Short Bios of Tri-Valley CAREs’ Key Staff and Technical Advisors

Marylia Kelley is executive director of the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs. She brings 27 years of in-depth research, writing and facilitating public participation in decisions regarding the Department of Energy weapons complex, Livermore Lab, nuclear weapons, waste and cleanup. Marylia serves on the "Community Work Group" (since 1989) to advise the federal Environmental Protection Agency, state agencies and the community on the Superfund cleanup of Livermore Lab. She has provided input to the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council, including on the proliferation risks of the National Ignition Facility and on toxic and radioactive pollution at the Livermore Lab main site and Site 300. She can often be found speaking at diverse venues, from rallies to international conferences. Marylia has written for numerous publications, including the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. She also serves as editor and principal writer for Tri-Valley CAREs’ Citizen’s Watch newsletter and other publications. Marylia's work with Tri-Valley CAREs has garnered numerous awards over the years, and, in 2002, she was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame. She has a background in journalism and humanities, and graduated summa cum laude from John F. Kennedy University. marylia@trivalleycares.org

Scott Yundt is the Staff Attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs. Scott specializes in public interest and environmental law. He manages all of the group's community "right to know" activities and environmental monitoring activities, both of which often result in litigation. He also facilitates a support group for local nuclear weapons workers made ill by on the job exposures and heads up the group's activities to achieve conversion of Livermore Lab from nuclear weapons to a "green lab" focused on civilian science initiatives. Scott attended the University of California at Santa Cruz where he double majored in environmental studies and legal studies. He then graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he received a Public Interest Law Certificate and the Pro Bono Publico Award for his commitment to serving the public interest. scott@trivalleycares.org

Peter Strauss began working for Tri-Valley CAREs in 1991 as Technical Advisor on the Superfund cleanup of the Livermore Lab's main site. In the mid-90s, he was also awarded a second contract by Tri-Valley CAREs to analyze data and advise on the Superfund cleanup at the Livermore Lab's site 300 high explosives testing range. His responsibilities include providing detailed analysis of reports, well logs and other technical data on soil and groundwater contaminants and their migration through the environment. Peter also provides
the group with comparative analyses of potential or selected remediation technologies and assists with the preparation of written comments on key aspects of the Superfund process. Peter authored Tri-Valley CAREs' Community Guide to the Site 300 Cleanup, as well as its companion guide to the Lab's main site cleanup. Peter has also completed a comprehensive study of plutonium problems at Livermore Lab. He earned a BA from the University of Wisconsin and an MS in Science and Policy from State University of New York.

Robert Civiak is a Nuclear Policy Analyst under contract to Tri-Valley CAREs (since 2000). Bob brings an extensive knowledge of science, public policy and the DOE budget and programs to his work with the organization. He is the author of a comprehensive analysis of Stockpile Stewardship options for Tri-Valley CAREs. He is also author of the group's analysis of the cost and technical problems at the National Ignition Facility mega-laser. For each of the past ten years, Bob has produced an analysis of the DOE nuclear weapons budget request to Congress for the organization. Bob received a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh. From 1978 to 1988, he researched and wrote analyses for Members of Congress on science and technology issues as a specialist and then section head with the Congressional Research Service. After a brief stint as a visiting scientist at Livermore Lab in 1988, Bob became a Program Examiner in the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where he was employed from November 1988 to July 1999. During his tenure at OMB, Bob's scope of responsibility included the DOE nuclear weapons budget.

Judith Flanagan is one of the group's volunteer technical advisors on biological agents and facilities (since 2005). Judith received her Ph.D. in Medicine from the University of New South Wales, Australia. She brings a breadth of knowledge in biology, genetics and medicine to Tri-Valley CAREs' programs. Judith worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the Human Genome Project for three years. In 2005, she took a position at the University of California at San Francisco as a biological researcher specializing in the interactions of pathogens in human health.

Will Easton serves as Tri-Valley CAREs Web & Information Technology (IT) advisor, and contract webmaster. A former Board Member and Development Director for Tri-Valley CAREs, Will has also served as a Webmaster for the Sierra Club, Adjunct Faculty Instructor for information systems in the Masters of Nonprofit Administration program at the University of San Francisco, and as a "circuit rider" consulting with various nonprofits on IT development. He
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