

## QUARTERLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR PLAYA DEL REY NEIGHBORS

### DEAR NEIGHBOR,

We are pleased to share with you the Summer 2017 issue of the Playa del Rey Natural Gas (PDR) Storage Facility's Quarterly Newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the various ways we are connecting with the local community and ways for members of the community to get involved. Also featured, is our latest update on the industry-leading safety enhancements that are taking place at Playa del Rey.

### CONNECTING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



#### SOCALGAS HELPS RESTORE VANDALIZED VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN VENICE

When SoCalGas® learned about the vandalized Vietnam War Memorial mural in May of 2016, we were quick to take action because we believe in the importance of assisting and recognizing military veterans and their families. After the defacement, SoCalGas donated \$10,000 toward the mural's restoration. The unveiling ceremony for the newly restored mural was held Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017 in Venice, California. Peter Stewart, a veteran, organized the Vietnam veterans' mural project working alongside other veteran volunteers in 1991. The wall has stood for over two decades as a reminder of those soldiers who should not be forgotten.

### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

Members of the PDR community can now sign up to receive Community Notifications in the event of a release of natural gas at any one of SoCalGas' natural gas storage facilities, including Playa del Rey.

Visit [socialgas.com/communitynotifications](http://socialgas.com/communitynotifications) or call 1-800-427-2200 to sign up.

#### PLAYA DEL REY HELPED PAVE THE WAY

We have been working hand-in-hand with the communities around Playa del Rey for years. In fact, PDR was the first storage facility to have a dedicated Community Advisory Council (CAC) – a group of local residents and community leaders – that helps inform policy decisions and helps keep the local community up to date on activities at the field.

**“SoCalGas® continues to be responsive and open with us, communicating regularly about various activities. The company is a great neighbor and member of the community.”**

– Nora MacLellan

Playa del Rey resident and member of the Playa del Rey Community Advisory Council

Now, as a result of valuable feedback and engagement from neighbors like you, this two-way communication model is standard practice across our service territory. Some of the organizations represented in the PDR CAC include:

- Friends of Ballona Wetlands
- Los Angeles Airport Coastal Chamber
- Loyola Marymount University, Government Affairs
- The Bay Foundation
- Westchester / Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council



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# APPLYING INDUSTRY-LEADING PRACTICES IN OPERATIONS



## TO ADVANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, AND MONITORING

Over the last 18 months, SoCalGas has worked with leading experts and state agencies, and the Porter Ranch community to introduce new safety enhancements, comprehensive inspections, and advanced monitoring technologies at our Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility and to improve communications with residents who live near the facility. We are now focused on applying those safety enhancements to our other natural gas storage facilities. Many of these new enhancements have already been introduced at PDR.

SoCalGas has taken steps to ensure that PDR meets and exceeds the rigorous standards set by state regulators. All wells at Playa del Rey are undergoing the same comprehensive battery of tests conducted at Aliso Canyon, which state energy experts have called the most comprehensive tests in the country. Workover rigs (pictured to the left), which are currently onsite, are needed to perform the comprehensive tests on each of the wells. We are also using industry-leading technology and practices in our operations:

- SoCalGas has installed a remote pressure monitoring system for all wells at the Playa del Rey storage facility;
- Additionally, the majority of the storage wells are now configured so that natural gas only flows through newly-installed steel inner tubing, allowing the outer casing to act as a second barrier of protection against potential leaks; and
- Daily patrols are also conducted to inspect for leaks.

## COMMENTS?

To request use of our facility for periodic neighborhood watch meetings or CPR training, or if you have any comments or questions about this newsletter, please write or call:

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## TO MEET THE REGION'S ENERGY NEEDS

Local natural gas storage facilities, like PDR, are critical to the reliability of Southern California's natural gas and electricity systems. With its central location in the heart of the metropolitan service area, our PDR facility is an important local source of energy that helps meet our customers' demand for natural gas. In fact, 90 percent - of homes in Southern California use natural gas for hot water and heating. Storing natural gas locally protects families and consumers from energy shortages and sudden spikes in the price of natural gas. In the South Bay, specifically, PDR helps to power the local electricity-generating plants, acting as a vital link in producing electrical power that keeps the lights on for everyone.



For more information about PDR, visit [socialgas.com/playadelrey](http://socialgas.com/playadelrey).