



Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting 17

Date	June 28, 2021		
Time	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.		
Location	Zoom Meeting		
Meeting Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health Study Updates 		
Reference Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft Goals and Priorities ● Data Summary ● Radiation report and CBC Analysis 		
HRS Project Team	Christina Vega Kristina Vaculik Christine DeRosa Charlene Contreras Jeff Day Muntu Davis Paul Simon	CAG Support Team	Sara Katz Ann Newton Susan Harding Rachel Moten
CAG Members in Attendance	Andrew Krowne Brian Allen Bruce Hector, M.D. Chad Cheung	Craig Galanti Don Dwiggin Lori Aivazian	Mary Blair Melissa Messer Patricia Glueck
Meeting Overview	<p>The meeting included several programmatic updates, each of which was followed by Q&A with CAG members in attendance. Public comment concluded the meeting.</p> <p>Public Health then provided a programmatic status update to discuss progress in the Health Study and RFP timeline due and a variety of other updates from Public Health.</p>		
Meeting Actions	<p>Public Health will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide updates on the SOC’s development of the Health Study Request for Proposal (RFP) ● Provide updates on the Goals and Priorities documents ● Clarify and circulate health study resources include data summary, radiation reports and CBC analysis ● Field comments and questions from CAG members and the public 		



6:00 – 6:10 pm	Welcome, Agenda, Meeting Format, and Attendance	Facilitator
6:10 - 6:15 pm	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Davis
6:15 - 6:20 pm	Community Advisory Group Presentation	CAG
6:20 - 6:45 pm	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scientific Oversight Committee/Request for Proposal (RFP) update● Report back on Health Study Goals & Priorities	Facilitator & Public Health
6:45 - 7:10 pm	Health Study Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Frequently Asked Questions page overview● Data Summary	Facilitator & Public Health
7:10 - 7:40 pm	Additional Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Radiation Report update● Complete Blood Count (CBC) analysis update● Budget Summary	Facilitator & Public Health
7:40 - 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 due to time constraints, not all questions may be answered during the meeting.</i></p>	Facilitator



Notes on Listed Agenda Items

Item 1: Welcome & Greeting

Members joined the Zoom call from 5:50 to 6:00 p.m. The meeting was opened by professional facilitator, Susan Harden. Ms. Harden went over the meeting objectives, detailed agenda items, and reiterated the meeting format. Dr. Davis gave opening remarks on progress since the last CAG meeting and direction of the Health Study.

Item 2: CAG Presentation

A CAG member gave a brief presentation on behalf of the CAG members. The presentation addressed Public Health's mission in relation to the Health Study and highlighted concerns about Public Health's adherence to that mission. Public Health was urged to increase its transparency and to re-establish trust with the community. Additionally, frustration was expressed regarding the County's unwillingness to subpoena the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) for information pertaining to the blowout. More information on this topic is available under the question "[Is there sufficient environmental data for a health study?](#)" on the Health Study [Frequently Asked Questions and Related Resources webpage](#).

Item 3: Project Updates

Kristina Vaculik, Research Development Manager (RDM) for the Health Study, provided an update on the progress of the Health Study. Cristina Vega, Community Engagement Specialist (CES) for the Health Study, gave an overview of the key messages and findings from the feedback received during the public comment period for the draft Health Study Goals and Priorities. Ms. Vaculik added information regarding the draft Health Study Goals and Priorities document contents and its relationship to the Request for Proposals (RFP).

A CAG member questioned how the Health Study Goals and Priorities would be updated to reflect community input. Public Health explained that the community input is being considered by the SOC as they finalize Goals and Priorities, which will be used to develop the RFP to be released in the late summer or early fall. Some members of the CAG expressed concern with Public Health not providing an updated draft of the Health Study Goals and Priorities. Public Health informed the meeting attendees that a report of the public comments on the Goals and Priorities will be made available on the website.

Item 4: Health Study Resources

Ms. Vega presented updates to the Health Study website, highlighting new information in the [FAQ page](#). Ms. Vaculik then provided an overview of a [summary of existing data and information](#) related to the Aliso Canyon blowout and gas storage facility that had recently been added to the [Health Research Study Introduction and Resources](#) page of the Health Study website. The summary serves as an inventory of data and information related to the blowout and gas storage facility operations and includes a list of technical summary reports, environmental data and data sources including air sampling data, and data sources related to health outcomes.



A CAG member reiterated the desire for the County to secure a complete data set to include all chemicals from SoCalGas. Questions and comments from CAG members were centered around details of the upcoming Health Study research and the research methods that would be used. CAG members asked whether clinical examinations would be conducted. Dr. Davis reminded CAG members that specifics about the research methods would be proposed by research teams and determined once a contract has been awarded. A couple of CAG members requested to have the RFP provided “early” (i.e before becoming public for potential researchers). Dr. Davis explained that the RFP cannot be made publicly available before its official release. In addition, it was explained that this is standard practice and necessary to ensure an equal and fair opportunity for prospective researchers to submit proposals.

Item 5: Additional Updates

Ms. Vaculik presented the results of the radiation readings of waste materials from the Aliso Canyon gas well blowout that were collected in November 2020. Jeff Day, radiation specialist from Public Health’s Radiation Management Program, provided additional information about results and addressed community questions from the meeting attendees. Dr. Paul Simon provided an update on the Complete Blood Count (CBC) analysis. The CBC analysis has begun, and the goal is to share results of the analysis within the next 2 or more months. One CAG member expressed a desire for this data to be given to another researcher. To which, it was noted that a researcher may also propose a CBC analysis as part of their application for funding under the Health Study RFP. CAG members reiterated their desires for a Health Study that involves clinical examinations and to preview the RFP.

Ms. Contreras, Branch Director of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment, presented a preliminary update of the Health Study budget. Public Health has been providing in-kind support to ensure the majority of the funding goes directly to the Health Study. Public Health aims to provide additional detail on the budget in the near future. Ms. Contreras added that information on Health Study funding will be available concurrently with the release of the RFP.

Item 6: Public Comment

A member of the community suggested that the SOC consider including public engagement and community input at the start of the Health Study. Another member of the community requested for Public Health to provide easy to understand summaries of technical reports and information now and through the Health Study. Ms. Harden provided closing comments and thanked attendees for their participation.