

# AMERIGAS COMMUNITY IMPACT FORUM

## Panelists Information

**DENNIS C. LORD**, Moderator, Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Gas Co.

Mr. Lord, born in San Pedro and raised in Wilmington, has 38 years experience with the Gas Company beginning with distribution pipeline installation and repair, construction planning, cathodic protection system maintenance, industrial meter and regulator repair activities and information system development. Since 1986 he has been responsible for handling public affairs and governmental contact for the South Bay/Harbor Area. In this capacity, he is charged with maintaining community confidence in the Company despite the major changes occurring in the industry. Currently, he is involved with Port development, industry competitiveness, regional air quality, economic development, business and customer retention issues with local, state, and federal offices and is often seen on TV news stories as a company spokesman. He has a Master in Business Administration from Pepperdine University and is active in many harbor area organizations.

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**MARK THOMAS**, Regional Director, AMERIGAS

Mr. Thomas has over 25 years of experience in the natural gas and LPG industry. Upon graduation from the University of Oklahoma, with degrees in Analytical Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Mark began his career as an Engineer for Chevron's natural gas processing division. He designed and constructed several multi-million dollar gas processing facilities and received an award of Outstanding Employee. Mark moved into the commercial sector of the industry and has worked in almost every facet of LPG processing, from wellhead to burner tip. His broad knowledge base allowed him to quickly analyze complex situation to derive reasonable and viable solutions. Mr. Thomas was responsible for the operation of 13 major gas processing plants which employed over 200 employees. He manages the safe operation of 12 major LPG storage terminals located across the US. He is also in charge of the largest independent truck fleet in the US, which is comprised of 300 semi-tractor/trailer units which support AmeriGas' retail division.

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**DAVID L. MATHEWSON**, Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs, Port of LA

David Mathewson is the senior director of planning and environmental affairs for the Port of Los Angeles. In his current role, he oversees the Port's Planning and Research and Environmental Management divisions. Prior to this appointment in June 2004, Mathewson served as the Port's director of planning and research. He has been a Port employee for more than 20 years. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the USC and a bachelor's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois. He also completed UCLA's Executive Education Program and earned an International City Management Associate Certificate in management. Mathewson is a member of the American Planning Association and planning commissioner for the City of Temecula,

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**WALTER NEIL**, Director, Public Affairs, British Petroleum Carson Refinery

Mr. Neil has been an Employee of BP for the past 12 years. He was formerly with Arco Refinery where he headed their Public Affairs Department. Prior to Arco Mr. Neil was employed by Fletcher Oil and Refinery in the capacity of Manager of Safety and Director of Public Affairs for 13 years. With 25 years of public affairs experience Mr. Neil has been on many non-profit boards and is currently active in many boards. Currently he is President of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Economic Development Commission and founding Board member of the Boys and Girl Club of Carson. Mr. Neil resides with his family in Huntington Beach.

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**STEPHEN FAICHNEY**, Risk Management and Government Affairs Manager, Valero Refining

Stephen is a Risk Management and Government Affairs Manager for Valero Wilmington Refinery. Responsible for: refinery process safety, risk management programs and public affairs. Stephen has worked at the Wilmington refinery for 22 years. Stephen has over 26 years

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**CHIEF MICHAEL THOMAS**, Los Angeles Fire Department

The Los Angeles Fire Department is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the City of Los Angeles. As a Unified Program agency, the Department is responsible for implementing the State laws regarding hazardous materials, including maintenance of hazardous materials inventories for businesses meeting the criteria, inspection of those businesses, Underground Storage Tank facilities, California Accidental Prevention Program facilities and Hazardous Waste facilities. Chief Thomas is the Battalion Chief of the Technical Section.

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**JOE SPARANO**, President, Western States Petroleum Association

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