

# AGENDA

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**Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Colorado Smelter**  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Steelworks Museum  
215 Canal Street, Pueblo

- 5:30 p.m. Introductions, Agenda Review, and Logistics**  
*Kristi Parker Celico, Rocky Mountain Collaborative Solutions*
- 5:35 p.m. Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR) Meetings**  
*David Dorian, ATSDR (Via Conference Call)*
- Overview of the schedule for releasing the report and holding public meetings.
  - Discussion of the format of the meetings.
- 5:45 p.m. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)**  
*Kelly Gehlhoff, Public Involvement Workgroup (Via Conference Call)*  
*Jasmin Guerra, EPA*  
*Terrie Boguski, Skeo Solutions*
- Presentation of the Final Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) Project Approach
  - Discussion of Next Steps
- 6:30 p.m. Sampling**  
**Sabrina Forrest, EPA**  
**Charlie Partridge, EPA**
- Results of the Demonstration of Method Applicability (DMA), basically, the pilot sampling effort
  - Update on the Sampling Plan
  - Update on Sampling Demonstration Event
  - Update on Sprinkler Repair Question
- 7:00 p.m. Community Vitalization Workgroup Report**  
*John Cordova, City Counsel Member*  
*Terry Hart, County Commissioner*
- General Report from Workgroup ([Workgroup Summary](#))
  - Report from local leaders on the potential to back up FHA loans with a State fund

**7:20 p.m.      Public Comment**

**7:30 p.m.      Adjourn\***

**\*EPA staff will be available after the meeting to answer additional questions, if needed.**

**Attachment A**  
**Facilitator's Tracking Document**  
**Outstanding items are shaded in GRAY**  
**New items are underlined.**  
**As of September 2, 2015**

Date of Input	CAG Input/Decision	Government Response	Task Completed
9-9-14	Some CAG members request that EPA drop dust sampling from the consent form for now. Others request that EPA create two separate consents, one for dust sampling and one for soil sampling.	EPA altered the consent form such that there are two separate consents, one for dust sampling and one for soil sampling.	October, 2014
10-14-14	Facilitator should reach out to Latino Chamber of Commerce to see about CAG speaking to group for education purposes and to inquire about Latino community members joining the CAG	Kristi and EPA reached out to Sandy Gutierrez of the Chamber. Ms. Gutierrez will identify a time for a Chamber Colorado Smelter presentation. EPA met with Ms. Gutierrez during the week of 2/2. During February, EPA had meetings with Catholic Charities, NeighborWorks of Pueblo, and the Latino Chamber of Commerce.	February 2015
10-14-14	Request by Mr. Perko to see PWT contract.	Mr. Perko and EPA attorney discussed the issue. Mr. Perko learned that it was possible to request the contract through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. However, Mr. Perko did not make a formal request for production as he independently obtained	Completed 11/14

		adequate information about EPA insurance and liability policy to form an opinion as to whether or not landowners should sign the consent form.	
11-18-14	Facilitator work to add Police officer to CAG as an ex-officio member.	Officer Roman Castro attended the January CAG meeting and will serve as an exofficio member.	Completed 1/15
11-18-14	Pam Kocman and Terry Hart will speak to the City Council about City engagement in the CAG	John Cordova Sr. attended the January CAG meeting and will serve as a CAG member.	Completed 1/15
11-18-14	Terry Hart and Charlotte Plutt will reach out to Bessemer residents and School District 60 to encourage their engagement in the CAG.	Terry Hart has made some reached out to both and individuals have been invited to meetings. As of the 8/15, there has been a marked increased in residents participating. School District leaders have been invited to attend meetings.	Ongoing
11-18-14	Workgroups: The CAG requested 4 workgroups be set up to support their effort: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic impact;</li> <li>• Public involvement;</li> <li>• Health; and</li> <li>• Sampling.</li> </ul>	Due to limited staff time and resources, EPA cannot support four ongoing workgroups at this time. Instead, EPA encourages the community to proceed with workgroups on their own and EPA will support as able. At this time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health, Sampling, and Public Involvement issues will be addressed in the full group;</li> <li>• Charlie will continue to meet with a small sampling group to</li> </ul>	Completed 3/15

		<p>provide input on the Sampling Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community will lead the economic impact group with support from EPA's Redevelopment office, as needed.</li> <li>• Small groups may be formed to discuss some public involvement efforts.</li> <li>• Will have public involvement and economic development workgroup at 3/10 meeting.</li> </ul>	
1-13-15	EPA or Facilitator will contact NeighborWorks and discuss CAG with new leadership.	<p>EPA met with NeighborWorks during the week of 2/2.</p> <p>Meeting with EPA occurred.</p>	Completed 2/15
1-13-15	David Webb asked that EPA provide a list of addresses that received the EPA letter asking for consent to sample. Mr. Webb stated that this information would be very valuable to real estate agents in the area so that they can inform potential buyers of the Superfund status.	<p>EPA will only be providing the map of the area where residents received letters. The Agency is not comfortable sharing personally identifiable information of home addresses and feels as though the map should provide the needed information.</p> <p>Mr. Webb submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for this information.</p> <p>On February 17, 2015, EPA responded to this request. The EPA response stated: this information is exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to 5</p>	Completed 2/17/15

		U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (personal privacy). As a general policy, EPA doesn't provide the addresses of private citizens to others. EPA provided the CAG a map that delineates the study area for the initial phase of the remedial investigation.	
2-5-15	David Webb asked EPA to provide additional information regarding what information EPA will file with the County when properties are sampled and after cleanup.	EPA provide some information on this at the 2/10/15 meeting but generally stated that these decisions will be made after more information about the contamination has been gathered.	Ongoing.
3-10-15	Harric Vander Valk requested EPA send letters of consent for sampling to property owners who do not have structures on the land.	EPA will consider this request and report back at the next meeting.	In early April, EPA sent out approximately 200 letters to vacant property owners as suggested.
3-10-15	CAG requests Skeo Solutions to come discuss conducting a TANA in the community	Skeo Solutions attended the April 2015 CAG meeting.	Complete 4/14/15
4-14-15	Vitalization Workgroup and EPA seek solutions for potential lender liability issues and report back at May 2015 CAG meeting.	EPA is working on this issue with EPA headquarters and also in discussions with other appropriate federal agencies. As of 8/21/15, at least three ideas are being pursued: 1. Establishing a state fund to guarantee loans; 2. Prioritizing the order in which sites are sampled; and 3.	Ongoing.

		Identifying sites as a low, high, or medium risk for needing cleanup.	
4-14-15	CAG provide input to EPA regarding postcard to public by April 16.	EPA incorporated CAG input and sent out postcard.	Complete on April 16
4-14-15	EPA will send out Community Involvement Plan to CAG and other members of the public for review and comment.	EPA sent out the CIP document to CAG and community members	Complete on 4-17-15
6-14-15	CAG would like additional urban examples of EPA's Revitalization Program.	EPA will continue to look for additional examples.	Ongoing
6-14-15	CAG requests that EPA consider moving up the visioning work so that it doesn't get out of synch with the Superfund Community Vitalization Project work.	Fran Costanzi might attend the August Vitalization meeting and discuss ways to coordinate activities. Also, EPA will invite 2 CAG members to attend the Canyon City visioning charrette this Fall. Update as of 8/21/15, Fran was not able to attend the Vitalization workgroup meeting in August. EPA invited two CAG members to attend the Canon City charrette. EPA reported that it is not likely to hold the Community Visioning process for the Colorado Smelter earlier than 2016, but will look into ways that the Vitalization Workgroup can conduct work that will flow directly into the visioning process.	Ongoing

7-14-15	Vitalization Workgroup requests demographic data for community from EPA.	Chris Wardell sent a summary document and links to three key databases to Joe Kocman.	Completed July 16
7-14-15	EPA will share data from the pilot sampling project at the August CAG meeting, if the data has been successfully shared with homeowners first.	Update as of 8/11/15: EPA was not able to share the pilot sampling project at the August meeting, but plans to share it at the September meeting.	Ongoing.
7-14-15	EPA will share the draft Sampling Plan with the CAG Sampling Workgroup. During the CAG workgroup meeting, the group will also discuss what sampling data will be publicly available.	EPA shared the Sampling Plan for the pilot project with the Sampling workgroup on August 12. EPA plans to share the full draft Sampling Plan in late August. The agency states that the full Sampling Plan will be finalized by the end of September.	Ongoing.
7-14-15	Request by CAG to have a Sampling Demonstration Day.	EPA investigated the potential of this and found it would require some legal and organizational work. The facilitator asked the CAG at the August meeting whether this has a high priority compared to other efforts and about 1/3 of the participants said yes. EPA will consider this information amongst their other priorities and report back to the CAG	Ongoing.

		in September.	
7-14-15	Request by CAG for EPA to determine if it is possible to use TASC funds to help educate the lending community about Superfund.	As of 9/3, EPA reports that TASC funding cannot be used for this purpose at this time.	Done
8-11-15	CAG requests Pueblo City-County Health Department develop a publicly available database to show whether the lead levels for children in the neighborhood are decreasing.	The Health Department agreed to provide such a database.	Ongoing.
8-11-15	CAG and community members should send copies on the TASC document to Jasmin and Kelly by no later than August 25	Done.	Done

8-11-15	<p>Public Involvement Workgroup will work with EPA Public Involvement staff and PCCHD to review methods of outreach to the diverse community. This group will also work with the EPA to consider all public feedback on the TASC document. Notice for the next Work Group meeting will be shared with the full CAG and mailing list.</p>		
8-11-15	<p>The CAG inquired how the EPA repair sprinklers on land that is tested when the sprinklers are turned off for the winter and problems don't become apparent until Spring.</p>	<p>Sabrina agreed to investigate this concern and report back at the September 2015 CAG meeting.</p>	
8-11-15	<p>The Vitalization Workgroup asked Terry Hart and John Cordova to follow-up with their elected colleagues regarding the idea of developing a state fund to guarantee loans in the area. The two will also talk about the idea of making this a broader urban renewal effort.</p>	<p>Terry and John agreed to report back to the Workgroup and the larger CAG.</p>	