



September 10, 2018

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Aliso Canyon Mitigation Settlement - SUPPORT

Dear Board members,

The Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) supports the Aliso Canyon Litigation Mitigation Settlement, which will help achieve full methane mitigation of the natural gas released during the leak at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Facility in 2015.

The settlement will help the state achieve its long-term climate goals and improve air quality in communities across California. Under the Mitigation Agreement, SoCalGas will pay \$26.5 million to an account to be directed as loans for the construction of dairy digester projects in California that will reduce at least 109,000 metric tons of methane emissions.

SoCalGas has worked with the Attorney General's Office, the Air Resources Board, the Los Angeles City Attorney and the County of Los Angeles to ensure they fully deliver on their commitment to the Governor and the people of California to fully mitigate the methane emissions from the leak at the Aliso Canyon facility.

The \$26.5 million in loans will be repaid in full, with interest, and ultimately re-invested to support additional emissions reductions and other local projects to the benefit of residents of Porter Ranch and residents of the South Coast Air Basin. Every project will repay the entire loan investment with interest over the ten-year period that mitigation is achieved.

SoCalGas has served California communities for 150 years and this settlement takes steps to ensure the impacts as a result of the Aliso Canyon gas leak are mitigated while also taking steps to help California reach its ambitious climate goals.

For these reasons, VICA urges you to support the Aliso Canyon Litigation Mitigation Settlement.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gritzner
VICA Chair

Stuart Waldman
VICA President