

Recommendations for Community Advisory Group (CAG) Membership for the Santa Suzanna Field Laboratory (SSFL) Site

Submitted to Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC) by the Udall Foundation, on behalf of the CAG Selection Panel

Selection Panel Members

Jim Haw
Maria Elena Kennedy
Cathy Costin
Luhui Isha
Christina Walsh (Observer)
David Karchem (Observer)

Selection Panel Roles

Selection panel members, including Jim Haw, Maria Elena Kennedy, Cathy Costin, and Luhui Isha served as voting members of the selection panel. Christina Walsh and David Karchem served in an “observer role” for the selection panel. Because both had submitted CAG applications, they served as non-voting resources to the selection panel to avoid any undue influence or conflict of interest. They attended all selection panel meetings and served as stewards of the CAG selection process to assure the diversity of the CAG. When the observer’s applications were discussed by the selection panel, the observers were excused from the room and did not participate in the discussion of their applications.

CAG Applications

A total of 36 applications were received by the Udall Foundation and reviewed by the selection panel.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel used the following selection criteria in choosing members of the CAG from the pool:

- The individual clearly demonstrated in their application that they met multiple criteria that was laid out in the DTSC CAG handbook including:
 - Individual owning or residing on property located near the site or in an adjacent community
 - Individual from the local business community
 - Individual representing political group or government agency
 - Individual representing a citizen, civic, environmental, or public interest group
 - Environmental Justice representative for affected area or adjacent communities
 - Tribal Member/Representative
 - Individual has special expertise in Archeology, Geology, Toxic Chemicals/Radionuclides, Medical effects of Toxics

- The individual clearly demonstrated in their application they can represent a larger constituency than just themselves
- The individual rose to the top with 2+ votes from the selection panel members while achieving diversity within a manageable number of individuals (10-20).

At the in-person meeting, the group came to a consensus recommendation on a core group of CAG members; pending further outreach to be conducted in under-represented areas to be discussed with DTSC, including:

- Tribal Community/ies
- Environmental Justice Community/ies (e.g. Simi Valley and Canoga Park)
 - How these participants interact with the CAG will need to be determined based on their interest
- Special Expertise areas including Archeology, Geology, Toxic Chemicals/Radionuclides, Medical effects of Toxics
- Environmentalists

The following applicants are recommended for CAG membership by the selection panel:

- 1. Brian Sujata**
 - a. Resident: Thousand Oaks
 - b. Special Expertise: Former Boeing employee
- 2. Michael Kuhn**
 - a. Resident: Simi Valley
 - b. Public interest group: Rancho Simi Trail Blazers
- 3. Sharon Ford**
 - a. Resident: Valley Glen
 - b. Local environmental group: San Fernando Valley Audubon, Sierra Club, and Native Plant Society
- 4. Alec Uzemeck**
 - a. Resident: Simi Valley
 - b. Local political group: West Hills Neighborhood Council Environment Committee/former Hidden Lake Homeowners Association
- 5. Diana Dixon-Davis**
 - a. Resident: Chatsworth
 - b. Local political group: Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
- 6. Richard Brandlin**
 - a. Resident: Arcadia
 - b. Public Interest Group: Southern California Society of Risk Analysis/Air and Waste Management Association
- 7. Abraham Weitzberg**
 - a. Resident: Woodland Hills
 - b. Public Interest Group: Siena at Woodland Hills Homeowners Association

8. **Mary Weisbrock**
 - a. Agoura Hills resident /Oak Hills
 - b. Local environmental group: Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains
9. **Christian Killikkaa**
 - a. Resident: West Hills resident
 - b. Local political group: West Hills Neighborhood Council
10. **Ross Berman**
 - a. Resident: Thousand Oaks
 - b. Special Expertise: Environmental Consultant-Certified Hazardous Materials Manager
11. **Barry Seybert**
 - a. Resident: West Hills
 - b. Local Political Group: Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
12. **Ronald Ziman**
 - a. Resident: Bell Canyon
 - b. Public Interest Group: Bell Canyon Homeowner's Association, CAG Organizing Committee
13. **Christina Walsh**
 - a. Resident: West Hills
 - b. Public Interest Group: Cleanup Rocketdyne, CAG Petitioner
14. **David Karchem**
 - a. Resident: Chatsworth
 - b. Public Interest Group: Former member SSFL PPG, CAG petition signer, CAG Organizing Committee
15. **Frank Lopez**
 - a. Resident: Los Angeles
 - b. Local government agency: Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (also covers local business)

Next Steps

The Selection Panel has proposed next steps for outreach including volunteer work from selection panelists. This includes:

Geologist:

- Jim Haw will provide a contact to the Udall Foundation Jim Haw recommends Udall Foundation make the initial contact. Potential members could be from:
 - USGS
 - Cal Tech
 - Director of JPL Laboratory

Archeologist:

- Cathy Costin will find out if there is interest and send a list of potential members to the Udall Foundation. Potential members could be from:
 - Cal State

Tribal:

- Luhui Isha has volunteered to send out a letter to the Tribal Community
- The Udall Foundation will set up a conference call with DTSC to determine next steps on notifying CAG members and next steps on outreach.
- At this time, the selection panel would not like to schedule a group site visit.

Toxics:

- DTSC outreach to Universities