

CAG Member Roster

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Ross Berman

Thousand Oaks, CA

Ross A. Berman is a Senior Manager with Invitation Homes and lives in Thousand Oaks, CA. His interest in joining the CAG has been a lifelong journey. Born and raised in the west San Fernando Valley Ross attended summer camp for years at Brandeis Bardin Institute and hiked up to the SSFL fence line numerous times to marvel at the power of the nearby rocket tests. Mr. Berman received his master's Degree in environmental resource management and spent 15 years in the environmental consulting field managing toxic cleanups, climate change and renewable energy programs, as well as water resource planning projects from Fresno to Washington DC and from Okinawa to the Palestinian Territories.

Richard Brandlin

Arcadia, CA

Richard Brandlin, M.Sc. Env. Mgmt., LEED AP is an environmental professional, Founder/Principal Largely Green Consulting. My interest in joining the CAG is both personal and professional. Personally, my dad was assigned to North American Aviation in the 50ties and was one of the site personnel who was actually testing rocket motors, so I suppose it now comes full circle as I participate in the remediation process. Professionally, I am intrigued by the SSFL as a unique remediation site with a range of contaminants and contaminated media and a diverse, often contentious set of stakeholders. As one of the most investigated sites in North America, yet with little to show in the way of clean up activities and a lingering sense of distrust among certain stakeholders, I feel I can bring my experience and outside perspective to the CAG to help move the process forward.

Tim Brehm

Bell Canyon, CA

Tim Brehm grew up in the San Fernando Valley in the 50's and 60's often hearing the awesome rumbling of rocket motor tests coming from the extreme west of the valley. Turning his hobby of photography into a profession, Tim received his BFA with a major in Photography

from Art Center College of Design in 1970. Most of his career was in the area of education where he taught photography in the Burbank Unified School District for 38 years. The Photo Department at John Burroughs High School was one of the largest and most advanced programs in the nation. This vocational program produced hundreds of pro photographers artists and film industry professionals. Tim retired from teaching in 2010 and today works part time in the real estate industry. Tim is a 34 year resident of Bell Canyon and is affiliated with Save Open Space, an organization that is dedicated to preserving our natural landscape in the Santa Monica Mountains area.

Sam Cohen

Solvang, CA

Sam Cohen is the Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe). Mr. Cohen - interest in joining the CAG includes protection of Native American cultural resources on the site; Tribe as potential owner in whole or in part.

Sharon Ford

San Fernando Valley

Sharon is a grassroots political and environmental activist, interested in protecting and preserving open space, wildlife and wildlife habitat. She has served as the Conservation Rep for Sierra Club-Los Angeles Chapter, San Fernando Valley Group, and on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee. She is currently serving as outreach chair for San Fernando Valley Audubon.

She has served on the boards of two grassroots political clubs, and was elected as a delegate for my assembly district three, two-year terms, and appointed to a two-year term to the California Democratic Party Convention.

Linda Hays

Saugus, CA

Linda Hays was hired into Atomic International January, 1979. I worked as a bench machinist build 11. I bid on a nuclear mechanic job because it had automatic progression. As a labor grade 8 nuclear mechanic and I worked in builds 9, 6, 5, and build 100. I got laid

off. I worked as a janitor and a stock clerk. I returned to a nuclear mechanic labor grade 18. I worked at SCTL. I did cleanup at RMHF, building 20 and the Sodium Burn Pit. I was the Union Health and Safety Representative. We had a grant with the International UAW to do training. I worked on the hill a little over 30 years. I retired June 2010.

David Karchem

Chatsworth, CA

I was a software engineer and data analyst for 30 years in the healthcare insurance industry, until May, 2009 when I had a right-brain ischemic CVA. I became a volunteer/consultant in the Rancho Los Amigos robotic therapy program, and a consultant in the Rancho Los Amigos/USC ICT Human Engineering Laboratory. I'm a Board of Councilors member for the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the School of Dentistry Interaction Lab, Department of Computer Science, and USC Viterbi School of Engineering. I am also a technical contributor in the USC OPTT-RERC (Optimizing Participation Through Technology) - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Technologies for Successful Aging with Disability) Programs. In September 2010 I was selected as an at large member for the State of California SSFL Public Participation Group, applying my research and analysis skills to review the Toxic Cleanup Project analysis, results and plans for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (a toxic ground and groundwater site affecting the San Fernando and Simi Valleys). In 2012, I was one of the CAG organizing committee members who help create this CAG.

Michael Kuhn

Simi Valley, CA

Dr. Michael W. Kuhn lives in Simi Valley, CA, is associated with the Rancho Simi Trail Blazers, and is a retired Environmental Planner. Membership on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Community Advisory Group will give him the opportunity to address the interests of the surrounding communities.

John Luker

Chatsworth, CA

John Luker is a 35 year resident of Box Canyon/Chatsworth. John is also the Vice-President, Santa Susana Mountain Park Association and Community Organizer / Resource Aide for California Department of Parks and Recreation. I'm joining the CAG because I want to make sure the resources at SSFL are preserved and the site cleaned to reasonable levels.

Tom Nachtrab

Chatsworth, CA

I regularly attend public meetings and events in the west San Fernando Valley.

I serve as a member of a public interest organization with a few hundred members.

I am a capable user of tools of electronic communication (email, documents, websites, social media, etc.)

I am a member of a Homeowners Association of approximately 2,000 residents.

I am a member of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA), a 41 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California. SSMPA represents approximately 400 members and concerned citizens, and partners with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

In my career I have collaborated on many multi-year planning and development efforts related to information technology and computer systems. I have worked variously as member, facilitator, advisor, and manager.

I have also served as a representative on faculty policy-determination boards at two colleges. I have also recently participated in discussion and consensus building on contentious issues related to routing of recreational paths through multiple neighborhoods and municipalities.

Barry Seybert

West Hills, CA

Barry Seybert freelances in the video / film industry as a Cameraman / Director of Photography. I have been a Board Member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council from its inception and have been a member

of its committee that has studied and followed SSFL as well as other local similar sites.

Alec Uzemeck

Simi Valley, CA

Alec Uzemeck BSME, MBA retired from Northrop Aircraft where he was in charge the facilities department supporting 10 plant sites across the US. The department included the construction and modification of large buildings and also had an environment group that developed procedures, instructed employees, monitored the fabrication practices and other site operations. He is a member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council and the chair of the Environment Committee, He wishes to learn about the SSFL contamination issues and represent the community in the cleanup of the SSFL and help mitigate the cleanup impacts on surrounding communities.

Kathy Weiner

Simi Valley, CA

Kathy Weiner is a physical therapist and works in Simi Valley with the geriatric population. I have been interested in the Santa Susanna Clean-up for some time and have followed it via meetings and newsletters. I have done some research and the topic, surprise, surprise, is more complicated than one would imagine. But, I love to study and research and get to the bottom on things. I am so very honored to be a part of the CAG.

Abraham Weitzberg

Woodland Hills, CA

Abraham Weitzberg is a partially retired consultant, primarily in the field of nuclear engineering, in which I have worked for over 50 years after starting out at SSFL. My interest in joining the CAG is to assist the community in understanding the technical issues relating to the cleanup, so that we can achieve a cleanup that is appropriate to the ultimate use of the site, is protective of the

public health, the environment, and the SSFL cultural resources, is affordable, and can be completed in a timely manner.

Ronald B. Ziman

Bell Canyon, CA

As a 20 year resident of Bell Canyon, physician and among the closest neighbors of the SSFL, Ronald B. Ziman, MD, FACP, FAAN, has both a historical and health safety interest in this facility. Presently he is the Vice President of Bell Canyon Homeowners Association and it's Representative to the SSFL in addition to being the Chairman of the CAG Organizing Committee. Dr. Ziman, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology (FAAN), is triple board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He has been on UCLA's faculty as well as in private practice since 1978. Formerly he was president of Northridge Neurological Center, director of Northridge Neurological Research, president of the medical staff (chief-of-staff) at Northridge Hospital Medical Center and founder and first medical director of their Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center among many other positions.

Presently he is the President and Chairman of the Board of the Northridge Foundation for Neurological Research and Education and directs its information and referral center since leaving the American Parkinson's Disease Association's Information and Referral Center as its medical director last year.