



# Hudson CAG - Orientation for New Participants

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# Agenda



- 1:00 Welcome and introductions
- Name + organization / community
  - When you joined
  - Why you are involved with the CAG
- 1:20 Project overview - EPA
- 2:30 CAG overview & liaison role - CBI
- 2:50 Wrap up & next steps
- 3:00 Adjourn



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# Welcome new members!!



This is a long project.

Participants know each other over many years.

And, we all benefit from new people getting involved. Thank you for joining the CAG!



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*Community Involvement Plan*

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# CAG facilitators



The CAG is facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute, and specifically by Senior Mediator Ona Ferguson and Associate Abby Fullem.

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# Hudson CAG website



<https://hudsoncag.wspis.com/default.htm>

- Overview + related links
- Documents (meeting summaries, agendas, notes, operating procedures)
- Member list
- Contacts - EPA, CBI, etc.

# Purpose of the CAG



Forum for learning, discussion, input, and engagement regarding

1. the implementation and post-construction monitoring of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hudson River remediation
2. the investigation, feasibility, decision, implementation, and monitoring of remediation for the River's floodplains, and
3. related work in the lower Hudson.

# Purpose of the CAG



The CAG does not serve as a decision-making body. It is not a voting entity and does not set policy or make decisions regarding project design or implementation.



# Composition and roles



## Members (each with an optional alternate)

- 15-45 seats
- Sits “at the table”- Participates fully in meetings
- Receives all project communication

## Liaisons

- Agency representatives: muni, state or fed
  - Mostly in listening mode
  - Sometimes invited to speak / answer questions
- Receives most project communications



# Composition and roles



## Subcommittees

- The CAG has a standing Admin Team that plans meetings
- Other subcommittees may be formed on an ad hoc basis



# CAG meetings



- ~ 3-6 meetings / year
- Typically 1:00 - 4:00pm with a break
- Typically held virtually
- Meetings are facilitated
- Meetings include:
  - Updates on the project
  - Previews of things to come
  - Presentations
  - CAG discussions



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# CAG meeting planning and documentation



- **CAG agendas** are shared before CAG meetings
- CAG meetings are planned by an **admin team**. Any members or alternates are welcome to join. The group meets at least once and sometimes a couple of times between meetings and plans meeting agendas with the facilitation team and EPA
- **CAG meeting notes** are approved by the CAG and posted on the website.

# CAG **member** roles and responsibilities



- Participate!
  - Share your and your constituents' views. Bring in your questions and ideas and concerns.
  - Share what you learn with your constituents
- Attend meetings, 50% of meetings at least
  - Or send an alternate, or let the facilitators know
  - If your seat is unfilled for more than 50% of the meetings in a year without communication, that seat is considered vacant
- Be prepared
- Adhere to the rules of conduct (for respectful, constructive dialogue)

# CAG **alternate** roles and responsibilities



- Track the project, stay up to date on content
- Attend in lieu of the member when the member is not available
- If a member and alternate both attend a meeting, pending space at the table the alternate may be asked to sit with the public in more of an observing role

# CAG **liaison** roles and responsibilities



- When invited, participate in and conduct educational briefings on relevant technical, legal, and other pertinent cleanup issues
- Provide responses and input during CAG discussions, as needed and appropriate.
- Consider, seriously and in good faith, the input of the CAG.





# Ground rules



In order to facilitate an open and collaborative discussion, members and the public who attend meetings shall abide by the following rules:

1. Speak one at a time
2. Express her or his own views
3. Refrain from personal attacks or statements blaming others for specific actions or outcomes.
4. Avoid grandstanding and filibustering (extended comments and questions)
5. Make every effort to stay on track with the agenda and to move deliberations forward.

## Ground rules (continued)



6. Members are expected to communicate concerns, interests and ideas openly and to make the reasons for any disagreements clear.
7. When speaking with others outside the CAG, members will be clear that they are representing their views and concerns as an individual or as an organizational representative and cannot speak for the CAG as a whole.

# Interactions with the **media**



- Members are free to make statements to the press regarding their own opinions, but agree not to attribute statements to others involved in the process.
- No member should presuppose to speak for the group as a whole.
- In order to facilitate productive deliberations, members will make every effort to abide by the ground rules under this section while interacting with the media.

# Recording



In order to encourage open dialogue, meetings will not be tape-recorded or videotaped by the facilitators.

However, given that meetings will be open to the public, individuals may tape record and/or videotape meetings, as they deem useful and necessary as long as they notify the group of such action publicly and clearly prior to taping and keep recording equipment out of the way of members and their discussion.



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