

CONTRA COSTA ANIMAL SERVICES

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Animal Services Update

Martinez City Council

October 18, 2023



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Beth Ward
Animal Services Director

Department Summary



Field Services

Provides enforcement and community services to support administrative hearings for dangerous animals and noise violations



Shelter Operations & Medical Services

Provides basic daily care and necessary medical care to animals
Public low-cost and targeted spay and neuter services for owned animals and unowned cats through a no-cost Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program
Public low-cost vaccination clinic



Administration

Provides administrative oversight of departmental functions other support such as customer services and dispatch



Community Services

Supports adoption, lost and found, public events, humane education, and volunteer services

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COMPASSION IN ACTION

Public Safety Services

- Stray & Aggressive Animal Patrols (inc. Livestock)
- Animal Bite Investigations
- Quarantine of Dangerous Animals & Potential Rabies Suspects
- Animal Cruelty Investigations
- Impoundment & Sheltering of Stray/Sick/Injured Pets
- Pet Licensing & Enforcement
- Animal Noise Enforcement
- Deceased Animal Retrieval
- Enforcement of County Dangerous Animal Laws
- Enforcement of State & Local Animal Welfare Laws
- Assisting Local Agencies (Police, Fire, etc.) with Activity Calls
- 24/7 Dispatch Services

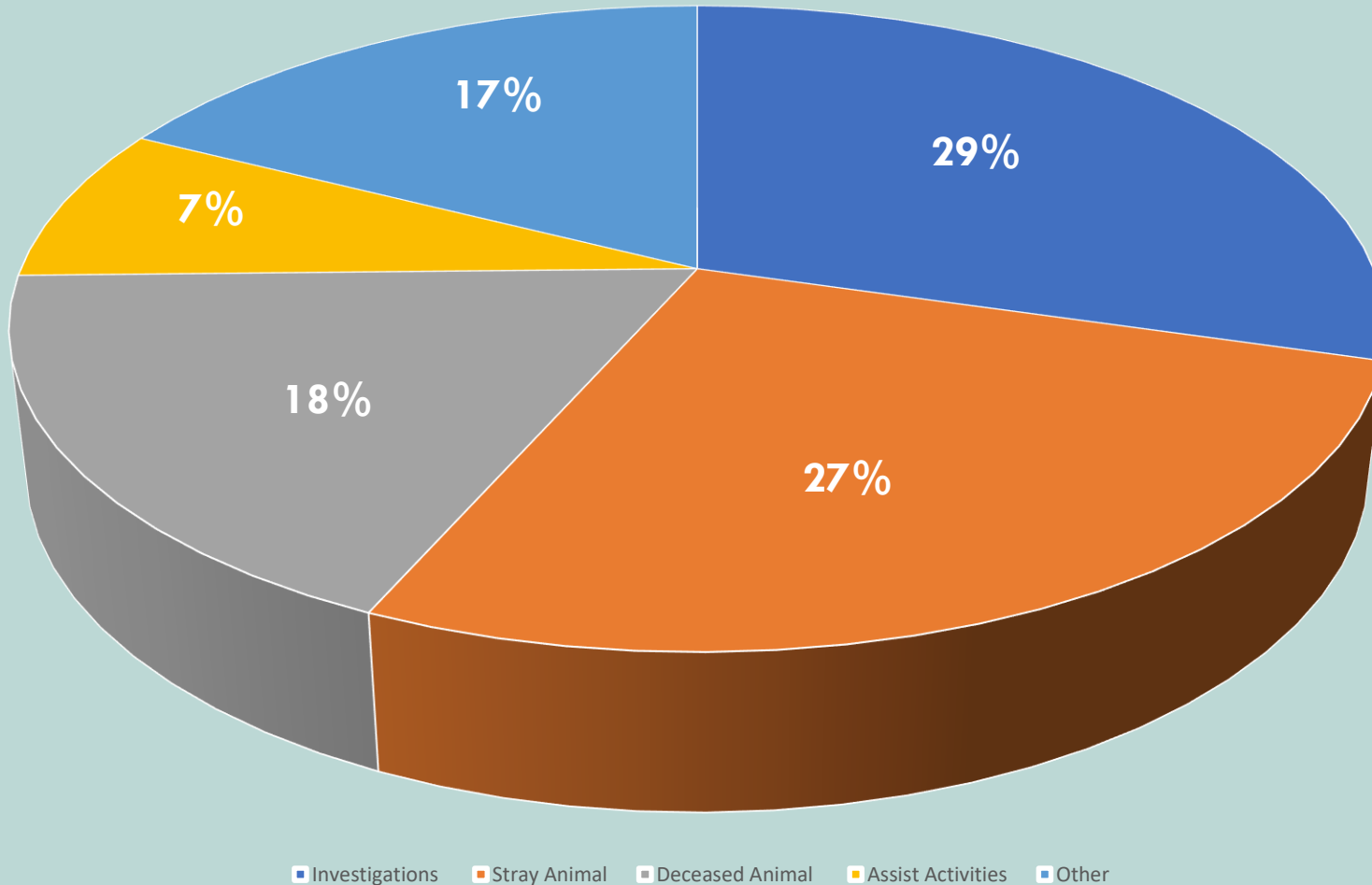
Community Services

- Shelter & Medical Support for Lost/Sick/Injured Pets
- Pet Adoptions (Martinez Shelter)
- Lost Pet Support & Return To Owner (RTO) Services
- Shelter & Care for Animals Displaced by Disaster
- Humane Education Programs
- Public Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Public Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic
- Community Clinics & Adoption Events
- Community Cat Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program
- Customer Service Support
- Volunteer Program

For more information about our services, visit ccasd.org

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2022 Field Activities in Martinez



2022 Martinez Field Activities

Investigation	Stray	Deceased	Assist	Other
219	201	134	58	130

Shelter Services

- **360 Animals Impounded from Martinez**
- **215 Adoptions to Martinez Residents**
- **28 Animals from Martinez Reunited with Their Families**

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CHALLENGES



Comparing CCAS vs National Trends

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Here is how CCAS measures against those national trends:

National Trend: 4% more animals entered shelters than left in 2022.

CCAS: 3% more animals entered the shelter than left in 2022.

National Trend: The number of animals entering the shelter continues to increase each year since the pandemic but are still less than 2019.

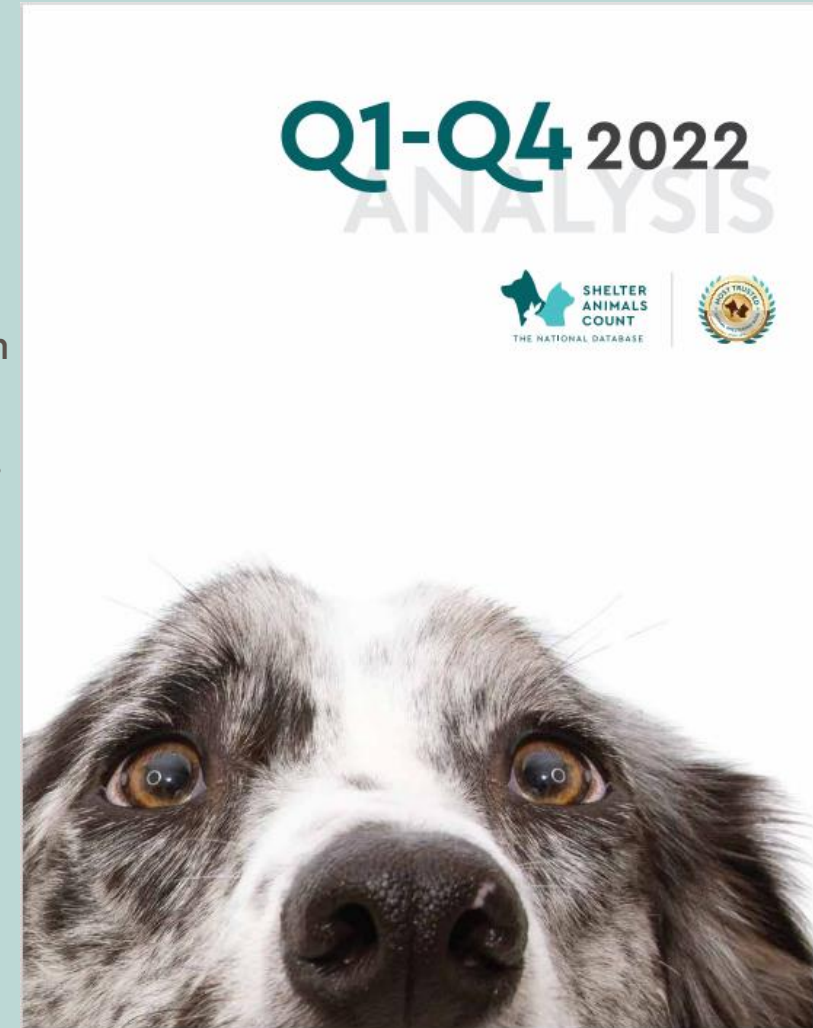
CCAS: Intakes increased by 28% from 2021 to 2022 but are 35% lower than 2019.

National Trend: Dog adoptions remained consistent from 2021 to 2022.

CCAS: Dog adoptions increased by 42% from 2021 to 2022.

National Trend: The percentage of dogs being transferred continued to be the lowest rate in four years.

CCAS: Dog transfers in 2022 (738) were higher than 2021 (673). 2022 represented the third lowest rate of dog transfers over the most recent four-year period.



Visual Kennel

A01	A02	A03	A04	A05	A06	F06	F05	F04	F03	F02	F01
A07	A08	A09	A10	A11	A12	F07	F08	F09	F10	F11	F12
B01	B02	B03	B04	B05	B06	E06	E05	E04	E03	E02	E01
B07	B08	B09	B10	B11	B12	E07	E08	E09	E10	E11	E12
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C07	C08	C09	C10	C11	C12	D07	D08	D09	D10	D11	D12

QUARANTINE

T06	Q06	Q05	Q04	Q03	Q02	Q01
T05	Q12	Q11	Q10	Q09	Q08	Q07
T04	R06	R05	R04	R03	R02	R01
T03						
T02						
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N12	G01	G02	G03	G04
N11	H01	H02	H03	H04
N10	I01	I02	I03	I04
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N08				
N07	J01	J02	J03	
N06	K01	K02	K03	
N05				
N04	L01	L02	L03	
N03	M01	M02	M03	
N02				
N01				

Capacity for Care

Capacity for Care means meeting the needs of every animal admitted to a shelter, regardless of how they came in, when they came in, their age, health status, or personality.

Intakes & Outcomes

In 2022, CCAS's annual intake was 6,426 animals. Our adoption, transfer, and return to owner outcomes totaled 4,072. Divided by 365, that results in **an average daily intake of 17 animals per day, and an average daily output of 11 animals per day.**

**Animal intake occurs 7 days/week whereas adoption, transfer, and RTO services (ie outputs) occur 5 days/week.*

Recent Bay Area News Coverage

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Contra Costa Animal Services waiving adoption fees amid crowded shelter

June 5, 2023

MARTINEZ – All animals at Contra Costa Animal Services will be free to adopt during the month of June as the county’s shelter is near capacity.

The Mercury News

San Jose animal shelter looking for homes for hundreds of dogs, cats and other pets

May 31, 2023

San Jose – With so many animals at the shelter, the San Jose Animal Care and Services Center is pleading with the community to help out.



BAY AREA

Officials plead for help with LA animal shelters overcrowded, dog kennels overflowing into hallways

June 14, 2023

LOS ANGELES – All six Los Angeles Animal Services shelters are overcrowded with pets. The San Pedro location posted on social media that they have 186 dogs and only 80 kennels.

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ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES



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Decreasing Intake

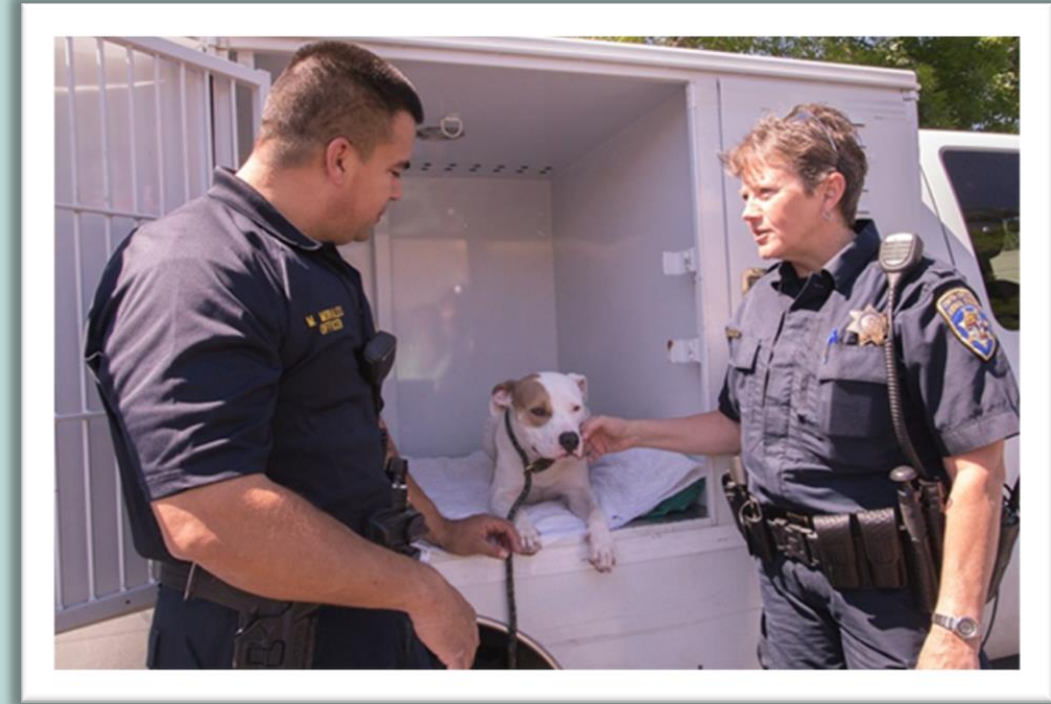
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- ❑ **Implement Programs & Services to Keep Pets Out of the Shelter**
 - ❑ Policies to limit intake to animals mandated by law, including sick, injured, and those that pose a risk to public health and safety.
 - ❑ Increase resources and support for pet owners at risk of surrendering their pets.

- ❑ **Humane Education**
 - ❑ Expand humane education efforts through grant-funded community outreach contractor.
 - ❑ Increase awareness of responsible pet ownership using CCAS communication channels.

- ❑ **Utilize Technology & CCAS Partnerships to Reduce Intake**
 - ❑ New lost pet services through CCAS website/24PetConnect, Docupet lost pet amber alert, etc.
 - ❑ Provide microchip scanners to local police departments so they can return lost pets they encounter.

- ❑ **Increase staffing to support capacity to care and community programs**
 - ❑ Staff programs appropriately based on animal volume, housing, animal needs and community programs
 - ❑ Explore the expansion of service hours to include Sundays for public access and Mondays for rescue partners.



CCAS officers bringing in a stray dog.

Increase Outcomes & Foster Capacity

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□ Increase Adoptions, Transfers & RTOs

- Increase offsite mobile adoptions through formation of community partnerships.
- Re-institute Sunday adoptions at Martinez shelter.
- Increase transfers by exploring ways to assist our local rescue partners to pull animals into their programs sooner and identify onsite potential adoption venue opportunities.
- Explore expanding service hours to include Sundays and Mondays for rescue partners.
- New Enrichment Coordinator will allow for better information on rescue preferred dogs.
- Increase RTOs through use of technology (i.e. Docupet lost pet services, Postmaster lost pet alerts, etc.).
- Develop CCAS adoption program, create a team to focus on expanding our lifesaving opportunities through adoption, foster to adopt, doggie day out/field trips/sleepovers, etc.

□ Increase Foster Capacity

- Strengthen current neo-natal kitten foster program.
- Increase capacity of current dog foster program.
- Build on existing collaborative partnerships to strengthen our existing programs to help our at-risk populations.
- New Foster Coordinator



CCAS volunteer providing enrichment for shelter dog Colby.

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SUCCESSSES



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Successes

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□ New Positions Hired

- Kitten Foster Coordinator
- Dog Enrichment Coordinator
- Center Operations Coordinator

□ Resumed Offsite Adoption Events in 2022

- Multiple Offsite Adoptions Opportunities Every Other Month.

□ Increased Spay/Neuter for the Public and Community Cats

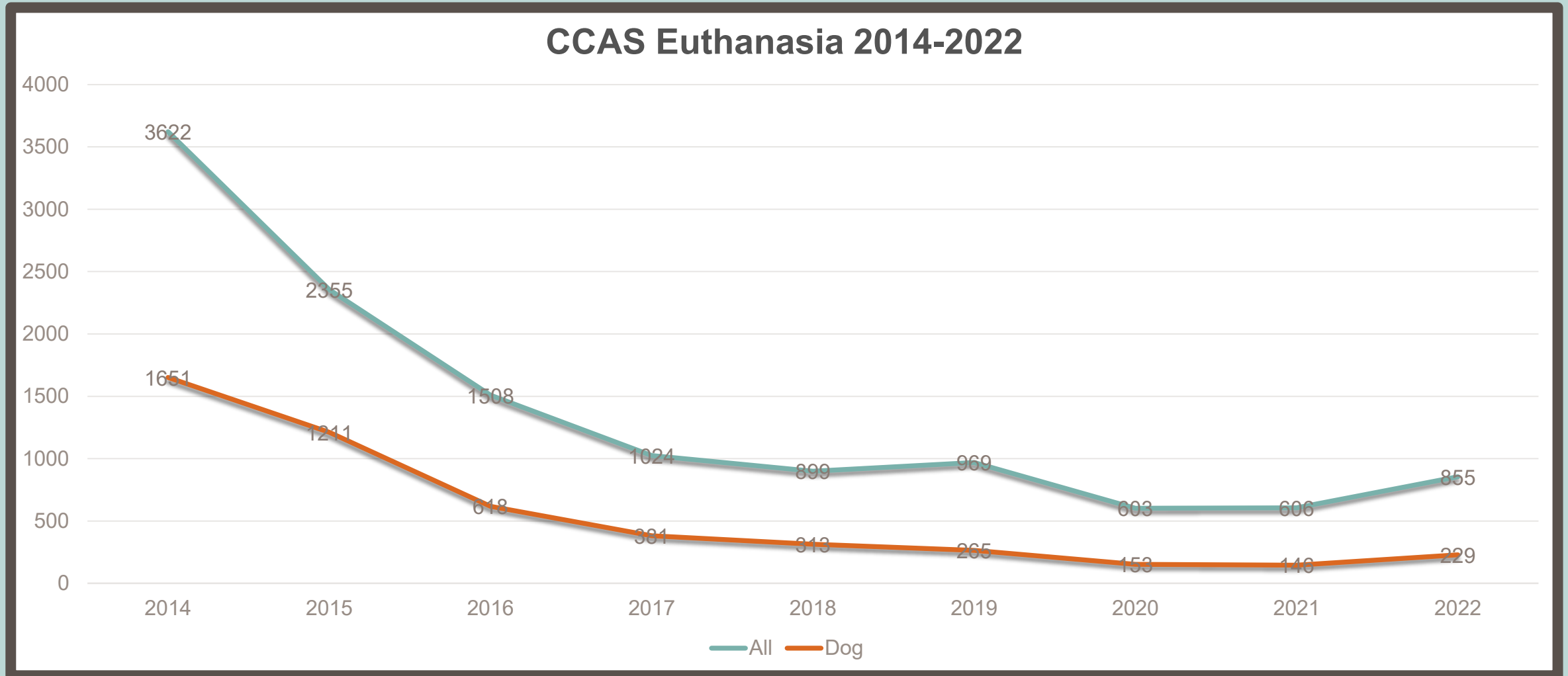
- Spay/Neuter surgeries have increased progressively over the last three years.

□ Lifesaving Efforts Have Proven Effective

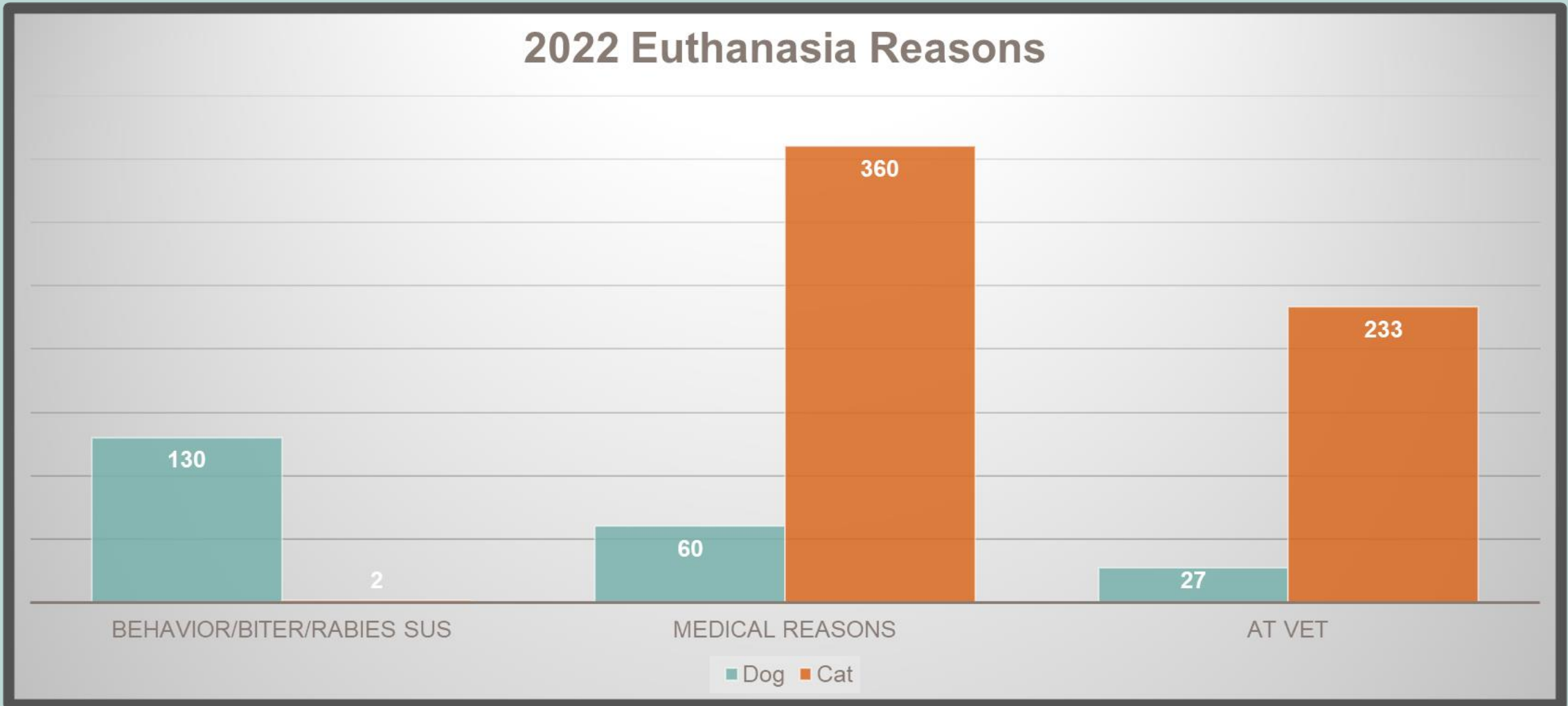
- Euthanasia has been at a historical low over the last three years.



CCAS Euthanasia Year-Over-Year



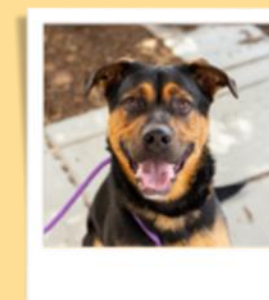
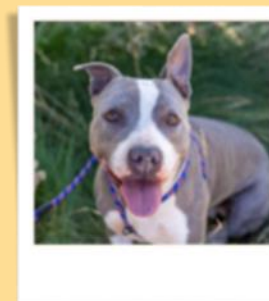
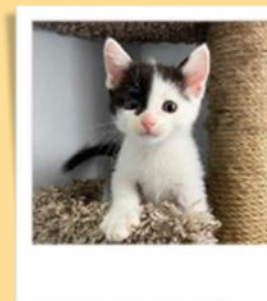
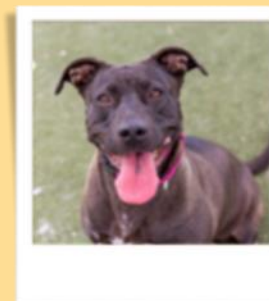
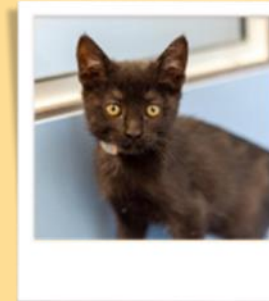
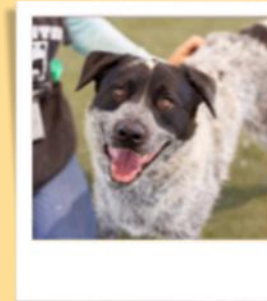
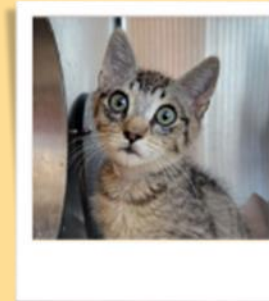
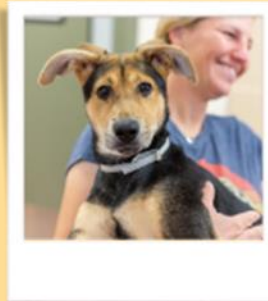
CCAS Euthanasia Reasons



Next Steps

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- Complete Strategic Plan
- Focus on Targeted Zip Codes to Close Lifesaving Gaps
- Provide Staffing Proposal for Increased Service Hours and Lifesaving Programs
- Continue to Explore Methods to Increase Onsite S/N Opportunities Through Collaborative Partnerships and Shelter Remodel Project
- Continue to meet with our city partners to ensure service levels are adequate and to explore additional services needed
- Explore Developing Grant Program to Support Rescues in Pulling At-Risk Animals



Thank You!

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**City of Martinez City Council
Speaker Card**

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MEETING DATE: 10

NAME: Floreie Robuett

ORGANIZATION: AKMA

I wish to speak on an item NOT on Agenda, during Public Comment.

I wish to speak on item # 4, and I am (choose below):

in support of item in opposition of item neutral

I do NOT wish to speak, but leave these comments for the City Council:

Why is the refinery not sounding the safety
brake alarm to warn us of the possible
oil spill. Why is the refinery taking 30 min to get



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NAME: Dave Bogen

ORGANIZATION:

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Barbara Arndt



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NAME: Walter Van Loan

ORGANIZATION: CERT

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NAME: WISLINA RAMIREZ

ORGANIZATION:

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NAME: Valerie Fromatka
ORGANIZATION: Muir Oaks Neighborhood

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NAME: Helen Taylor
ORGANIZATION: Healthy Martinez

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NAME: CYRISTINE FRIEL
ORGANIZATION: MUIR OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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MEETING DATE: 10/18/23

NAME: Allison Picard
ORGANIZATION: _____

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Buchanan Airport



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NAME: Diane M. D'Amico

ORGANIZATION: New Oaks Resident

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MEETING DATE: 10.18.23

NAME: Rachel Deikman

ORGANIZATION: Healthy Martinez

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MEETING DATE: 10-18-2023

NAME: Kathy Peterson

ORGANIZATION: Healthy Martinez

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NAME: Sillian Elliott

ORGANIZATION: Healthy Martinez

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Obviously, you will notice an increase in the number of people appealing to you for Shelter reform.....because the need continues to grow.

We ABSOLUTELY NEED high volume low cost spay and neuter, which is not a priority for the current Shelter administration. Beth Ward and her staff is still not compliant to the Grand Jury recommendations from 5 years ago. She is in violation of state law. She has adopted the practices of the "Capacity for care" program without your knowledge, or approval.... a program that closes the shelter doors to many of your constituents. The few animals that manage to get through are often fast-tracked towards euthanization

There is no plan in place for all animals, pets, feral, as well as livestock and wildlife during and following a stage one disaster. These are places where Beth Ward and her staff fall far short of an acceptable level of performance. We need public oversight. We need shelter reform.

That was the 60 second appeal that I made yesterday at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.



Martinez Area CERT Emergency Preparedness Action Day

Join us!

Martinez Area CERT Preparedness Action Day

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
10am - 2pm
Hidden Valley Park**

Learn how to:

- ✓ Safeguard your family
- ✓ Mitigate home hazards
- ✓ Improve emergency readiness

Fun demonstrations

Exhibitions

Raffle prizes!



For more preparedness information and free training opportunities, visit your
Martinez Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at www.martinezcert.org



October 18, 2023

To: Martinez City Council
 From: Allison Picard, Martinez Resident *ap*
 Subject: Piston-engine aircraft out of Buchanan Airport – Air & Noise Pollution Issues

We love everything about Martinez and our home of almost 10 years. We have great neighbors, we love our house and planned to spend our retirement years here. However, our quality of life is so severely impacted by the small planes who harass our neighborhood day and night in unpredictable patterns – we are now considering relocating. I have three major issues with the Airport and am seeking your assistance about how to reduce these serious health concerns for us and our neighbors.

1) Leaded Fuel used in piston-engine airplanes

I have attached two articles that discuss this issue in more detail. According to this reporting, leaded gasoline was banned 25 years ago in motor vehicles but is still used by nearly 170,000 piston-engine aircraft operating at 20,000 airports nationally with over 300 of them housed at Buchanan Airport. Approximately 600 K-12 schools are within 500 meters of an airport used by these planes. Emissions from aviation fuel account for 70% of lead released into the air in the U.S. Aviation fuel is the only transportation fuel not regulated by the EPA. We live adjacent to Hidden Lakes Park, an actively used community resource and site for soccer leagues, regional cross-country runner competitions, and which also has several nearby schools.

The article describes a study commissioned in 2021 by Santa Clara County at Reid-Hillview airport near San Jose. The study found that children living downwind of the airport had blood level increases on par with those detected during the Flint Water Crisis. Like Reid-Hillview, most general aviation airports are in more diverse communities with lower socio-economic indicators, making the EPAs failure to regulate this toxin a major environmental justice concern. Santa Clara County banned the sale of leaded fuel in 2021 based on this information and I will be requesting that our County do the same.

I wrote to Congressman DeSaulnier about these concerns and his response is attached. As a member of the House Transportation Committee, he indicates the FAA reauthorization bill is proposed to require elimination of leaded fuel in piston engines by 2030 nationally. This is unacceptable given the serious known health issues to children and others.

2) Constant bombardment by some of the planes performing "touch and go's" at low altitudes

There is a great deal of activity out of this airport including jet service, and local law enforcement activities. Our major objection is to the practice of the piston-engine planes doing "touch and go" exercises to practice take offs and landings. When this occurs, they are supposed to be above 1000 feet but rarely are – and often create significant noise intrusions. I urge you to view the videos we have provided. They make this loop easily 15-20 times within 60-90 minutes so that we have plane engine harassment about every 5 minutes – more often if there is more than one plane doing this activity which in no way is regulated. They are permitted to perform

these maneuvers 7 days a week, as early as 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We can never plan to use our patio or entertain outside without fear that we will be subjected to this loud repeating noise as well as concerns about what is being dumped in the air over the house.

I am attaching screen shots from the Flight Radar application from yesterday that identifies 5 different touch and go's I could capture – with the specific plane, their altitude at the moment the picture is taken and a good visual representation of how many times the plane looped over our house (marked with an "x"). There were other planes as well but they are not able to be captured on the Flight Radar app which is a common problem. The pictures will show that these "touch and go's occurred for between 45-90 minutes with pictures taken at 12:13, 12:58, 4:31, 6:28 and 7:18 p.m. basically all through lunch and dinner times.

There must be some mitigation of this unrestricted ability to torment 1000's of residents and jeopardize their health over the convenience of a very few – who I doubt live in Martinez. If a car was circling my house repeatedly booming loud music, I could call the police for a disturbing the peace complaint. What relief is there for your citizens to this problem which significantly impacts the quality of our lives?

3) Real estate disclosures provide insufficient descriptions of activity level from Buchanan Airport

Attached are the pages from our mortgage disclosures which reference airport noise. You will see there is a description of the neighborhood that mentions noise from various sources and airplanes is listed. Another page says shockingly "even if the Property is not in an identified airport noise influence area, the property may be subject to noise and airplanes resulting from airplanes and other aircraft". Given the volume of plane activity, I cannot imagine how we are not in the "influence area". The last page says, "Airplanes *occasionally (emphasis added)* fly over house based on flight lanes determined by weather and airport control". Do the attached screenshots – just a sample – seem occasional? No where is this defined and this is a serious shortcoming in adequately protecting consumers. Not to mention any disclosure about the lead exposures. To whom do we direct this issue?

My neighbors and I have met often with the Airport Director Greg Baer who has been very informative and patient in explaining the Airport's operational needs and constraints. We have discussed a wide range of options to address our concerns such as reducing the days of the week or times of day touch and go's can be done, alternate use of runways, limiting how many loops can be done by any one plane, or how many planes can do this activity simultaneously, among other suggestions.

Our concerns are not within his jurisdiction to remedy – he is managing within the current framework for how these piston engine planes are allowed to function. This noise and lead issue require immediate attention, however, and we are looking for your assistance in advocating for your citizens with the appropriate entities.

Thank you for your assistance. I will leave my contact information with the City Clerk should you have any questions, or any specific advice on how to proceed.

Study of lead levels in children living near Reid-Hillview Airport could have national impact

County-commissioned airborne lead study, now published in a national journal, raises the visibility of lead-related health issues for an Environmental Protection Agency evaluation

by [Sue Dremann](#) / Palo Alto Weekly

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The results of an airborne lead contamination study commissioned by Santa Clara County have been published in the online version of the scientific journal the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and could help address the issue in an ongoing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency evaluation of the effects of lead from airports on public health.

The [abbreviated version of the 113-page report](#) appeared online in the PNAS Nexus on Jan. 10 for inclusion in the March 2023 issue.

The [county-commissioned study](#) found that leaded aviation fuel from airport operations contributed to significantly increased blood lead levels for children living within a half-mile of the airport. The lead levels during peak hours were double the levels seen during the height of the Flint Water Crisis in Michigan, the county noted in a statement released on Jan. 11.

The peer-reviewed study found that children living downwind from the airport had higher blood lead levels, with increases of 0.40 micrograms per deciliter, over children living upwind from the airport. Lead levels detected during the peak of the Flint Water Crisis were between 0.35 and 0.45 micrograms per deciliter over the baseline, the county noted.

The study examined levels during times of maximum exposure to air traffic for children within a half-mile of the airport. It estimated an increase of 0.83 micrograms per deciliter at peak times, significantly higher than the Flint levels.

Children living within a half-mile of the airport had blood lead levels 20% higher than children living between half-mile to 1.5 miles from the airport, the study found. It also correlated blood lead levels with the proximity of a child's home and school to Reid-Hillview Airport. Children who commute toward Reid-Hillview to attend school had substantially higher blood lead levels than children who commute away from the airport, the study found.

As a result of the study, the county [prohibited the sale and distribution of leaded avgas at county airports](#) in January 2022 and [petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) to eliminate lead pollution at the national level.

The county sought to publish the report in a scientific journal to disseminate the findings and to ensure they are considered by the EPA as it undertakes a process for issuing standards for emissions of any air pollutant that might reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Such emissions would include from aircraft fueled with avgas.

Health organizations agree that there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood, and exposure to even a small amount of lead has a negative effect on cognitive ability, particularly in developing children who absorb lead more efficiently than older children and adults, the county noted.

"Leaded gas remains in use by more than 170,000 aircraft in the United States, with 4 million people and 600 K-12 schools within 500 meters of an airport used by these planes. In January 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency launched an evaluation of whether lead emissions from aircraft contribute to pollution that endangers public health," the county noted.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who originally requested the study, said publication by the National Academy of Sciences puts the important study on the official scientific record and in the national dialogue regarding the continued use of leaded fuel at airports throughout the nation.

"It's important to recognize and document the results of this study, which clearly show that lead presents an immediate hazard to all those in the vicinity of these airfields, and particularly children," she said.

The PNAS study was conducted by Dr. Sammy Zahran, Dr. Christopher Keyes and Dr. Bruce Lanphear. It incorporated three main tests of exposure risk and was controlled for other sources of lead exposure, the county said.

County of Santa Clara Files Petition Urging EPA To Initiate Nationwide Ban of Leaded Aviation Gasoline

August 24, 2021

The petition, which was filed with a nationwide coalition of community groups, follows a study commissioned by the County that found aviation gasoline emissions increase blood lead levels in children

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. (August 24, 2021) – The County of Santa Clara, together with a nationwide coalition of community groups represented by Earthjustice, filed a petition today calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take the necessary steps to eliminate lead pollution from aircraft throughout the United States.

The Petition for Rulemaking urges the EPA to find that lead pollution from aircraft poses a danger to public health



County of
Santa Clara

submitted a letter of support urging the EPA to act quickly on the Petition. The Petition comes on the heels of a study commissioned by the County of Santa Clara on lead exposure risks for 13,000 children living near Reid-Hillview Airport in East San José, located in the heart of Silicon Valley.

"This is a health and equity crisis that extends far beyond our county's borders, and we are taking urgent action to protect our residents and residents across the country from exposure to lead from aircraft operations," said County of Santa Clara Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who represents the district in which Reid-Hillview Airport is located. "It is unconscionable and unacceptable that children like those living near Reid-Hillview Airport continue to breathe lead fumes from piston-engine aircraft. The nation's children deserve better."

Though the use of leaded gasoline in most motor vehicles was banned 25 years ago, leaded aviation fuel is still used by nearly 170,000 piston-engine aircraft operating at 20,000 general aviation airports across the country. Emissions from aviation fuel account for 70% of lead released into the air in the United States. Leaded aviation fuel is the only transportation fuel that is not regulated by the EPA.

The recent County-commissioned study revealed that children living downwind of the airport had blood lead level increases on par with those detected during the peak of the Flint Water Crisis. During times of maximum aircraft traffic, children within a half mile of the airport had an increased blood lead level of .83 micrograms per deciliter—nearly twice that observed at the height of the Flint Water Crisis. Even children commuting toward Reid-Hillview Airport for school were at greater risk. Like Reid-Hillview, most general aviation airports with the highest lead emissions are located in communities of color, making EPA's failure to regulate this toxin a major environmental justice concern.

Last Tuesday, at its first public meeting after the release of the Reid-Hillview lead study, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to take all available actions to immediately prevent lead exposures from Reid-Hillview Airport, in addition to submitting the Petition to force regulatory action nationwide.

"The EPA knows that lead is highly toxic, especially to children," said County Board of Supervisors President Mike Wasserman, whose supervisorial district is home to another general aviation airport. "Our County is doing everything we can to protect our residents from these toxic fumes, but action is needed by the EPA to ensure the switch to unleaded fuel across the nation."

Over 5 million people, including more than 360,000 children aged 5 or younger, live near an airport where piston-engine aircraft operate. Multiple studies have shown that children who live near airports have higher levels of lead in their blood. It is widely accepted that there is no safe level of blood lead. Even small levels of exposure are linked to permanently lowered IQ and other cognitive, behavioral, and health harms.

In 2006, Friends of the Earth—one of the signatories to today's Petition—petitioned the EPA to make an endangerment finding for leaded aviation gasoline and to begin regulating this source of harmful lead emissions. In response, the agency said it planned to issue an endangerment finding in 2015, but it never did.

"The Clean Air Act requires the EPA to regulate lead emissions from aviation gasoline because these emissions endanger public health," explained Santa Clara County Counsel James R. Williams. "The EPA has made similar findings about the danger of lead for decades. We are filing this Petition to compel EPA's long-overdue regulation of this last remaining leaded fuel and to ensure the federal government fulfills its legal obligation to keep our communities safe and promote environmental justice."

More information about the Reid-Hillview Airport Blood Lead Study can be found here:

<https://news.santaclaracounty.gov/news-release/study-commissioned-county-santa-clara-finds-increased-lead-levels-children-living-near>

Information about the County of Santa Clara's efforts to prevent and address lead exposures to its residents can be found here: www.leadfreesc.org

The Petition for Rulemaking was filed today by the County of Santa Clara's Office of the County Counsel, together with Earthjustice and its clients Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Center for Environmental Health, Friends of the Earth, Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition, and Oregon Aviation Watch.

About the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office

The Office of the County Counsel serves as legal counsel to the County of Santa Clara, its Board of Supervisors and elected officials, every County department and agency, and the County's boards and commissions. With a staff of over 200, the Office is also responsible for all civil litigation involving the County and its officers. Through its Social Justice and Impact Litigation Section, the Office litigates high-impact cases, drafts innovative local ordinances, and develops policies and programs to advance social and economic justice. In 2000, the Office, later joined by nine other cities and counties, filed a landmark lawsuit against former manufacturers of lead-based paint to hold them accountable for promoting its use in homes, despite knowing that lead is highly toxic. A 2019 settlement secured \$305 million in funds from the companies, making the lead-based paint hazard identification and remediation work under the settlement the largest lead abatement program within a single state.

About the County of Santa Clara, California

The County of Santa Clara government serves a diverse, multi-cultural population of 1.9 million residents in Santa Clara County, California—more populous than 14 states. The County provides essential services to its residents, including public health protection, environmental stewardship, medical services through the County of Santa Clara Health System, child and adult protection services, homelessness prevention and solutions, roads, park services,

libraries, emergency response to disasters, protection of minority communities and those under threat, access to a fair criminal justice system, and many other public benefits.

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From: Congressman Mark DeSaulnier <Congressman.DeSaulnier@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 12:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]@hotmail.com
Subject: Response to your recent inquiry



June 14, 2023

Mrs. Allison Picard
[REDACTED] Lake Villa Court
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Mrs. Picard:

Thank you for contacting me about your concerns about leaded aviation fuel. I always appreciate hearing from constituents and welcome the opportunity to respond.

I agree with you, and as a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, reducing air pollution from aviation is one of my top priorities. As a former member of the California Air Resources Board, I understand the importance of reducing pollutants to ensure the health of our communities.

As you may know, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization is currently being considered in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the bill, there is a provision that reiterates the responsibilities of the FAA's Eliminate Aviation gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) Initiative, including facilitating the safe elimination of the use of leaded aviation gasoline by

piston-engine aircraft by 2030. As the House of Representatives continues its work on leaded aviation fuel, I will keep your thoughts in mind.

Again, thank you for reaching out to me. If you need further assistance now or in the future, please don't hesitate to contact my office. You can also stay up-to-date by signing up for my [newsletter](#) if you aren't already a subscriber, or by following me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress



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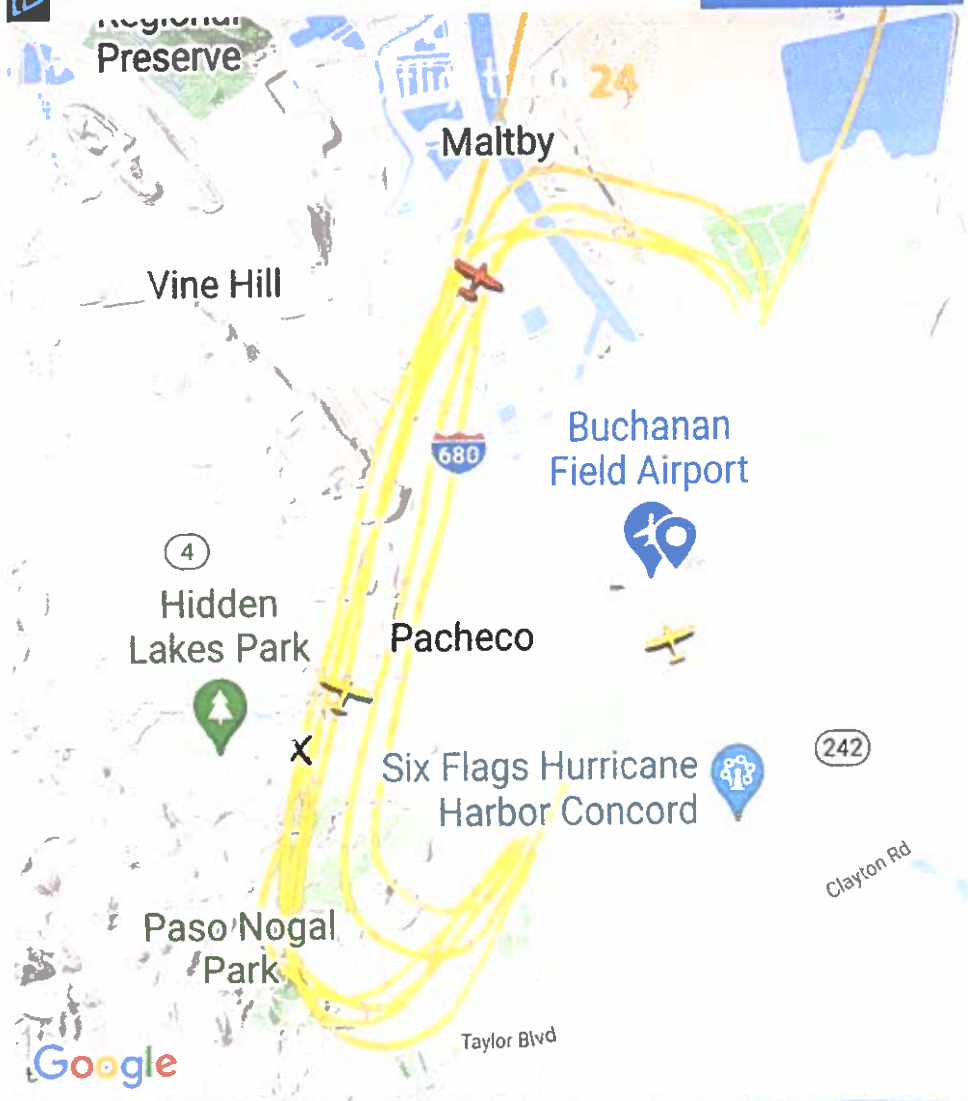
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Arriving in N/A

BAROMETRIC ALT.

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GROUND SPEED

79 kts

Cessna 172P Skyhawk

REG N941TW



3D view



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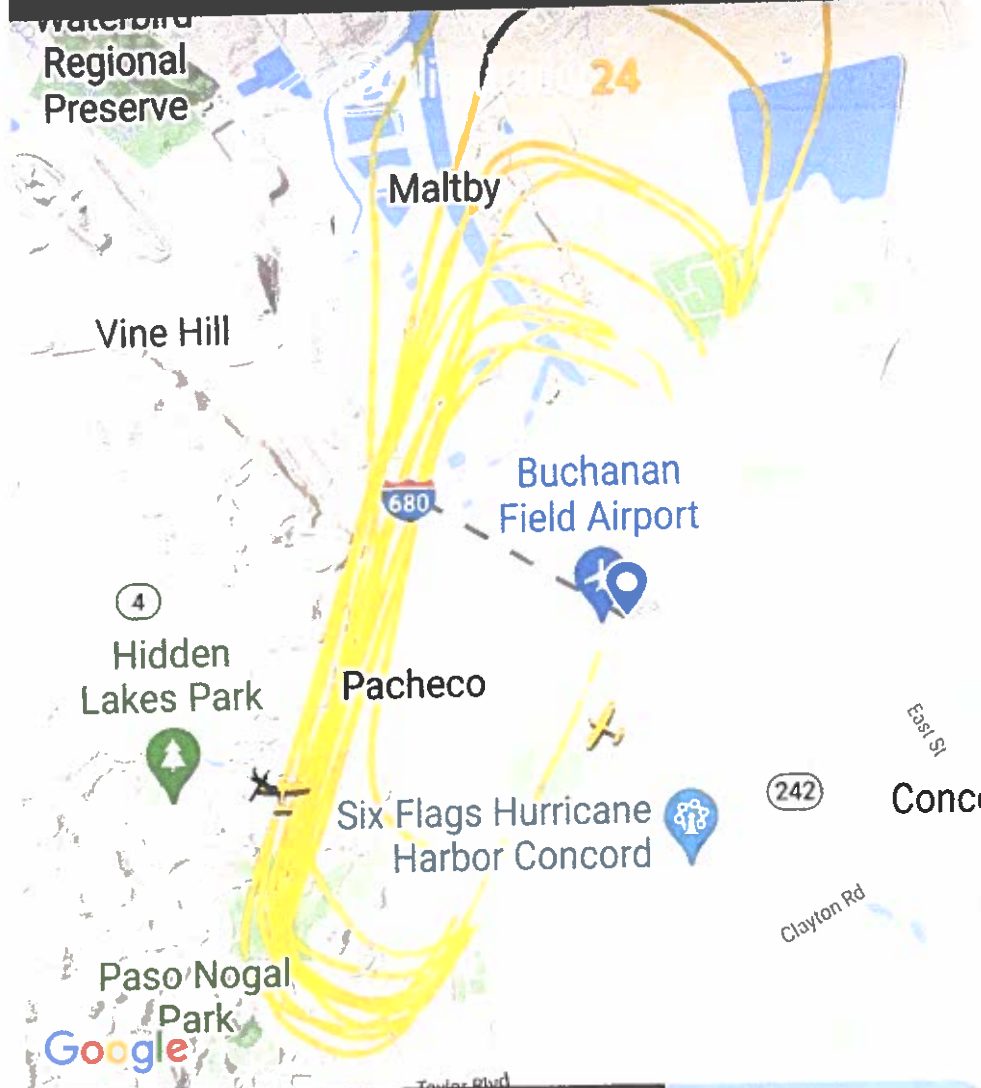
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GROUND SPEED

91 kts

REG N138ME



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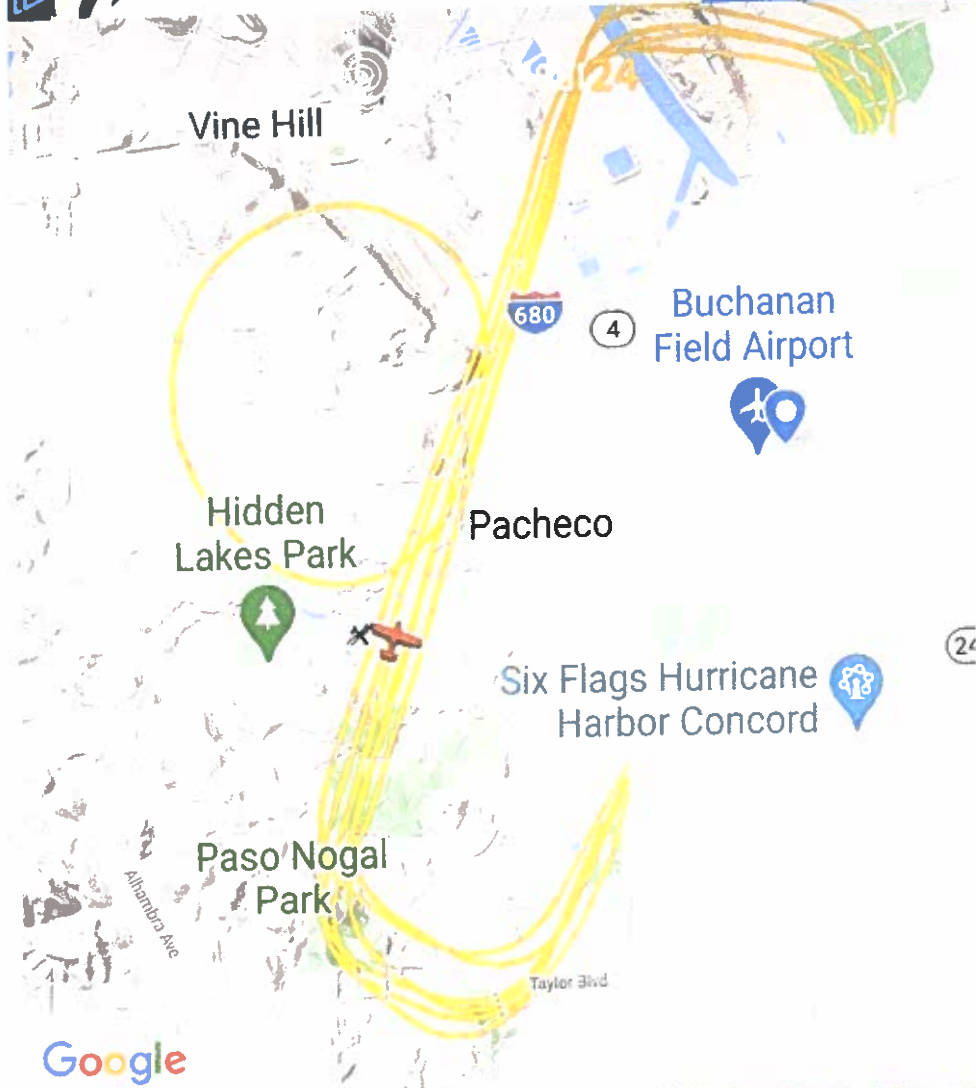
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Cessna 172P Skyhawk



N/A

NOT AVAILABLE

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BAROMETRIC ALT.

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GROUND SPEED

92 kts

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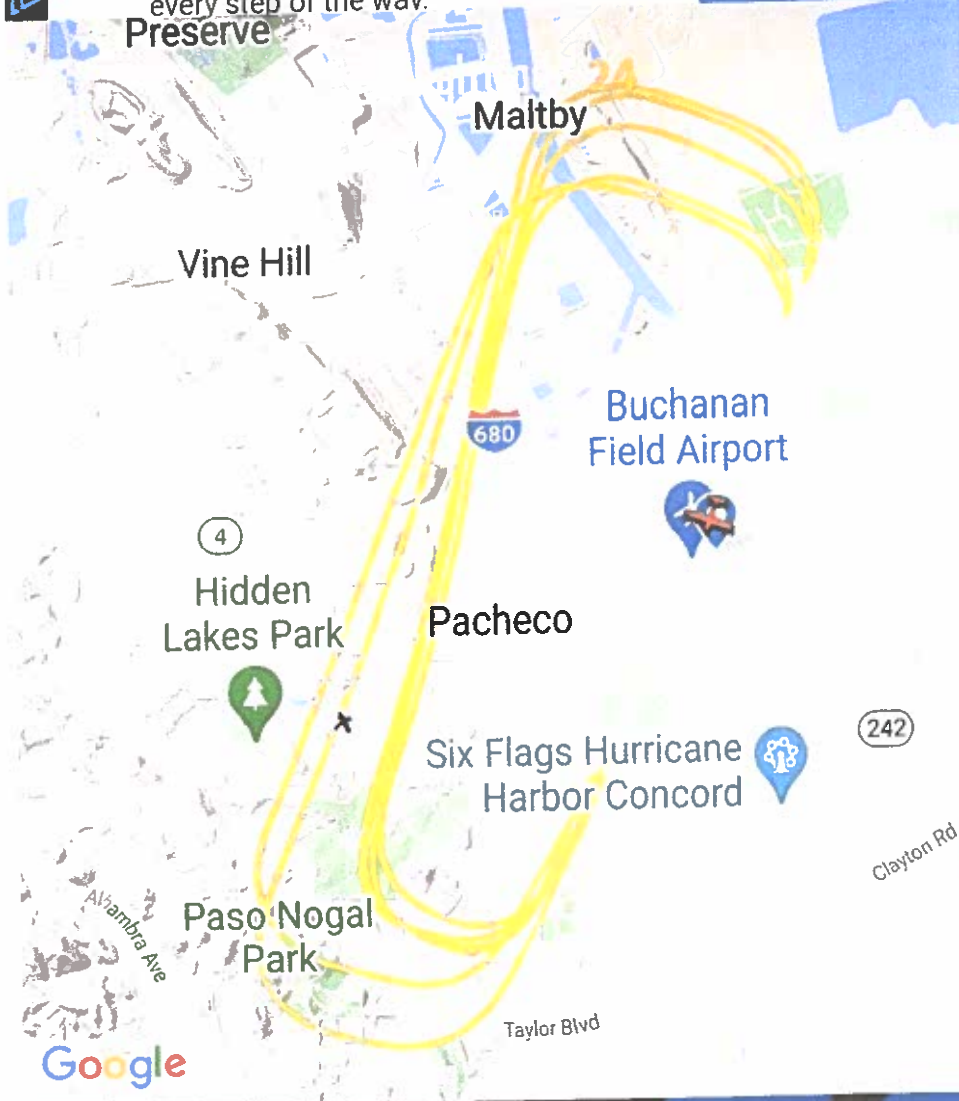
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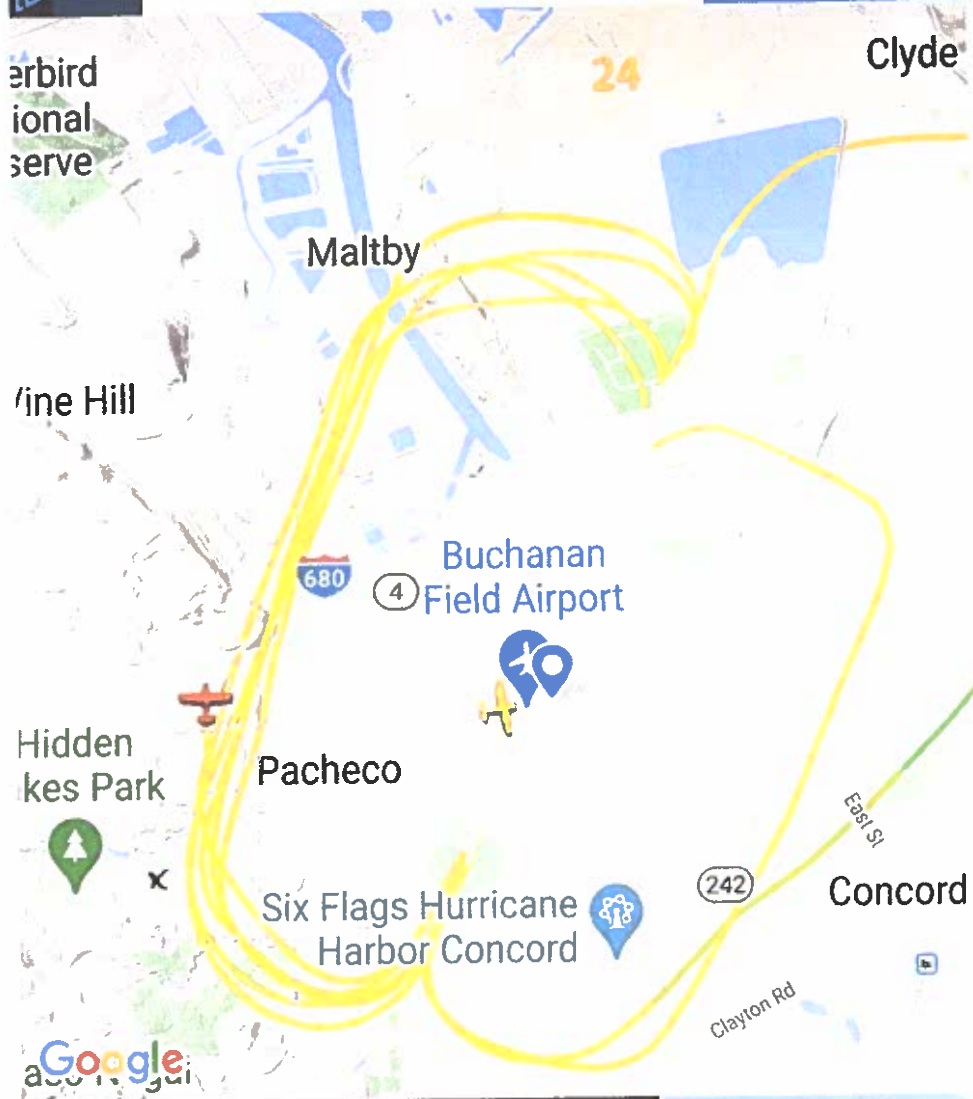
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BAROMETRIC ALT.

901 ft

GROUND SPEED

94 kts

Cessna 172S Skyhawk SP

REG N138ME



3D view



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Property Address: Lake Villa Ct.
Martinez, CA 94553

Date: 7/28/14

3. Use of any neighboring property by you Yes No

Explanation: _____

H. LANDSCAPING, POOL AND SPA:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- 1. Diseases or infestations affecting trees, plants or vegetation on or near the Property Yes No
- 2. Operational sprinklers on the Property Yes No
 - (a) If yes, are they automatic or manually operated.
 - (b) If yes, are there any areas with trees, plants or vegetation not covered by the sprinkler system Yes No
- 3. An operational pool heater on the Property Yes No
- 4. An operational spa heater on the Property Yes No
- 5. Past or present defects, leaks, cracks, repairs or other problems with the sprinklers, pool, spa, waterfall, pond, stream, drainage or other water-related decor including any ancillary equipment, including pumps, filters, heaters and cleaning systems, even if repaired Yes No

Explanation: _____

I. CONDOMINIUMS, COMMON INTEREST AND DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER SUBDIVISIONS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- 1. Any pending or proposed dues increases, special assessments, rules changes, insurance availability issues, or litigation by or against or fines or violations issued by a Homeowner Association or Architectural Committee affecting the Property. Yes No
- 2. Any declaration of restrictions or Architectural Committee that has authority over improvements made on or to the property Yes No
- 3. Any improvements made on or to the property without the required approval of an Architectural Committee or inconsistent with any declaration of restrictions or Architectural Committee requirement. Yes No

Explanation: _____

J. TITLE, OWNERSHIP AND LEGAL CLAIMS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- 1. Any other person or entity on title other than Seiler(s) signing this form Yes No
- 2. Leases, options or claims affecting or relating to title or use of the Property Yes No
- 3. Past, present, pending or threatened lawsuits, settlements, mediations, arbitrations, tax liens, mechanics' liens, notice of default, bankruptcy or other court filings, or government hearings affecting or relating to the Property, Homeowner Association or neighborhood Yes No
- 4. Any private transfer fees, triggered by a sale of the Property, in favor of private parties, charitable organizations, interest based groups or any other person or entity Yes No

Explanation: _____

K. NEIGHBORHOOD:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- 1. Neighborhood noise, nuisance or other problems from sources such as, but not limited to, the following: neighbors, traffic, parking congestion, airplanes, trains, light rail, subway, trucks, freeways, buses, schools, parks, refuse storage or landfill processing, agricultural operations, business, odor, recreational facilities, restaurants, entertainment complexes or facilities, parades, sporting events, fairs, neighborhood parties, litter, construction, air conditioning equipment, air compressors, generators, pool equipment or appliances, underground gas pipelines, cell phone towers, high voltage transmission lines, or wildlife Yes No

Explanation: _____

Buyer's Initials (_____) (_____)

Seller's Initials (WJB) (ms)

Reviewed by _____ Date _____



Property Address: Lake Villa Ct.
 Martinez, CA 94553

Date: July 26, 2014

22. SCHOOLS: Buyer and Seller are advised that children living in the Property may not, for numerous reasons, be permitted to attend the school nearest the Property. Various factors including, but not limited to, open enrollment policies, busing, overcrowding and class size reductions may affect which public school serves the Property. School district boundaries are subject to change. Buyer is advised to verify whether the Property is now, and at the Close of Escrow will be, in the school district Buyer understands it to be in and whether residing in the Property entitles a person to attend any specific school in which that Buyer is interested. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact the local school or school district for additional information during Buyer's inspection contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

23. NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE SOURCES: Buyer and Seller are advised that (even if the Property is not in an identified airport noise influence area,) the Property may still be subject to noise and air disturbances resulting from airplanes and other aircraft, commercial or military or both, flying overhead. Other common sources of noise include nearby commercial districts, schools, traffic on streets, highways and freeways, trains and general neighborhood noise from people, dogs and other animals. Noise levels and types of noise that bother one person may be acceptable to others. Buyer is advised to satisfy him/herself with regard to any sources of and amounts of noise at different times of day and night. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

24. PETS AND ANIMALS: Buyer and Seller are advised that the current or previous owner(s) may have had domesticated or other pets and animals at the Property. Odors from animal urine or other contamination may be dormant for long periods of time and then become active because of heat, humidity or other factors and might not be eliminated by cleaning or replacing carpets or other cleaning methods. Pet urine and feces can also damage hardwood floors and other floor coverings. Additionally, an animal may have had fleas, ticks and other pests that remain on the Property after the animal has been removed. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's inspection contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

25. SWIMMING POOL, SECURITY AND SAFETY: Buyer and Seller are advised that state and local Law may require the installation of barriers, anti-entrapment grates, access alarms, self-latching mechanisms and/or other measures to decrease the risk to children and other persons of existing swimming pools and hot tubs, as well as various fire safety and other measures concerning other features of the Property. Compliance requirements differ from city to city and county to county. Unless specifically agreed, the Property may not be in compliance with these requirements. Brokers do not have expertise in this area. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact local government agencies about these restrictions and other requirements.

26. RETROFIT, BUILDING REQUIREMENTS, AND POINT OF SALE REQUIREMENTS: Buyer and Seller are advised that state and local Law may require (i) the installation of operable smoke detectors, (ii) bracing or strapping of water heaters, and (iii) upon sale completion of a corresponding written statement of compliance that is delivered to Buyer. Although not a point of sale or retrofit obligation, state law may require the property to have operable carbon monoxide detection devices. Additionally, some city and county governments may impose additional retrofit standards at time of sale including, but not limited to, installing low-flow toilets and showerheads, gas shut-off valves, and tempered glass. Brokers do not have expertise in this area. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer and Seller consult with the appropriate government agencies, inspectors, and other professionals to determine the retrofit standards for the Property, the extent to which the Property complies with such standards, and the costs, if any, of compliance.

27. WATER SHORTAGES AND CONSERVATION: Buyer and Seller are advised that the Property may be located in an area that could experience water shortages. The policies of local water districts and the city or county in which the Property is located can result in the occurrence of any or all of the following: (i) limitations on the amount of water available to the Property, (ii) restrictions on the use of water, and (iii) an increasingly graduated cost per unit of water use, including, but not limited to, penalties for excess usage. For further information, Broker recommends that Buyer contact the supplier of water to the Property regarding the supplier's current or anticipated policies on water usage and to determine the extent to which those policies may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property. If the Property is serviced by a private well, Buyer is advised that drought conditions and/or a low water table may make it necessary to arrange, through a private supplier, for delivery of water to the Property. Buyers should contact water truck companies for the costs involved. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

28. NEIGHBORHOOD, AREA, PERSONAL FACTORS, HIGH SPEED RAILS, AND SMOKING RESTRICTIONS: Buyer and Seller are advised that the following may affect the Property or Buyer's intended use of it: neighborhood or area conditions, including schools, proximity and adequacy of law enforcement, crime, fire protection, other government services, availability, adequacy and cost of any speed-wired, wireless internet connections or other telecommunications or other technology services and installations, proximity to medical marijuana growing or distribution locations, cell phone towers, manufacturing, commercial, industrial, airport or agricultural activities or military ordnance locations, existing and proposed transportation, construction, and development, any other source that may affect noise, view, traffic, or odor, wild and domestic animals, susceptibility to tsunami and adequacy of tsunami warnings, other nuisances, hazards, or circumstances, protected species, wetland properties, botanical diseases, historic or other governmentally-protected sites

Buyer's Initials () ()

Seller's Initials (WDS) (MMS)

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Lake Villa Court Seller Property Questionnaire

V. A. 8:, V.C.1:

Replaced water pipe: Underground water pipe leading from main water supply in garage to hall half bathroom manifold broke in May 2013. Pipe was abandoned and a new water supply pipe installed in the attic by American Plumbers. Cost \$2900 was covered by homeowners insurance.

V.C.1: Sewer Line Access: Original was determined to be leaking during Ned Clyde Construction project. Original was abandoned and new one installed outside under front bedroom window.

Also see **Note C** on disclosure notes.

V. F. 2 & 4: Attic: Attic was cleaned and sanitized for rodent debris by Reliable Rodent Solutions in November 2013. Entry points were sealed and new insulation was installed.

Termite treatment: House was treated in 2004 (by Diablo Termite) and 2009 (by The Hitmen) for subterranean termites. Termites were detected each time by witnessing a swarm in the laundry room area.

every 5 years?

V. H. 2 (b): Sprinkler system: All stations work except the line running next to the front and west side of the house, where underpinning work was done. Owner decided to abandon use of this station.

Stations at courtyard entry and east side of house are capped off and not currently used.

V. K. 1: Location next to Hidden Lakes Park: House is adjacent to open space and wildlife that inhabits the park. Wildlife has entered front and back yard on occasion. A public trail to enter the park runs along west property line.

Location near Buchanan Airport: Airplanes occasionally fly over house based on flight lanes determined by weather and airport control.

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Debris from neighbor's yard: Backyard neighbor has numerous large trees and other vegetation near property line. On windy days, debris from neighbor's property blows onto Lake Villa property.

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Martinez Refining Company Update

Martinez City Council Meeting
October 18, 2023



- **Safe Harbor Statements**
- **About Us**
- **Update on Incidents**
 - Spent Catalyst Release
 - Coke Dust Releases
- **Our Commitment**
- **Questions**

Safe Harbor Statements

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Factors that could impact such differences include, but are not limited to, changes in general economic conditions; volatility of crude oil and other feedstock prices; fluctuations in the prices of refined products; the impact of disruptions to crude or feedstock supply to any of our refineries, including disruptions due to problems with third party logistics infrastructure; effects of litigation and government investigations; the timing and announcement of any potential acquisitions and subsequent impact of any future acquisitions on our capital structure, financial condition or results of operations; changes or proposed changes in laws or regulations or differing interpretations or enforcement thereof affecting our business or industry, including any lifting by the federal government of the restrictions on exporting U.S. crude oil; actions taken or non-performance by third parties, including suppliers, contractors, operators, transporters and customers; adequacy, availability and cost of capital; work stoppages or other labor interruptions; operating hazards, natural disasters, weather-related delays, casualty losses and other matters beyond our control; inability to complete capital expenditures, or construction projects that exceed anticipated or budgeted amounts; inability to successfully integrate acquired refineries or other acquired businesses or operations; effects of existing and future laws and governmental regulations, including environmental, health and safety regulations; and, various other factors.

Forward-looking statements reflect information, facts and circumstances only as of the date they are made. The Companies assume no responsibility or obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information after such date.

About Us

- **Our Mission**

- Manufacture products that help make modern life possible
- Operate safely, reliably, and in an environmentally responsible manner
- Provide employees with a safe and rewarding workplace
- Earn the right to operate in the Martinez community

- **Our Site**

- Operating since 1915
- Acquired refinery from Shell in February 2020
- ~585 full time employees and ~300 contractors, primarily Building Trades members
 - We are hiring and training new employees on an ongoing basis
- Located on 800 acres

- **Products We Manufacture**

- ~20% of the Bay Area's gasoline supply
- ~40% of the region's jet fuel supply
- Diesel fuel and petroleum products



Spent Catalyst Release Update

- **We thoroughly investigated the incident and submitted our Root Cause Analysis report to Contra Costa Health (CCH) in February 2023**
 - CCH separately hired a firm to do an independent Root Cause Analysis and we are cooperating with this analysis
- **We are implementing 11 corrective actions resulting from our investigation**
- **We continue to cooperate with all agencies investigating the incident, including:**
 - CCH
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - U.S. Department of Justice
 - District Attorney
 - Bay Area Air Quality Management District

- **July 11, 2023**
 - Unexpected release from the Delayed Coking Unit (DCU)
 - Lasted under one minute
 - Release occurred when hot coke was moved from a coke drum into a coke pit where it contacted water
 - Created steam with coke dust, which the wind carried into the residential area east of the refinery
- **July 22, 2023**
 - Brief unexpected release from the DCU
 - Contained on-site without any off-site impacts
- **October 6, 2023**
 - A brief unexpected release occurred from the Flexicoker Unit (FXU)
 - Release occurred when FXU was opened for maintenance
- **Investigations into these incidents are ongoing**

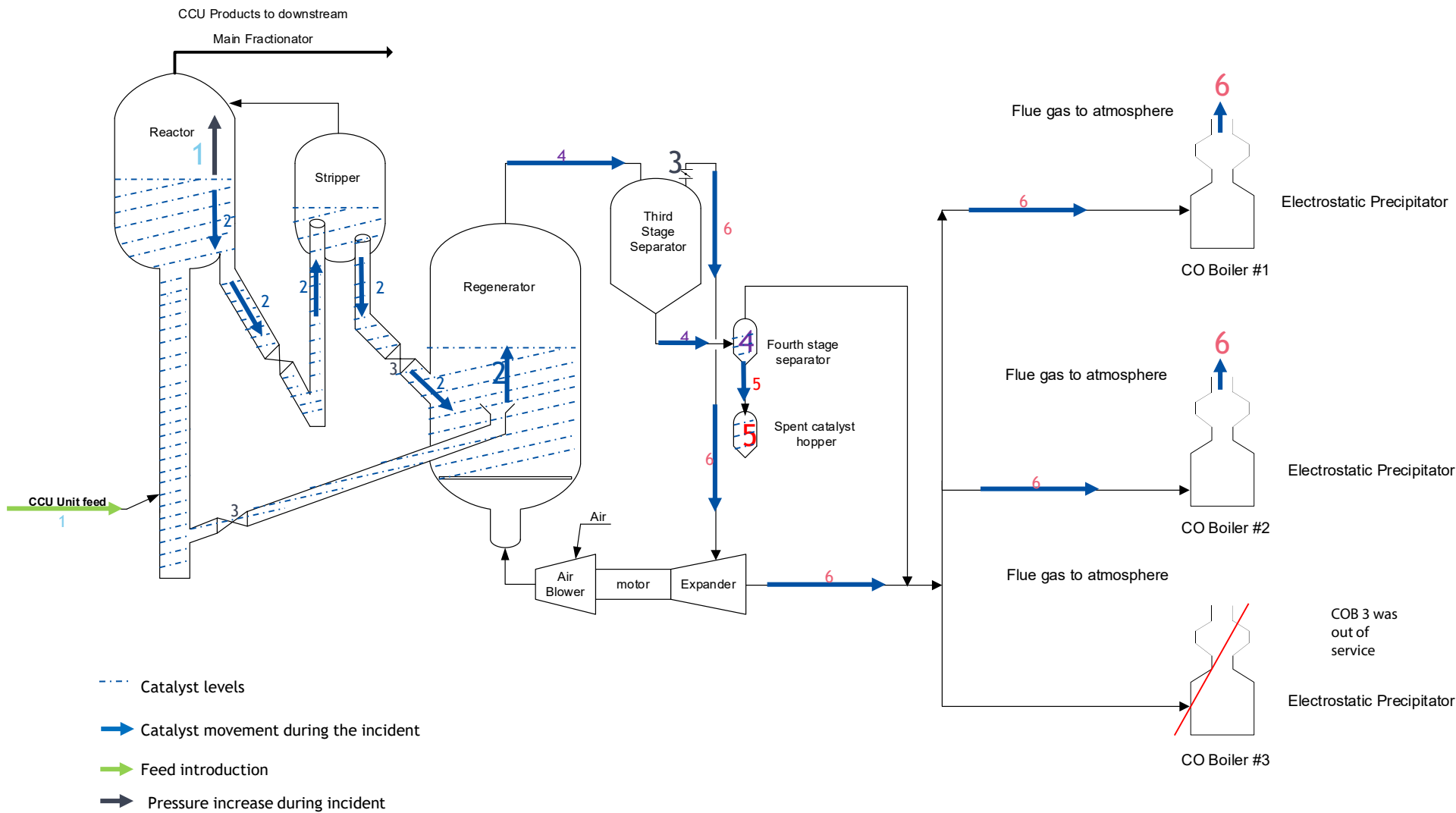
- **We sincerely apologize to our neighbors and community for these incidents**
- **We remain committed to achieving safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible operations**
- **We know we must earn the right to operate in our Martinez community and are disappointed we have failed to do that**
- **We will continue to:**
 - Investigate and learn from these incidents
 - Implement appropriate corrective actions
 - Cooperate with all agencies and investigations
 - Communicate to our community
 - Address the concerns of our neighbors
 - Any resident or business impacted by either the spent catalyst or coke dust releases may call our claims line at 800-542-7113

Thank You

- **Weekday Phone Number: 925-313-3777**
- **After-Hours Phone Number: 925-313-3601**
- **www.martinezrefiningcompany.com**
- **Facebook @MartinezRefiningCompany**
- **Claims Phone Number: 800-542-7113**

Back-Up Slides





- **Our Goal Zero Safety Program continues to be central to the refinery**
- **We are strengthening our Goal Zero tools and site culture to enhance employee and contractor engagement and increase safety awareness and hazard recognition**
- **We re-structured and increased Safety and Environmental staffing levels to improve management and performance**

From: [Jan Warren](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Oct. 18 City Council agenda Proclamation item 4
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:52:49 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,
I write in support of the City of Martinez's Proclamation urging the Martinez Refinery Company to comply with the regional air emissions standards.

There is an urgent need for MRC to demonstrate they care about the health of the people living in the Martinez community by greatly reducing the incidents of flaring. MRC also needs to take preventative actions to better maintain the equipment and provide more adequate training for workers.

Jan Warren
Interfaith Action Climate Network of Contra Costa

From: [Jan Warren](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Oct. 18, 2023 agenda item 12 Report and Presentation from MRC
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:16:31 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am greatly disappointed; however, not surprised that the Martinez Refining Company slide presentation is not substantive.

MRC is missing the mark on their Mission Statement.

Statements without substantive actions are inadequate.

The public wants to hear what their internal investigation discovered, what specific actions will be taken to remedy the causes, and the timeline to fix the causes. My expectation with MRC coming before the Martinez City Council tonight, roughly 11 months after the Thanksgiving incident, was to hear what were the causes, and that the needed equipment and procedures have already taken place.

The residents of Contra Costa County are fed up with the refineries when they continue to put profit over the health of our communities and environment. MRC should drop the lawsuit against BAAQMD and install the required equipment from Rule 6-5. Anything less, is not a step to restore trust.

Jan Warren
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa

From: [Sue Beadle](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Cc: monasteeringcommittee@gmail.com
Subject: Oct 18 2023 City Council Meeting-Written Public Comments regarding water and fire safety in Muir Oaks
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 8:54:33 AM
Attachments: [Martinez City Clerk Water & Fire.pdf](#)

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My husband and I are unable to attend the Council Meeting tonight, but are concerned about our City of Martinez water supply, brought to our attention in relation to the recent fire on the hill between Venner Rd and Pleasant Hill Rd. East.

Attached are my public comments regarding water supply and fire safety in the Muir Oaks rural residential area of Martinez. Please make these comments a part of the record for the October 18, 2023 meeting.

Sue Beadle
4834 Venner Rd
Martinez CA
925-228-1313
925-348-0635

Date: October 18, 2023

To: Martinez City Clerk, Attn Assistant Clerk for Council meetings

From: Sue Beadle, 4834 Venner Rd, Martinez CA 94553 (925-228-1313 or 925-348-0635)

Public Comments for October 18 Martinez City Council Meeting

My comments tonight are about the grave danger presented to residents of the Muir Oaks area of Martinez due to water supply problems.

Last week a wild fire was started on the shoulder of Pleasant Hill Road East, almost directly below our residence on Venner Rd. and burned up the hill along open fields nearly to the top of Venner Rd. Fortunately, Contra Costa Fire was able to extinguish the blaze, but with extreme difficulty due to the lack of water at the fire hydrants. The Fire District tested the water pressure at hydrants a few months ago and found it to be a mere trickle of water at the hydrant near us. The City was informed of this problem. We checked yesterday and found 9 fire hydrants in the Muir Oaks area, but if all or most of these do not have sufficient water pressure for use in a fire, they are simply giving residents an unwarranted sense of security.

These are **Martinez City Water** lines maintained by the City of Martinez. As a part of our water bills, we pay a pumping fee. But the pump has problems!... Apparently insufficient ability to supply water to houses as well as fire hydrants. Electrical power outages always mean “no water”, inadequate or non-existent backup up generator for the water pump, a serious inconvenience for many, life- threatening for some, and a fire danger for the community beyond what we experienced with the recent fire.

We have seen Water Department maintenance workers fixing broken water lines, survey crews surveying and mapping for replacement lines and have “heard” that the Martinez is considering updating its Kendall Ct water tank and associated equipment so that these problems are eliminated. We urge that the various water system fixes be started quickly!

Muir Oaks is a relatively small residential area, isolated by road, but fire has no respect for roads as a way of stopping fires. Surrounding Muir Oaks are Vine Hill Rd residential areas, the Center Avenue residential area between Vine Hill Rd and the Rt4, as well as Pleasant Hill Rd East residential area and Muir Station Rd, with residential, commercial and church properties. Any of these areas are at high risk and quick access for a fire in the Muir Oaks complex. So, city planners and decision-makers, please take action now to keep Martinez from becoming another fire-devastated area!

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Hello Kat, as mentioned in my previous email – here is the video of a plane going overhead from sitting in my living room. Occasional airplane noise is expected living in an urban area but repeated harassment from a small number of unrestricted planes is not.

Allison