

Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD)
Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Minutes: 7/26/12
FINAL

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05PM

B. AGENDA – Approved

C. PRESENTATION: INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES' SURVEY
CARRIE TAYOUR & CYRUS RANGAN, DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH)

The Inglewood Oil Field (IOF) Communities' Survey was developed to assess self-reported illness and environmental concerns, and designed to be comparable to the 2007 survey for the entire Los Angeles County; which includes analyses of mortality, low-birth-weight births, birth defects, and cancer registry data. The IOF Communities' survey also captured residents' concerns about odors, noise, vibration, and other quality of life indicators. This survey is only one part of a community health assessment determined by the Board of Supervisors, which was reported in April 2012. Throughout development of the survey, DPH worked with a Health Working Group (a subcommittee of the CAP).

The LA County Health Survey has been conducted every two to three years since 1997, and provides a snapshot of general health and trend improvements. The IOF Communities' Survey was modeled exactly on the 2007 LA County Health Survey: many of the survey questions were adopted from previous health surveys, and zip code census tracts were used to keep health data samples comparable. The survey data was sampled from within an area located 1 ½ mi radius from oil field. Approximately 150,000 people are represented in the neighborhood within the 1 ½ mi radius survey area. The cooperation rate of those surveyed (participation) approaches 40% for those who answered calls, both landlines/cell phones. The survey was conducted by a third-party contractor using random digit dialing system for landline exchanges: DL listings and other services for random sampling for cell phones. Targeted demographics sought by design: quota system for age, gender, racial, means: sample survey, representative sample. The analytical components of the survey cannot determine causal relationships between the Inglewood Oil Field and any reported illnesses, due to inherent limitations within the survey: unable to link specific toxic exposure from the oil field to individual health effects, and that survey data from local areas tend to be limited by small sample sizes, and limited to residents of surrounding area (not factoring in oil field operations, worker protections, and compliance monitoring/regulations. In conclusion, there are no stark differences based on health conditions/behaviors: General health is very similar in Baldwin Hills as in LA County.

D. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY CAP MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

A member of the public stated that higher rates of asthma were seen in the area surrounding the oil field. Carrie stated the inability to such incidence rates from data gleaned in the survey, especially for cases of asthma in children: the survey did not directly ascribe the answers of children into the survey. David McNeill asked if the working health subcommittee inquired about asthma specific, to give any statistical weighting to adjust/account for data sample size. Carrie answered that general health and quality of life data sought from physical/mental health, physical exercise, and mortality is fairly comparative to that seen in all of LA County.

A member of the public inquired if participant bias was accounted for in the survey. Carrie stated that bias is one of the inherent limitations to studies and surveys. Liz Gosnell stated that as a member of the health subcommittee the task directed to DPH was to compare health in Baldwin Hills to that seen in entire LA County. Stratified health conditions were designed into the survey, across all demographics.

A member of the public questioned the 1 ½ mile survey area, and stated that statistical significance in a small area was meaningless. Carrie clarified that statistical significance was not relevant for the survey. She stated that more in-depth studies such as power analyses or case control studies, citing specific information such as dose response, disease prevalence, and exposure history would be necessary. Additionally, confidentiality of the participants' data precludes more in-depth analyses.

Gary Gless questioned if any dense health incident clusters were indicated in the DPH mapping of the data. Carrie replied that according to the survey findings, no geographical clusters could be observed for reported health conditions. Participants were randomly selected within the survey area. Gary questioned why they wouldn't overlay all of the response data to specific health issues on a map to see if specific health effects could be identified by area. Carrie clarified that individual health data was not reported by geographical location due to California State privacy rules.

A member of the general public inquired about call frequencies. Carrie stated that both landlines and cell phones targeted were called during any given day of the week, including weekends, and at all times of the day; which is standard random protocol.

In response to a question from the general public, Carrie stated that the Air Quality Monitoring study being conducted per the Settlement Agreement will better address the specifics of emissions seen on the oil field. She stated that SCAQMD sets the standards for air monitoring, and that the EPA is the regulator for air emissions. Luis Perez clarified that emission monitoring is performed by MRS as well as SCAQMD. Both PXP and AQMD have recorded emissions data reports. Additionally, the EQAP requires specific number of monitors on-site during oil drilling operations and work overs. Some of the monitors are located near gas plant, and measures for hydrogen sulfides, benzene and methane gases. The instruments are properly calibrated for less than or equal to 0.1% of reading/test of calibration. Testing of the monitors is weekly documented. A little hydrogen sulfide gas is released during the alarm testing, to ensure they are working properly. The EQAP report will be available in September. Diesel particulate is more of a concern than air emissions on the oil field.

Mark Glasscock asked DPH next steps or further recommendations. Cyrus Rangan stated that emphasis should be directed to environmental standards, specifically looking to monitoring and mitigation efforts, and assessment of future risk.

E. REGIONAL PLANNING/ECC UPDATE

Rena Kambara stated that the contract with Sonoma Technology (STI), which is conducting the Air Quality Monitoring study, limits their received comments from the CAP to 30, due to time constraints. Therefore, all received comments will be processed and prioritized, similarly to those received for the Fracturing Diagnostic Study: DRP will scan all comments received, and hash out categories with MRS. Pat Hachiya stated that STI projects to initiate monitoring efforts in October, in order to get the final report ready in early 2014. She clarified that any comments received should be comprehensive and substantive. The review period will begin on August 16th, when the work plan will be released as part of the CAP notice. The public will have two weeks to send questions and comments regarding the work plan, as well as any questions following their presentation to the CAP on August 23rd. The Final work plan will be submitted to DRP in late September.

Settlement Agreement – Compliance (handout)

A letter was sent to PXP outlining the conditions of the Settlement Agreement, and ensuring that their terms are met, from the County's perspective. Due to the late submission to the CAP, the CAP will review, and likely pose questions of the County at the next CAP.

F. OPERATOR UPDATE

There were 5 work-over rigs on site in July. The new flare was tested. The 2nd quarter groundwater report was submitted to DRP. The Fracturing Diagnostic Study was completed and forwarded to the peer reviewer on July 13, 2012. The Landscaping Plans for Phases 3 through 5 will be resubmitted. The 2nd Annual ground movement survey, as well as the property damage assessments report, will be submitted next week.

Complaint Log (2nd Quarter, 2012)

There were 14 total complaints in the 2nd quarter of 2012: 8 odors (6 AQMD): caused by motorists, and the Southern California pipe blowout in Culver Crest; 2 noise (portable sound walls used), 1 noise DPH unable to determine but not PXP operations; and 4 property damage calls.

G. CAP/OPEN DISCUSSION

All oil and gas produced by the Operator is released locally, taking into consideration economics, pipeline rates, transportation costs, and refinery locations. Some product may be exported as the refinery chooses. Information regarding product usage by local refineries may be proprietary.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/15/11, 1/26/12, 3/8/12, 4/26/12) - Approved

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next CAP Meeting will be August 23rd, at 7:00PM

J. ADJOURN – 9:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: 7/26/12
 (*absent)

DESIGNATED SEATS PER 22.44.142.J.1.a

Governmental Entities

1	Department of Regional Planning	Rena Kambara
2	City of Culver City	Paul Ferrazzi
3	West Los Angeles College	Rose Marie Joyce*

Operator (per 22.44.142.C)

4	Plains Exploration & Production	Lisa Paillet
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NOMINATED SEATS PER 22.44.142.J.1.a

(Accepted first-come/first-served within each sub-group)

Landowners (per 22.44.142.C)

5	Vickers Family Trust	Jeff Dritley (Alternate)
6	Cone Fee Family Trust	Liz Gosnell

Neighborhood Organizations (Recognized Homeowners Association)

7	Ladera Heights Civic Assoc.	Carmen Spiva
8	Windsor Hills HOA	Gary Gless
9	United HOA (View Park)	Catherine Cottles (Alternate)
10	Culver Crest Neighborhood Assoc.	John Kuechle*
11	Blair Hills HOA	Jon Melvin*
12	Raintree Community HOA	Ian Cousineau
13	Baldwin Hills Estates HOA	Ronda Jones*

Neighborhood Organizations (No Recognized Homeowners Association)

14	Ladera Crest Homeowner	George Mallory*
15	Baldwin Vista Homeowner	Irma Munoz*

School Districts

16	Los Angeles Unified	Glenn Striegler*
17	Culver City Unified	Scott Zeidman*

Neighborhood Organizations (All Others)

18	Windsor Hills Block Club	Toni Tabor
19	Community Health Councils	Gwendolyn Flynn (Alternate)
20	Baldwin Hills Conservancy	David McNeill
21	The City Project	Robert Garcia (Alternate)

Luis Perez, Ray Mullins (DRP Consultants)
 Patricia Hachiya, Supervisor (DRP)