Greenaction Challenges City Hall to Demand Full Testing and Cleanup of Contamination at Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site!

Chants of “Which Side Are You On?” were heard loud and clear inside San Francisco City Hall on October 17th as Greenaction and the Bayview Hunters Point Mothers and Fathers Committee called on City officials to protect residents and the environment instead of protecting mega-developer Lennar/Five Points that hopes to build over 10,000 upscale homes at the Shipyard.

We also celebrated the victory won three years ago when we forced USEPA to investigate the massive fraud committed by federal contractor Tetra Tech during the “cleanup” of contamination at the Superfund Site. As a result of relentless organizing by Greenaction and residents, Lennar’s Shipyard project has been stopped in its tracks while the government decides how to retest and clean up the site. Greenaction opposes the Lennar development due to concerns about gentrification, rising sea levels, and the fact that no human being should live on top of, or next to, radioactive or toxic waste.

November/December 2019 Frontlines of Environmental Justice

Solidarity with Mauna Kea, Hawai’i Protectors

Greenaction is proud to stand with Native Hawaiians to oppose construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawai’i, a mountain sacred to Native Hawaiian people. The building of an eighteen-story telescope would have devastating and irreversible environmental and cultural impacts. On July 15th, thousands of Native Hawaiians led by Elders began a powerful and peaceful blockade that has stopped construction. The occupation continues.

Greenaction Community Organizer Sheridan Noelani Enomoto and Greenaction Board Member Dave Harper from the Colorado River Indian Tribes traveled to Mauna Kea to represent Greenaction and stand with the Protectors. Dave Harper says “So many times we’ve seen intrusion on our spiritual places that affect our cultural ways of life. We understand the connection to the land, know our spiritual and cultural landmarks that have existed since time immemorial.”

Community Air Monitoring

Greenaction is launching community air monitoring projects in Bayview Hunters Point and Kettleman City. Using portable and stationary air monitors, we have begun community-led efforts to identify particulate pollution hot spots. With the information gathered, we will be able to strengthen the effectiveness of our community campaigns to reduce air pollution.

GREENACTION END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION! JOIN US!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH 5-8 PM
315 Sutter Street, 2nd Floor,
San Francisco
Mobilizing Kettleman City and Buttonwillow Residents to Fight New Toxic Dump Permits!

California’s three hazardous waste landfills are located in Latinx, Spanish-speaking farmworker communities: Kettleman City and Buttonwillow (San Joaquin Valley) and Westmorland (Imperial Valley). The dumps were permitted with discriminatory processes including police intimidation and English-only proceedings. While the Westmorland dump is not currently operating, the others operate on expired permits. Greenaction and residents demand that state agencies comply with our 2016 federal civil rights settlement and stop the pattern and practice of environmental racism. All three communities are acknowledged by the State to be highly vulnerable to pollution, and have numerous pollution sources that threaten health.

It is time for industries to reduce their generation of toxic waste through cleaner products and technologies. It is also time for government to find a suitable location for a new hazardous waste landfill that is environmentally sound and not located in or near a community of color.

Join Fort Mojave Indian Tribe & Greenaction at 22nd Anniversary of Ward Valley Occupation & Victory, February 22, 2020

Greenaction’s very first action in February, 1998 was to work with the Colorado River Native Nations Alliance to organize and participate in the 113-day occupation that defeated the proposed nuclear waste dump at Ward Valley in the Mojave Desert. Come to Ward Valley Saturday, February 22, 2020 to celebrate this epic victory.

Greenaction, Residents & WhistleblowersExpose Pollution Threats at Treasure Island

After years of assurances that cleanup of radioactive and toxic waste at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay was going well, the truth is finally coming out. Our organizing has forced some improvements in conditions, with improved fencing at some of the contaminated sites, and some piles of radioactive soil covered up or removed. Many residents still live on top of and next to contamination, as politicians continue to push gentrification and cover up the pollution problems.

Empowering Youth as Leaders for Justice!

This summer we conducted Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy Programs in Bayview Hunters Point (San Francisco), Kettleman City (San Joaquin Valley) and Gonzales (Salinas Valley). Dozens of youth learned about pollution and health issues, while gaining skills in public speaking, organizing and outreach. Many are now involved as environmental justice leaders and activists. We will conduct new Youth programs this fall and winter.

Organizing to Protect Farmworkers & Families from Pesticide Drift!

We are excited to expand our organizing work in farmworker communities in the San Joaquin and Salinas Valleys to stop the health threat posed by pesticides drift. In both Kettleman City and Gonzales, youth living in the communities are leading the effort. We are also excited that two of our former interns, Karen Crespo Triveno and Agustin Angel, are now Greenaction staff working on this project in the Salinas Valley.