

Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

In March 2023, SoCalGas convened a series of community open houses to inform the Ventura community about the status of the proposed [Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project \(Proposed Project\)](#), and specifically, recent regulatory changes at the California Public Utilities Commission, compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and analysis of project alternatives. Prior to these community open houses, SoCalGas hosted public meetings about the Proposed Project in 2021 and 2022.

The community open houses were hosted in English with Spanish interpretation at both the virtual and in-person sessions, on March 9th and March 11th, 2023, to engage with the greater Ventura-area community. Based on feedback shared by the community at previous in-person meetings, SoCalGas chose De Anza Middle School as the location for this series of community open houses given its proximity and accessibility to the westside community.

SoCalGas performed robust bilingual (English and Spanish) community outreach through a variety of channels to encourage participation in the community open houses. Methods to reach the community included: mailers to homes and businesses, neighborhood canvassing, newspaper ads, radio ads, geo-targeted social media ads, and an opt-in newsletter. Additionally, SoCalGas shared information about the open house with several local stakeholders including the City of Ventura, County of Ventura, Ventura Unified School District, and the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, and requested that the information be shared with their stakeholders.

At both the virtual and in-person open houses, SoCalGas provided an overview of the gas system, a description of the Proposed Project, purpose and need for the Proposed Project, the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) process, potential site alternatives for evaluation, and the company's commitment to the community.

For the in-person meetings, participants had the opportunity to have one-on-one interactions with SoCalGas representatives at stations focused on specific topics in an "open-house" format. Eighteen people (18) attended the Thursday, March 9th open house at 6:30 p.m. and sixteen (16) people attended the Saturday, March 11th open house at 10:00 a.m.

For the virtual meeting that was hosted on March 9th at 10:00 a.m., company representatives utilized a PowerPoint slide deck to present the information to the public. This was followed by a question-and-answer period where attendees could use the chat function of the Microsoft Teams virtual platform to ask questions. The session was translated into Spanish in real time. The slides used during the presentation can be viewed [here](#). Twenty (20) participants attended the virtual presentation.

Questions from the community

were encouraged throughout the community open houses, and comments were collected during the meetings. At the in-person open houses, the public was offered two ways to submit their comments: on a comment card that they filled out at the open house, or on a pre-stamped comment card that could be filled out after the meeting and mailed in. The comments submitted by the public will be summarized in the material accompanying the CPCN application that SoCalGas will be submitting to the California Public Utilities Commission later this year.

SoCalGas appreciates the opportunity to both share updates about the timeline and process for the Proposed Project and to hear feedback from members of the community who attended the open houses. SoCalGas remains committed to engaging with the community, regulatory agencies, local leaders, elected officials and staff, and community and business organizations to provide project updates. We welcome the community's feedback during this process and invite you to stay updated and informed at [SoCalGas.com/Ventura](https://www.socalgas.com/Ventura).

Feedback or questions about the Proposed Project can be sent to projectinfo@socalgas.com.