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Motion for Board Consideration

PRNC Board Meeting

March 8, 2017

Motion: To create an Aliso Canyon Working Group to bring parties together so that our community can speak with one unified voice about our needs in regards to the impacts of the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility.

Proposed by: Susan Gorman-Chang

Description: The idea behind this group came from the city of Torrance's response to the multiple fires and explosions at the Torrance Refinery that negatively impacted their community. Over the years, millions of dollars in penalties & fines collected by SCAQMD from this refinery were deposited into the SCAQMD General Fund. The city of Torrance and its residents believed these funds should come back and be invested in their affected community so they got a group together and worked to make that happen. Currently, a request for bids is out for the following for Torrance: air quality monitoring system, emergency preparedness system, improvement in the siren/alarm/notification systems, and infrastructure improvements

Torrance's success can be a model for Porter Ranch. The Aliso Canyon Working Group will bring together professionals, elected officials and decision making individuals to work collaboratively to secure what we need for our community. The Aliso Canyon Working Group would work on issues including but not limited to:

- A fully funded (\$35 million) health study
- A permanent, fully funded fenceline type monitoring system (under community control, and not SoCalGas control) with Smart Phone alerts
- A community emergency preparedness and response plan

The Working Group will be comprised of elected individuals and/or their delegates, government agencies and specific non-governmental medical professional(s) and other professional(s) as deemed appropriate. Individuals to be invited to the Working Group include:

- Two PRNC Board Members
- Kathryn Barger, County Supervisor (or delegate)
- Mitch Englander, City Councilman (or delegate)
- Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health
- Dr. Jeffrey Nordella, Porter Ranch Quality Care
- A representative from Los Angeles County Fire Department

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All individuals and delegates serving on the Working Group must be fully versed in what has transpired in Porter Ranch and surrounding communities before, during, and after the SS25 well blowout. This Working Group will focus on current and future endeavors, formulating specific goals and committing to specific actions.

The specifics of the Working Group structure, meeting protocols, and meeting schedules will be determined by the Group at the start of its activities.

Benefits to PR: We need to have all parties communicating on a regular basis, giving updates on what they are doing and how it impacts our community with regards to anything related to the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility.

Currently, communication is less than ideal between all parties involved in decisions made on behalf of our community.