

## *March/April 2022* Frontlines of Environmental Justice



As Sea Levels Rise, Communities Demand Full Clean Up of Contamination at Hunters Point Shipyard, Treasure Island, Richmond, Marin City and other communities

Greenaction is working with partners in Bayview Hunters Point, Richmond, Marin City, West Oakland and other communities to demand safe cleanup of all radioactive and toxic contamination along San Francisco Bay shoreline. Despite scientific projections that sea levels will rise up to 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet by the end of the century, government agencies want to leave contamination buried at sea level including at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site.

We helped start the new San Francisco Bay Shoreline Contamination Cleanup Coalition to challenge city, state and federal agencies to follow science and protect the health of people and San Francisco Bay. It is time for our government to protect the people, not corporations!

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Greenaction, Bayview Hunters Point residents and supporters marched to demand full cleanup of all contamination in their community.

## This Earth Day, don't just plant a tree, Take Action!

People's Earth Day Action for Environmental and Climate Justice and Youth Climate Strike!

Friday, April 22, 10 am Civic Center BART, San Francisco Email <u>Ashley@greenaction.org</u> for details



## VICTORY! Together we Defeated Proposed Indian Pass Gold Mine

When Quechan tribal elder Preston Arrow-weed and Tribal Councilmember Faron Owl asked Greenaction for help, we joined the fight to defeat a cyanide leach gold mine proposed at Indian Pass in the Sonoran Desert of California. Known to the Quechan as part of the "Trail of Dreams," Indian Pass has sacred and cultural significance to indigenous people. Facing strong opposition, Kore Mining/Imperial Gold has dropped plans to conduct exploratory drilling at Indian Pass. While they may try again, they won't succeed. This is a victory for environmental justice and Indigenous rights.

## **Big Ward Valley Gathering Celebrates 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory over Nuclear Dump**

Greenaction staff & board members joined the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and many indigenous and activist allies to celebrate the 1998 epic 113-day occupation of "federal" land at Ward Valley in the Mojave Desert that led to the defeat of a proposed nuclear waste dump. The occupation and nonviolent defense of Ward Valley was Greenaction's very first action and continues to inspire us today to keep winning victories.

# Stop Dumping Toxic Waste on Buttonwillow and Kettleman City!

Greenaction and El Pueblo of Kettleman City are demanding state and federal agencies to stop allowing these dumps to operate on expired permits issued years ago with racially discriminatory processes and police intimidation. After decades of being industry's dumping ground, it is time for government and industry to reduce the amount of toxic waste generated, and to work to find safer alternatives than landfills and incineration.

## Marie Harrison Community Air Monitoring Network Launched in Bayview Hunters Point

Named after our dear friend and coworker Marie Harrison who passed away in May 2019, our network of air monitors in Bayview Hunters Point is informing residents about Particulate Matter levels in their air. As the government never bothered to monitor air quality in this heavily polluted community, Greenaction stepped up and is carrying on this important effort.



Everyone can view the levels in real time on our <u>www.bvhp-ivan.org</u> website. The air monitor project is funded with grants from California Air Resources Board and California EPA. As expected, several of the monitors are regularly detecting very unhealthy levels of PM pollution. We will use the information from our air monitor network to challenge and hold government agencies accountable to reduce the unacceptable levels of air pollution in the community. Clean air is a right!

#### It's Greenaction's 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Organizing, Mobilizing & Winning Victories for Healthy Communities & Environmental Justice!

In late 1997, grassroots leaders from frontline urban, rural and Indigenous communities formed Greenaction as a strong organization that would join and support communities on the frontlines in campaigns for health and environmental justice.

We were founded as an organization that would never sell-out, would not compromise on issues of health and justice, and would help communities win victories and bring about changes in industry and government policies and practices. We are proud of what we have accomplished and that we have remained true to our mission. Please join with us and get involved!

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### Stop Dumping Uranium on White Mesa Ute Community of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe



Greenaction is on the frontlines with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and White Mesa Concerned Community members and allies in the campaign to close Energy Fuels' uranium mill located next to the White Mesa Ute Community in southern Utah. Our immediate priority is to stop plans to import radioactive material from Europe and Japan to the mill. In October, we joined with tribal leaders, tribal members, and allies to hold a major regional conference and powerful and inspiring Spiritual Walk and Protest against the uranium mill. As we walked from the Community Center to the uranium mill, the crowd cheered as the newly restored – and sacred -Bears Ears National Monument came into view.

#### **Empowering Youth as Leaders of Today**

From our own staff to dozens of diverse youth who have participated in our Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy programs, we are proud to continue our commitment to empower youth and young adults as environmental justice leaders of today.

Since we began our Youth EJ leadership program, we have held successful academies and trainings in Bayview Hunters Point, Kettleman City, Salinas Valley, White Mesa Ute Community, Gila River Indian Community, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes. During the pandemic we conducted an Urban, Rural and Indigenous Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy, bringing together diverse youth from frontline communities around the southwest US.

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