



## Greenaction kicks off our 3<sup>rd</sup> decade of fighting for healthy communities & justice...and winning victories!

On January 27th, Greenaction supporters joined our Board of Directors and staff at our new office to celebrate 20 years of victories, and to start our 21<sup>st</sup> year stronger than ever. 20 years ago, urban, rural and Indigenous grassroots leaders united to form a new organization led by communities impacted by pollution, racism and injustice. Its mission would be to mobilize community power to win victories that change industry and government policies and practices to protect health and promote environmental, social and economic justice ...and *Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice was born.*

From the San Francisco Bay Area to the San Joaquin Valley, the Salinas and Imperial Valleys, Los Angeles, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and beyond, we have stayed on the frontlines working with communities to win David versus Goliath victories against polluters and government agencies that protect industry not people.

## Greenaction Joins Native Nations & Allies to Celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ward Valley Occupation and Victory!

Our first campaign in 1998 was to join the Colorado River Native Nations Alliance in occupying federal land at Ward Valley in the Mojave Desert to stop a proposed nuclear waste dump that would have desecrated sacred sites and threatened the Colorado River. After a 113-day standoff against federal police, the occupation ended in victory. There will never be a nuclear dump at Ward Valley.

On February 23 & 24, Greenaction joined tribal leaders, elders, youth, traditional singers, dancers, and allies to celebrate the Ward Valley victory and affirm our solidarity. Greenaction is honored to have received a recognition from the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe for our role in the struggle protecting Ward Valley, the Colorado River, sacred lands and the desert.

## Spring 2018 Frontlines of Environmental Justice



### Youth take the lead at Greenaction in 2018!

Greenaction empowers youth as leaders of today, not just tomorrow. We are proud that youth are playing a leadership role in the fight for environmental justice. Teresa Moreno of Kettleman City has joined our Board of Directors. Teresa is a college freshman who became active in the fight against the Chemical Waste Management toxic waste landfill when she was still in elementary school.

We have two new staff members! Miguel Alatorre is from Kettleman City and has been an activist since he was a kid. Niria Garcia is our Youth Program Coordinator. Miguel and Niria will work together to empower youth through our Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership programs.



## **Greenaction Vindicated: Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site Scandal Exposed**

Greenaction's tireless work to expose the radioactive and toxic scandal at the Shipyard Superfund site in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, is paying off. The Navy & USEPA now admit that the apparent fraud committed by federal contractor Tetra Tech was much greater than previously acknowledged. As a result, the government will conduct extensive re-testing of the Superfund site. We will continue watchdogging their work and demand that they allow community oversight.

Greenaction and residents continue challenging USEPA and Navy plans to leave radioactive and toxic waste buried at the Shipyard by the San Francisco Bay waterfront, where rising sea levels threaten to inundate contamination and flood the community. We will continue our campaign for the best possible cleanup of contamination and to stop plans by mega-developer Lennar/Five Points to build thousands of upscale homes at the Shipyard that would gentrify the low income people of color neighborhood and expose current and future residents to harmful contamination.

## **Kettleman City Civil Rights Victory Bringing Historic Changes in State Policies**

Since signing our precedent-setting federal civil rights settlement in August 2016, Greenaction & El Pueblo of Kettleman City have been in implementation meetings with CalEPA/Department of Toxic Substances Control to ensure they comply. The settlement requires the state to adopt new policies to ensure civil rights compliance in permit and regulatory processes, including to ensure non-English speakers have access and meaningful civic engagement opportunities. These policies will make it harder for the state to use racially discriminatory processes that enable polluters to keep dumping on low income people of color and working class communities that bear the brunt of pollution and injustice.

**GREENACTION HAS A NEW HOME!**  
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## **Environmental Justice & Sacred Site Battles Rage on Indigenous Lands**

Greenaction continues our long time work in solidarity with Native Nations. One of our newest campaigns is to work with and support the Wailaki Tribe and Cahto tribal members at the Laytonville Rancheria in northern California who live on toxic land contaminated by old county garbage dumps. We are supporting the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona as they fight to stop a freeway from being built through sacred South Mountain near Phoenix. We continue our intensive work with the White Mesa Ute Community/Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Utah to oppose the Energy Fuel's uranium mill and dump that pollutes the air, water and land, and desecrates and destroys sacred sites.

We support Native Nations working to protect the new Bears Ears National Monument in Utah from Trump's attempt to open this beautiful and sacred area to mining and drilling. Greenaction and the Mohave Elders of the Colorado River Indian Tribes are pressuring USEPA to deny permits to the Evoqua facility that has been burning hazardous wastes on tribal lands. USEPA has let the company operate for over 26 years without proper permits and without any Environmental Impact Statement, and falsely claimed they conducted a Health Risk Assessment and conducted test burns. The facility emits toxic pollutants into the air.

## **TAKE ACTION! GET INVOLVED!**

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