 was passed out of the senate and into the assembly. SB886 was also introduced to look at safety in the future and diversifying storage systems. It will be reviewed by committee. SB888 asks to put the Governor's Office of Emergency to be the point. SB1441 regarding fugitive emission being part of the Cap and Trade program and also headed to committee.

Michael— Does this require SCG to purchase additional permits?

Dusty stated that he doesn't know the details as well and will follow up.

Paula discussed the challenge of getting speakers to the meetings but that there is still work to be done including the directive from County Health and the well

site testing and the long term viability of the site. Legislation needs to continue to be monitored so that this doesn't happen again in the future.

Issam stated that he is very disappointed in the decision to terminate the forum and that the dwindling need is not a reason to end the meetings.

Jane thanked Paula and John Bwarie and the committee; Craig joined in that compliment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM