

Clean Break – 2018 Report

Clean Break (formerly Fracking: Oil & Gas) was formed in late 2013. A major focus in 2014 was on team-building activities, including discussions on our mission statement, governance and operations, including meeting norms and how to define a voting member of the committee. A major focus in 2015 was on realigning our mission statement to the broader problem of drilling and extraction of oil and gas in urban areas. In 2016, the FOG committee was renamed Clean Break, with an expanded focus on the transition from dirty fossil fuels to clean renewable energy.

In 2017, we worked to support the Culver City City Council's effort to regulate oil extraction in the Inglewood Oil Field, the largest urban oil field in the United States. In 2018, there were two main efforts: 1) Elect progressive city council members in Culver City, which led to the City's plan to shut down oil extraction in their portion of the Inglewood Oil Field; 2) Encourage cities to choose a default rate of 100% clean energy as part of the Southern California Clean Power Alliance, which led to the plan for 750,000 customers in LA and Ventura Counties to receive 100% clean energy beginning in February, 2019.

1. Name of committee / task force / group, chairs' names, webpage address

Clean Break
David Haake: Chair
<http://cleanbreak.info/>

2. Brief Mission statement

Clean Break is a committee of the **Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club** that advocates for an end to oil and gas drilling, fracking and all other forms of well stimulation, production, and distribution in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Oil and gas production and distribution pose **unacceptable risks** to the health and safety of our communities; environmental quality, including air, water and soil; natural resources; geology and seismic activity; and climate.

These risks are of particular concern in Los Angeles County where many oil and gas wells are located in close proximity to densely populated urban neighborhoods, resulting in toxic emissions in low-income communities of color that are already **disproportionately impacted by urban pollution**.

To reduce demand for fossil fuels, **Clean Break** will support and collaborate with the Angeles Chapter's **Climate Change Committee** to promote a dramatic increase in the use of clean, renewable energy sources.

This Mission Statement is a living document and **Clean Break** reserves the right to improve it over time as new considerations arise.

3. Number of times you met in 2018; # of active meeting participants; Time, Day, and location of meetings; meetings posted on Campfire (required!)?

6 meetings since January, 2018 (one more planned this year); 35 individuals attended at least one meeting, 12 individuals meet "voting member" criteria (at least three meetings, including one within past three meetings); 203 subscribers to newsletter. Meetings are generally held

Sunday evenings in a member's home. The September and October were posted on Campfire, future meetings will also be posted on Campfire.

4. Social Media, other outreach

213 members of Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Angeles-Chapter-Clean-Break/>

147 likes on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubCleanBreak/>

5. Accomplishments of 2018 – Top 3

a. Elected progressive city council members in Culver City, which led to the City's plan to shut down oil extraction in their portion of the Inglewood Oil Field:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/compass/2018/06/culver-city-people-power-scores-victory-over-big-oil>

b. Encouraged cities to choose a default rate of 100% clean energy as part of the Southern California Clean Power Alliance, which led to the plan for 750,000 customers in LA and Ventura Counties to receive 100% clean energy beginning in February, 2019:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2018/11/ten-southern-california-municipalities-commit-100-percent-renewable>

c. Support of STAND-LA in collaboration with Rachel Stevens, Sierra Club Field Organizer

6. Goals for 2019 – Top 3

Education

The committee will work to raise awareness through education, outreach, presentations and training of Sierra Club members and the general public through dissemination of scientifically-grounded, peer-reviewed, evidence-based information about oil and gas production and distribution and their environmental risks.

Organizing

The committee will join in solidarity with other relevant environmental groups whose positions are consistent with National Sierra Club policy.

Political Activism

The committee will advocate for legislation and regulations that mitigate the environmental impacts of oil and gas production and distribution, including elimination of extreme or unconventional well stimulation, especially in sensitive environments.

7. How can the Angeles Chapter Conservation Committee support your work?

Please include Clean Break on the Angeles Chapter's Conservation Committees page:

[https://angeles.sierraclub.org/about us/chapter leadership and governance/conservation committee](https://angeles.sierraclub.org/about-us/chapter-leadership-and-governance/conservation-committee)