



Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting 18: Agenda

Date	September 27, 2021		
Time	6:00 - 8:00 PM		
Location	Zoom Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the public are invited to participate in the public comment period using the “raise hand” function to speak or can use the chat function for questions and comments.		
Meeting Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Health Study Project Updates		
HRS Project Team	Muntu Davis Paul Simon Charlene Contreras Christine DeRosa Cristina Vega Kristina Vaculik Raul Sobero	K&A Support Team	Ann Newton Sara Katz Susan Harden Sharon Han
CAG Member Attendees	Andrew Krowne Brian Allen Craig Galanti	Jeff Hammond Lori Aivazian Mary Blair	Melissa Messer Patricia Glueck





6:00 – 6:05 pm	Welcome, Agenda, Meeting Format, and Attendance	Facilitator
6:05 - 6:10 pm	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Davis
6:10 - 6:25 pm	Health Study Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Health Study Timeline Update	Dr. Davis
6:25 - 6:35 pm	Community Advisory Group Opening Comments	CAG Members
6:35 - 7:00 pm	Health Study Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Health Study Goals & Priorities● Community Feedback Report● Environmental Data	Facilitator & Public Health
7:00 - 7:50 pm	Additional Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">● CB3 Spot Fire Investigation● Complete Blood Count (CBC) preliminary analysis● Cancer Surveillance Analysis Plan (CSP)● Budget Summary	Facilitator & Public Health
7:50 - 7:53 pm	Closing Comments & Next Steps	Dr. Davis
7:53 - 8:00 pm	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public comment will be received using the “raise hand” function or via comment box● Each speaker will be limited to 90 seconds● Meeting will end at scheduled time <p><i>*Please note that Public Health and guest speakers will attempt to address as many questions as possible during the time allotted for public comment. Questions that are not addressed during the meeting can be submitted to AlisoStudy@ph.lacounty.gov.</i></p>	Facilitator





Notes on Listed Agenda Items*

Item 1: Welcome & Greeting

Members joined the Zoom call from 5:50 to 6 p.m. Facilitator, Ms. Susan Harden, went over the meeting objectives detailed agenda items, and the meeting format. Ms. Harden then introduced Dr. Muntu Davis, the Los Angeles County Health Officer and the Executive Lead on the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (Health Study).

Item 2: Health Study Update

Dr. Davis thanked participants for joining the CAG meeting and provided an update on the status of the project. He explained that the Health Study is entering a new phase focused on soliciting research proposals from researchers. It is anticipated that the project will reach a major milestone by the end of the year with the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP). The release of the RFP will mark a major step toward the beginning of the actual research study. During the research solicitation phase, researchers will have a window of time to prepare and submit proposals that outline their best ideas for conducting research that addresses the Health Study Goals and Priorities finalized by the Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC). Once submitted, the proposals will go through established and robust review and selection processes that follow Los Angeles County protocols and standards. Dr. Davis announced that while Public Health will not host public meetings during the research solicitation phase, an update will be provided to the CAG and the broader community once the contract has been officially awarded. Dr. Davis added that during the research solicitation phase, the CAG and community members will be kept informed on Health Study updates via electronic communications and website updates.

***Note**

CAG meeting 18 was unexpectedly cut short due to an unforeseen technical issue with the zoom platform. Due to the inability to quickly resolve the issue during the allotted meeting time, the meeting was rescheduled to two future dates: October 4 and October 14.

Continued Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting 18: Agenda





Date	October 4, 2021		
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6:00 – 6:05 pm	Welcome, Agenda, Meeting Format, and Attendance		Facilitator
6:05 - 6:15 pm	Catch Basin 3 Spot Fire Investigation Update (Continued)		Los Angeles County Fire Department
6:15 - 6:25 pm	Community Advisory Group Opening Comments		CAG Members
6:25 - 6:50 pm	Health Study Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Study Goals & Priorities Community Feedback Report Environmental Data and Reports on Chemicals and Substances 		Facilitator & Public Health





<p>6:50 - 7:05 pm</p>	<p>Additional Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Summary 	<p>Facilitator & Public Health</p>
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Item 2: Catch Basin 3 Spot Fire Investigation Update

Fernando Flores, Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LAFD), gave an update on the Catch Basin 3 fire investigation* that concluded earlier this year. Assistant Chief Flores fielded questions about the nature of the investigation, findings, documents released to LAFD from SoCal Gas and the final investigation report. The final report was also shared with Public Health and made available on the [Health Study website](#).





***Note:** Information on the Catch Basin 3 fire investigation is available on the [frequently asked questions Health Study page](#). Additionally, the CAG meeting 18 recording is available on [Public Health's YouTube channel](#).

Item 3: CAG Presentation

On behalf of the CAG, CAG member Craig Galanti provided an overview of CAG concerns regarding the Health Study and other Aliso Canyon issues not related to the Health Study.

Mr. Galanti discussed the mission of Public Health and its connection to the Health Study. He shared the CAG's perception that Public Health is not adhering to its mission. Mr. Galanti then discussed the preliminary update on the Health Study budget that Public Health provided during [CAG meeting 17](#), and requested what he described as "full transparency on spending and budgeting of the settlement funds that were earmarked for the Health Study". Mr. Galanti then offered testimonies of Porter Ranch residents who were affected by the Aliso Canyon gas well blowout (Disaster) and presented a list of items requested by CAG members from Public Health and other government and regulatory agencies and the amount of time they report has passed since the requests were made. Mr. Galanti expressed frustration with what CAG members perceived to be a prolonged "turnaround time" on their requested items and with the Los Angeles County's decision not to subpoena SoCal Gas for information regarding the gas well blowout.

Item 4: Health Study Resources

The Health Study's Research Development Manager, Kristina Vaculik, provided an update on a report summarizing the results and key messages from the community feedback received on the draft Goals and Priorities for the Health Study. The report was posted on the Health Study website earlier in the week.

Ms. Vaculik also presented a detailed overview of existing data related to the Aliso Canyon gas well blowout and underground gas storage facility operations including data that is publicly available on government and regulatory agency websites. The overview included data collected by and reports from various government and regulatory agencies, companies, and organizations for various purposes including information on chemical constituents of reservoir gas, chemical constituents and substances in well-control materials, chemical constituents of oily residue, and examples of data sources related to health outcomes. Ms. Vaculik then provided a reminder that a summary of existing data and data sources is available as a resource on the Health Study website.

CAG members expressed a lack of understanding of the existing data related to the Aliso Canyon gas well blowout and gas storage facility operations outlined in the overview provided by Ms. Vaculik and expressed a desire to have the information further distilled for members of the general public. Ms. Vaculik then addressed CAG members' questions about data related to the well-control attempts and 31 bins containing Volatile Organic Compounds which had been removed from the Aliso facility in 2016 in accordance with SCAQMD Rule 1166.





Item 4: Budget Summary

Charlene Contreras, Director of Public Health's Toxicology and Environmental Assessment Branch, presented a summary of Public Health's budget for the Health Study and related expenditures over the past three fiscal years. Total expenditures on the Health Study are about 2 million dollars and remaining funds are in excess of 23.5 million dollars. Expenses were grouped into four categories: community engagement; Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC) coordination; formative research; and contractor administrative costs. CAG members had several questions about the status of the interest-bearing account in which the Health Study funds are kept, the allocation of funds toward community engagement, and whether or not Health Study funds have been used for Public Health staff salaries.

Item 5: Closing Comments

Closing comments from the CAG consisted entirely of questions about the level of detail of the Health Study budget presented and questions concerning community engagement expenditures. Questions were addressed by Charlene Contreras.

Item 6: Public Comment

A member of the CAG reiterated frustration with the lack of definitive answers to questions the CAG members posed regarding the RFP. A community member requested that the details of the compiled environmental data be summarized further for public consumption. Many additional comments regarding crude oil exposure and Health Study expenditures were expressed in the chat and were forwarded along to Public Health officials.

Dr. Davis gave closing remarks and a response to the public comment on the status of the RFP. He explained that the RFP is a vehicle for soliciting proposals that outline appropriate and scientifically based research methods from qualified third-party researchers.

The meeting facilitator, Ms. Harden, provided a reminder that the remaining agenda items would be discussed during the October 14th meeting





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Item 2: Updates on the Exploratory Analysis of Clinical Laboratory Data on Selected Blood Test Results

Dr. Simon provided an update on an exploratory analysis of clinical laboratory data on selected blood test results, including complete blood count (CBC) results, that Public Health is conducting at the request of CAG and community members. Dr. Simon reiterated that while the exploratory analysis is an entirely separate effort from the upcoming Aliso Canyon Health Study, the analysis may inform future related research including research that is conducted as part of the Health Study. Public Health acquired the clinical laboratory data through a data licensing agreement with a large commercial laboratory. Since acquiring the data, Public Health has (1) calculated mean values and 95% confidence intervals for selected blood test results by month/year for adults and quarter/year for children, (2) examined temporal trends in selected blood test results among adults and children in Porter Ranch from 2011-2019, and (3) compared selected blood test results among adults and children in Porter Ranch with two comparison populations. Dr. Simon reviewed the demographic characteristics of the populations included in the exploratory analysis and shared the preliminary results of the analysis. Finally, Dr. Simon explained that there are several significant limitations of the data used in the exploratory analysis. These limitations include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the populations included in the analysis are not representative of the larger populations where they reside, lack of data on the reasons why lab tests were ordered (i.e. no information on the medical conditions), lack of data on socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, and other characteristics that can affect health status and blood test results.

Dr. Simon then transitioned to discussing the University of Southern California Cancer Surveillance Program’s (USC CSP) proposed cancer analysis plan. Dr. Simon acknowledged that residents of neighborhoods near the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility have expressed great concern about cancer in their communities. He then provided the following background





information on USC CSP's development of a cancer analysis plan. In response to concerns expressed by CAG and community members about cancer, Public Health connected CAG members to USC CSP faculty who have the expertise, experience and scientific tools needed to answer community questions about cancer within their community. Several meetings were held between the CAG and USC CSP faculty to aid the USC CSP faculty in developing an analysis plan of cancer cases in the neighborhoods near the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility. The analysis plan would investigate whether cancer rates in the communities near that gas storage facility were higher or lower than what is expected. Due to several concerns that CAG members expressed about the methods and potential outcomes of the proposed analysis plan, the CAG did not decide on moving forward with USC CSP's proposed analysis. Dr. Simon explained that the USC CSP remains an available resource for residents who have concerns about cancer in their community. In addition, he explained that researchers who are interested in conducting the Health Study may submit proposals to study cancer through the RFP process.

Item 3: Public Comment

Closing comments from CAG members who were present consisted entirely of questions on the preliminary results of the exploratory analysis of clinical laboratory data. Dr. Simon addressed questions posed by CAG members and Dr. Jeffrey Nordella, a community physician.

The presentation slides on the exploratory analysis of clinical laboratory data were requested by members of the CAG. Public Health shared the presentation slides along with the CBC data tables with CAG members via email.

