

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SOCALGAS)
CAL ADVOCATES-SCG-A2209006-002
(DR-002) Orange Cove Supplemental
DATE REQUESTED: July 28, 2025
RESPONSE DUE: July 31, 2025**

QUESTION 3:

- d) How have emergency response plans been updated specifically for hydrogen incidents at SoCalGas' Open Project?
- e) What specific outreach has been conducted with communities potentially affected by each pilot project and how has informed consent been documented?

RESPONSE 3:

d. Specific hydrogen blending customer protocols and emergency response plans will be created with independent third parties and local fire authorities during detailed engineering design phases. This process would occur during Phase 1, after application approval.

e. SoCalGas has built a strong, long-standing positive partnership with the City of Orange and is working closely with city leaders to carry out a proactive community engagement plan. This plan uses a variety of communication channels to share information with customers and stakeholders about the proposed demonstration, the robust safety measures to be put in place, and to answer community questions.

The City of Orange Cove has shown its full support for the project. In March 2024, the Orange Cove City Council passed a resolution endorsing the demonstration, and the City Manager sent a letter to CPUC expressing strong support on behalf of the City and its residents.

SoCalGas has been proactive in its engagement throughout the Orange Cove community. Below is a list of activities that SoCalGas has taken to engage stakeholders and listen to feedback:

- Hosted community meetings in English and Spanish
- Shared information about the project, answered questions, gathered feedback
- Distributed project fact sheets and brochures
- Conducted direct community touchpoints / door-to-door outreach (bilingual) in conjunction with a local community-based organization
- Left door hangers at residences and businesses
- Posted updates and info on dedicated project webpage: socalgas.com/orangecove in English and Spanish
- Maintained presence at community events and gathering locations, including the annual Independence Day Celebration and holiday toy and food giveaways

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- Provided briefings for community leaders/elected officials, community groups, educational institutions, business orgs, non-profits
- Targeted social media posts in English and Spanish
- Pitched news articles in local media
- Hosted Orange Cove and Fresno County officials to visit SoCalGas's [H2] Innovation Experience. This is a home that shows how clean renewable hydrogen can be produced, blended, and used safely with existing appliances. Officials were able to tour the home and receive a briefing from SoCalGas. They learned that this is an established technology that takes place in other parts of the country as well; the home shows that this can be done safely.

SoCalGas objects to the portion of this request regarding informed consent because it seeks information substantially similar to Question 9 in Appendix B to the Scoping Memo issued on June 12, 2025 with a current due date of August 11, 2025. SoCalGas will provide a response on such date.

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QUESTION 6:

c) Does SoCalGas suspect these costs would be borne by ratepayers?

RESPONSE 6:

c. SoCalGas objects to this request because it calls for speculation regarding whether such costs would be borne by ratepayers. Subject to and without waving the objection, SoCalGas responds as follows:

Yes, SoCalGas suspects it is possible ratepayers may bear some or all such costs.