

# Aliso Canyon Settlement Air Monitoring SEP: Air Monitoring in Porter Ranch

Virtual Presentation by the Aliso Fund Committee (representatives of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Counsel's Office, and the Attorney General's Office), and Staff from the California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

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# Introductions

- Panelists:
  - Jessica Brown and Mark Soto, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
  - Scott Kuhn, Office of County Counsel for the County of Los Angeles
  - Arsenio Mataka and Catherine Wieman, Office of the Attorney General
  - Abigail May and Ying-Kuang Hsu, California Air Resources Board (CARB)
  - Jason Low and Nicholas Sanchez, South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
  - John Budroe, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

# Overview of Today's Presentation

- Format today: presentations followed by an opportunity for the community to ask questions and provide comments/feedback.
- To ask questions/provide comments:
  - The Zoom “chat” function is disabled.
  - Provide all questions or comments (anonymously if you choose) by using the Q&A function on your screen any time during or after the presentation and we will respond when we can.
  - If you're on the phone, dial \*9 to “raise your hand” after the presentation – we will call on and unmute you to allow you to ask your question.
    - To allow everyone time to ask questions/provide comments, we are limiting oral comments/questions to 1 minute, 30 seconds.

# Today's Presentation, cont'd

- Given limited time today, reserve the right not to respond to questions that stray from discussion of the air monitoring SEP.
- May not get to all questions due to time.
- Can submit written questions or comments via e-mail after today's meeting to [AlisoSettlement@doj.ca.gov](mailto:AlisoSettlement@doj.ca.gov).

# SEP Background

- Government Agencies (City of L.A., County of L.A., State of California, including CARB) settled their lawsuit against SoCalGas relating to the Aliso Canyon gas leak in 2018.
- Settlement includes payment of \$45.4 million for 6 Supplemental Environmental Projects – SEPs – which were agreed upon and described in the Supplemental Environmental Project Agreement attached to the Consent Decree that Court signed in February 2019.
- SEP number 2 contemplates the development and implementation of air monitoring systems in Porter Ranch and an EJ community in L.A. County.

# Agencies Implementing SEP

- The Aliso Fund Committee (AFC) was established by the settlement and is comprised of one member each from L.A. City Attorney's Office, L.A. County Counsel's Office, and the Attorney General's Office. CARB plays an advisory role.
- South Coast AQMD, CARB, and OEHHA are identified in the Air Monitoring SEP as agencies that may implement the SEP. Currently, South Coast AQMD, CARB, and OEHHA are working with the AFC in an advisory capacity.
- The SEP funds have not been allocated to any agency for implementation.

# Overview of Air Monitoring SEP

- SEP allocates a total of \$3 million to development and implementation of 2 separate air monitoring systems:
  - (1) one system to be installed in Porter Ranch; and
  - (2) one system to be installed in a yet-to-be-selected Environmental Justice community in LA County.
- \$1.5 million allocated to each community → \$1.5 million allocated to Porter Ranch for air monitoring by this SEP.
  - As South Coast AQMD will note later in this presentation, that agency recently decided to allocate additional funds to this SEP.

# Overview of Air Monitoring SEP

- The SEP states that implementation in Porter Ranch will, at a minimum:
  - Include a real-time air monitoring system;
  - Monitor methane and toxic air contaminants, including BTEX compounds and/or criteria air pollutants;
  - Include near real-time data availability on publicly accessible website; and
  - Include online reporting of local environmental and public health concerns.
- Goal today is to discuss the options that the AFC, in consultation with South Coast AQMD, CARB, and OEHHA, has identified for implementation and gather feedback.

# A Few Notes

- AFC and supporting agencies will make the ultimate decision about implementation of the SEP, but we want to hear from the community about its interests so our decision can incorporate as much public feedback as possible.
- We acknowledge the community's frustration about the speed of implementation of this SEP, and appreciate your patience as we worked through a number of issues.
- With that, turn it over to South Coast AQMD to discuss options for air monitoring in Porter Ranch.

\*South Coast AQMD Slides\*

# Reporting Component of SEP

- SEP as drafted includes “a symptom and incident reporting system” and online reporting of “local environmental and public health concerns in the communities surrounding” the Aliso Canyon Facility.
- There currently exist a number of environmental complaint reporting options, including CalEPA, CARB, the Attorney General’s Office, South Coast AQMD, L.A. County, and L.A. City, among others.
- Given that, we would appreciate community feedback regarding what reporting would be value-added here.

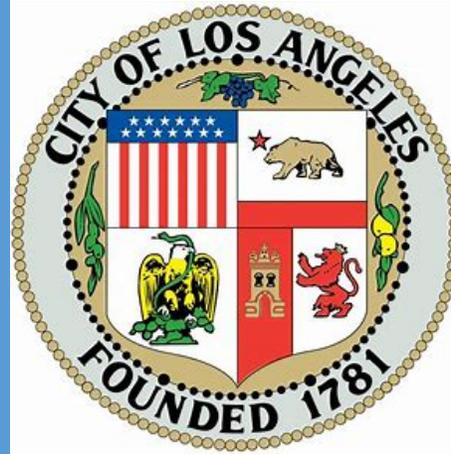
# Public Comment and Q&A

- We'd like to open the floor up for public comments and questions.
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# Next Steps

- Will consider your comments and feedback as we move forward to finalize a plan for implementation of this SEP.
- Once we have an implementation plan, we will share it with the community.
- Don't forget! Send additional comments regarding the SEP to:  
[AlisoSettlement@doj.ca.gov](mailto:AlisoSettlement@doj.ca.gov)

# Thank you!



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