



Frontlines of Environmental Justice

Earth Day Actions for Health & Justice Thursday, April 21st, 2016 Stop Pollution & Gentrification of People of Color Communities!

This Earth Day, join Greenaction and allies in actions to protest Lennar Corporation and government agencies polluting and gentrifying Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco and gentrification of the Mission District and Treasure Island. At noon we will take action at Lennar's "SF Shipyard" downtown sales office, 645 Howard Street, San Francisco. Lennar is building upscale residential & commercial developments next to toxic contaminated land that is also at risk from climate change and rising sea levels – threatening the environment, health and livability of low income and working class communities of color in San Francisco.

Following the protest we'll join Mission District residents at a Planning Department hearing at City Hall on Lennar's upscale development plan. At 6 pm, attend the Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force meeting at Southeast Community College where the Navy and environmental justice technical advisers will make presentations about the cleanup of toxic and radioactive waste at the Hunters Point Shipyard.



Greenaction's Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force: Reducing Pollution and Bringing About Change

Check it out: www.bvhp-ivan.org

Upcoming BVHP EJ Task Force Meetings:

Thursday, April 21, 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 18th, 2-4pm

Southeast Community College, Alex Pitcher Room

1800 Oakdale, Ave, Bayview Hunters Point

BVHP & Southeast San Francisco residents have a new tool to get responses to pollution problems. Launched by Greenaction in July, the BVHP Environmental Justice Response Task Force has monthly meetings that bring together residents, community and environmental justice groups, businesses and local, regional, state and federal agencies to remedy pollution reported by residents.

We created a website to help residents file pollution complaints online, and they are forwarded to the responsible government agency. Residents can track responses online, thus holding the agencies and businesses accountable to be responsive and transparent.

The task force is already getting results. In response to complaints, government inspectors issued violations to Lennar Corporation due to dust emissions at Candlestick and the Shipyard sites, and also to the developer at Huntersview Public Housing. Agencies are now working with residents in an effort to remedy illegal dumping and to stop illegal and unhealthy idling of diesel vehicles.

Flint, Michigan has had toxic water for 2 years, Kettleman City has had toxic water for decades!

As national attention is focusing on the water crisis and environmental racism in Flint, Michigan – as it should be- Kettleman City residents continue to have had toxic water for decades now. While government agencies have finally agreed to provide a cleaner water source, the timeline keeps getting

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pushed back. Greenaction and El Pueblo of Kettleman City are working hard to pressure the local, state and federal agencies to fulfill their promise to finally bring clean water to the people of Kettleman City who continue to suffer from so much pollution.

US EPA Office of Civil Rights Mediation of Greenaction's Kettleman City Civil Rights Complaint Against California EPA & Department of Toxic Substances Control

The Title VI US Civil Rights Act complaint filed by Greenaction and El Pueblo of Kettleman City against the State Department of Toxic Substances Control and Cal EPA is coming to a climax. The complaint challenges the racially discriminatory approval of the expansion of the Chemical Waste Management toxic waste landfill, including the use of racially discriminatory hearing procedures and police intimidation during the EIR process. US EPA's Office of Civil Rights quickly accepted our complaint for investigation and federal mediation began in December. We will continue to use our civil rights complaint and other strategies and campaigns to force the government to end racism in environmental decision-making.

Greenaction Unites Native Nations and Environmental & Environmental Justice Groups to Protect Colorado River watershed, sacred sites and health from pollution!

On February 12th, Greenaction brought together Native Nations of the lower Colorado River and non-Native allies from California, Arizona and Utah in a strategy meeting hosted by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe in Arizona. We shared information about threats to the Colorado River and sacred sites due polluting industrial operations including the proposed Green River, Utah nuclear power plant, oil and gas drilling and fracking, uranium mining and the paving of the desert by industrial scale solar projects. We agreed to meet again in southern Utah to keep highlighting the issues.

On February 13th we joined the Fort Mojave, Chemehuevi, Quechan and Colorado River Indian Tribes and allies in the annual commemoration of the 113 day occupation in 1998 of Ward Valley (near Needles, California and the Colorado River) from a proposed nuclear waste dump. The epic

occupation kept the police and nuclear company out of Ward Valley and led to the victory that stopped the proposed nuclear waste dump when the White House canceled the project.



Empowering Youth Leaders in Bayview Hunters Point, Gonzales and Kettleman City!

Our third Youth Academy in the Salinas Valley town of Gonzales is underway. Youth from farmworker families are gaining leadership and organizing skills as they learn about sustainable agriculture, health and environmental threats from pesticides and climate change. They are receiving mentorship to attend college and will help organize the Dia del Nino festival in the spring. We are also planning new Youth Academies this spring and summer in Kettleman City and Bayview Hunters Point.



(photo: Gonzales Leadership Academy graduates)