



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FOR OUR PLAYA DEL REY NEIGHBORS



A WORD FROM JULIO ROBLES

Playa del Rey Storage Facility Manager

Dear Playa del Rey neighbors,

At SoCalGas, we've had a busy year. In March, we announced our plan to embark on ASPIRE 2045, a sustainability strategy that includes a bold commitment to achieve our goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions in our operations and delivery of energy by 2045. We believe that every Californian deserves a clean, safe, affordable, and resilient energy future. We are poised and excited to be leading the transition to a decarbonized energy system. You can read more about these initiatives in this newsletter.

Here at the Playa del Rey (PDR) Storage Facility, we continue to remove our equipment from the Ballona Wetlands as part of the larger restoration effort. We will continue working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Coastal Commission on this effort.

On behalf of everyone at the Playa del Rey storage facility, I'm looking forward to continuing to support our neighbors, and provide affordable, reliable service to this community.

You can read more about the Playa del Rey storage facility at socialgas.com/playadelrey.

— Julio Robles,
Playa del Rey Storage Facility Manager



UPDATE: REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE BALLONA WETLANDS

FIRST WELL COMPLETED

Earlier this year, we completed work to remove the first of 16 wells from the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. The removal of these wells will enable the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to carry out its planned restoration of the wetlands. You may have seen the workover rig and protective sound wall we used to permanently seal the well. [Watch this video](#) to learn more about the steps we are taking to protect the surrounding habitat during the well removal process.

NEXT STEPS

We are currently working on our applications for Coastal Development Permits from both the City of Los Angeles and the California Coastal Commission before we can start work on our next well removal.

The most current information on SoCalGas's well and equipment removal project can be found at socalgas.com/Wetlands



METHANE DETECTORS

Have you been wondering about the equipment shown in the photo above? These are methane detectors which help us monitor the integrity of the facility. In addition to methane levels, this equipment measures temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed, and wind direction. All these readings can help us pinpoint where the methane readings may be coming from. For example, if the equipment detects methane at more than 12 ppm (four times the typical level of methane in the air for the Playa del Rey area), SoCalGas would initiate an investigation of the PDR storage facility and its equipment.

Many times elevated methane levels or odors in the area are not caused by the storage facility.

We encourage you to call us at 1-800-427-2200 if you suspect a natural gas leak. We investigate all odors that are reported to our customer call center. Data collected by this methane monitoring system is submitted to the California Air Resources Board.

But these aren't the only ways methane is detected at the PDR facility. As part of SoCalGas' multi-year, \$450 million investment in safety enhancements at our four storage facilities, all the storage wells at PDR are equipped with pressure monitors. These monitors are designed to identify pressure changes that could indicate potential gas leaks.



CONNECTING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS

The safety and wellbeing of our employees, customers, and the public are foundational to our company. We work closely with first responders in these efforts.

The SoCalGas First Responder program was developed to provide education on natural gas safety and how first responders can work with SoCalGas personnel when responding to natural gas-related incidents. Knowing where pipelines are located and understanding how the gas system operates are important parts of a safe and effective response.

We conduct annual exercises with first responders and regulatory agencies at each of our storage facilities.

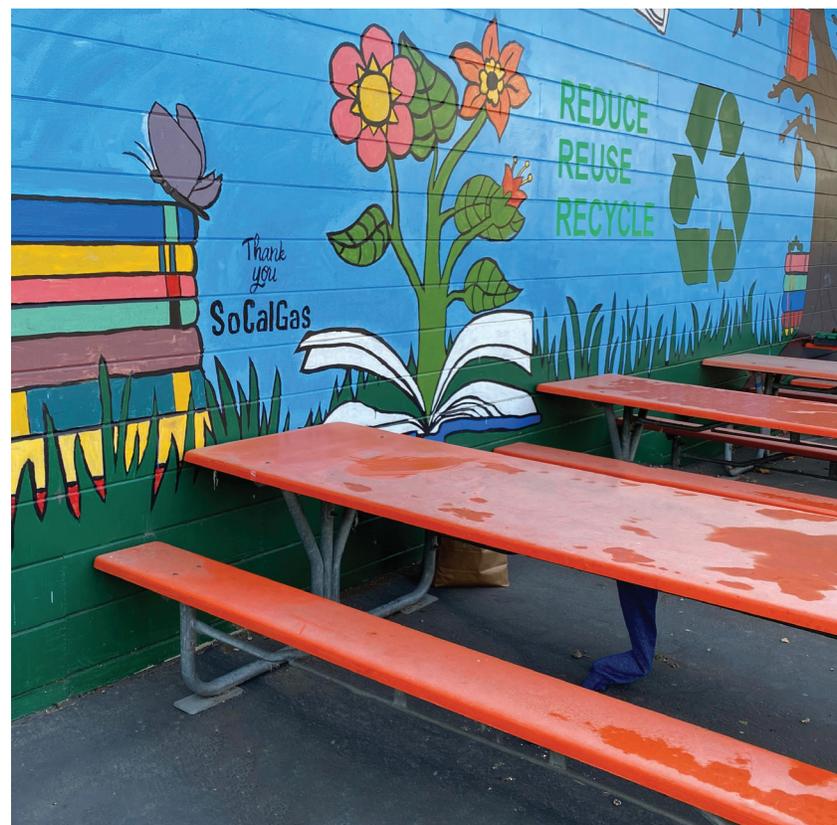
We recently held a meeting at PDR with officials from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). This was an opportunity to continue our important partnership with the LAFD, so that they have the most up to date information about our system and facilities. Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan and members of his team, including Battalion Chiefs from the local stations, met with members of SoCalGas' public affairs and storage teams to discuss ways we can best serve our community together.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It has been difficult for teachers trying to maneuver through the world of online education while continuing to provide quality education to their students. To show our support for local educators, we provided specific COVID-19 grants to teachers to assist with their learning process.

This year we will contribute nearly \$75,000 to support STEM education and projects at schools and educational non-profits in the Playa del Rey area. SoCalGas works closely with organizations like the LAX Coastal Chamber Education Foundation and Sunrise Rotary, among others, to provide educational grants.

Some of the grants we've issued recently have gone to support climate change education, carbon-free living and a project that tests the efficacy of carbon sequestration methods. We believe it is important to support the education of our youth.





SOCALGAS UNVEILS BOLD CLIMATE COMMITMENT PLAN TO REACH OUR GOAL OF NET-ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045

SoCalGas announced a bold commitment to achieve our goal of net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in our operations and delivery of energy by 2045. With this commitment, we became the largest gas distribution utility in America to set a net zero target that includes scopes 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions. Our net zero target means SoCalGas would eliminate not only our own direct emissions, but also those generated by our customers. By 2045, we are planning to have our fleet vehicles, the buildings we own, the pipelines we operate, and the fuel we deliver to our 22 million customers across Southern California will be net zero emissions. Our 2045 net zero goal aligns SoCalGas with the recommendations of the Paris Climate Agreement and reflects our focus on supporting California with a resilient gas grid through the energy transition to support a carbon neutral economy. To read more about our climate commitment, visit socalgas.com/Mission.

QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Playa del Rey Storage Facility, visit socalgas.com/PlayaDelRey.

If you have any comments or questions, please write or call:



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