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EHC Reaches Major Milestone in San Diego Energy Future

New Bayfront Power Plant Defeated

Environmental Health Coalition dealt a significant blow to the business-as-usual energy decision-making by defeating an effort for a new power plant. EHC worked successfully with the City of Chula Vista and the San Diego Port District to send a strong message — no more polluting power plants on the Bayfront.

The Chula Vista City Council, South Bay community residents, the Port District and EHC all agree that the polluting South Bay Power Plant (SBPP) needs to go. Finally, in October, Dynegy, the company operating the SBPP, withdrew its application to replace the power plant with another gas-fired plant. This is a significant victory for the community, but some serious hurdles remain.

What Next?

In order to make sure the SBPP is torn down as planned at the end of its lease in 2009, a significant roadblock must be removed. The Independent Systems Operator (ISO), the state agency in charge of maintaining California's electrical grid, will not remove the plant's must-run designation until its generation capacity is replaced.

We can — and must — get past the ISO hurdle through a serious regional commitment to pursuing alternative energy. EHC's Green Energy Options Report for Replacing the South Bay Power Plant demonstrates that clean, secure energy solutions are available to meet our energy needs into the future. Our strategy is two-fold: seek state regulatory actions to phase out

aging power plants statewide, and work with ISO and the City of Chula Vista to develop a local energy plan sufficient to eliminate our need for the SBPP for energy reliability. This action is timely. Last year, the state passed the AB32 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act that mandates reductions of statewide emissions to below the 1990 level by 2020.

According to the California Energy Commission, aging power plants contribute 22 million tons a year of carbon dioxide (CO₂) or 6 percent of the state's global climate change emissions. Greener energy options could reduce CO₂ and particulate pollution emissions every year by 60-80 percent over a new gas-fired plant.

AB32 sets strict targets for reduction for future greenhouse gas emissions, and as a member of the AB32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, EHC sought to have the phase-out of all power plants, including the SBPP, adopted as an Early Action measure by the California Air Resources Board. While our proposal was not adopted as an Early Action Measure, it will be considered in the formal Scoping Plan which will detail all elements of AB32 implementation.

EHC is also a member of the Chula Vista Climate Change Working Group that will update Chula Vista's Carbon Reduction Plan. Unfortunately, since the adoption of the 2000 Reduction Plan, emissions in Chula Vista have risen 35%. EHC will be advocating for mandatory policies promoting aggressive development of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures.

The SBPP has caused great destruction to the San Diego Bay marine environment and nearby communities. For 47 years, the SBPP has been a classic example of environmental injustice — with the community downwind of the plant suffering from air pollution being 77 percent Latino, and 21 percent living below the federal poverty level.

Community residents are gearing up!



EHC is helping residents near the plant prepare to take part in Chula Vista's update of the Carbon Reduction Plan. SALTA VERDE (Salud Ambiental, Líderes Tomando Acción para Energía Verde — Environmental Health, Leaders Taking Action for Green Energy) is a training program that will provide local residents with information on the impacts of polluting energy generation and green energy options that can work for our region. You can be a part of the EHC Energy Action Team by contacting Leo Miras or Georgette Gómez at (619) 474-0220.

After More Than a Decade of Struggle, Community Celebrates Tijuana Toxic Site Cleanup

Environmental Health Coalition and its Tijuana affiliate, the Colectivo Chilpancingo Pro Justicia Ambiental, are celebrating the culmination of over ten years of hard work. The cleanup of the abandoned Tijuana lead smelter known as Metales y Derivados, to be completed by early 2008, represents a binational environmental and public health victory.

Magdalena Cerda, EHC Organizer, said, “The cleanup of Metales y Derivados is a huge victory for us. We hope it can inspire and guide other communities seeking solutions to environmental injustices like this one.”

Shut down by the Mexican government in 1994 for repeated violations of environmental law, Metales y Derivados continued to pollute nearby communities. Neither EHC nor the community gave up, and their persistence won out.

History of Metales y Derivados

1972-1994

For more than 20 years, the U.S.-based New Frontier Trading Corporation, owned by José Kahn, recycled batteries in Tijuana. In 1986, operations moved from the La Gloria neighborhood to the Metales y Derivados site on the Mesa de Otay, above the community of Colonia Chilpancingo.



1994

The Mexican government permanently shut down Metales y Derivados. José Kahn fled across the border to San Diego after a warrant was issued for his arrest for alleged environmental crimes. He left behind 7,000 metric tons of lead slag, along with other hazardous waste. No cleanup was proposed by the owner, or mandated by the U.S. or Mexican government.

1998

Residents of Colonia Chilpancingo and EHC filed a citizen’s petition with the North American Free Trade

Agreement’s Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) to address the urgent need for cleanup of the toxic site.



2000 At a press conference in Tijuana, EHC and Colonia Chilpancingo residents called for immediate cleanup, while simultaneously, in Dallas, Texas, a representative of the community delivered 500 letters signed by Colonia Chilpancingo residents to the head of Mexico’s environmental agency at a meeting of the CEC.

2001

EHC and Colonia Chilpancingo activists, along with Mexican and U.S. supporters and allied groups, demonstrated in front of New Frontier Trading Company’s offices in San Diego.

2002

The CEC responded to EHC’s petition by publishing a factual record on the Metales y Derivados case corroborating community concerns that toxic substances at the site represent a “grave risk to human health.” Still, there was no plan or money for cleanup.

“Metales y Derivados is the poster child for the failure of NAFTA to protect public health and the environment. NAFTA’s environmental commission can’t compel a toxic site cleanup. All it can do is document the danger.”

*— Amelia Simpson,
Director BEJC*



2002

EHC and Colonia residents formally inaugurated a Community Action Team, the Colectivo. EHC, the Colectivo, and supporters from Mexico and the U.S. held a 24-hour vigil in front of the office of Mexico's environmental enforcement agency in Tijuana demanding an immediate cleanup.

**2003**

A government working group to address cleanup was formed. The Colectivo demanded participation in the working group and presented its own cleanup plan, requesting immediate implementation.

June 24, 2004

Members of the Colectivo signed an agreement with the Mexican government for a comprehensive cleanup within 5 years, starting the first of four steps right away.

**2005-2007**

The working group, consisting of Colectivo members, EHC, and Mexican and U.S. Government officials, held regular meetings at EHC's Colectivo office in Colonia Chilpancingo to oversee the cleanup. The first phase of cleanup, completed in September 2005, removed 1,900 tons of toxic waste.

Colectivo member Yesenia Palomares Rodríguez, protected by a hazmat suit and respirator, documents the cleanup.

"To transform a notorious toxic site into a symbol of how communities can lift their voices and achieve justice, that's historic!"

– Lourdes Luján, a member of the Colectivo and longtime resident of Colonia Chilpancingo.

October 2007

Final cleanup at Metales y Derivados began, with independent community monitoring.

January 2008

Final cleanup expected to be finished. Colectivo will continue efforts with the Working Group to ensure long term monitoring and appropriate reuse of the site.



EHC and the Colectivo would like to thank the following people and organizations, whose efforts made this victory possible, as well as the thousands too numerous to list who signed petitions and postcards supporting our efforts:

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After Three-Year Delay, Children's Right to Lead-Safe Housing Ordinance Advances to San Diego City Council

Thanks to the strong leadership and dedication of Council President Scott Peters and Councilmember Donna Frye, the Children's Right to Lead-Safe Housing ordinance will be docketed for Council consideration by February 2008.

Environmental Health Coalition thanks everyone who contacted their City Council representative and/or was ready to attend the City Council meeting on October 23rd. That hearing was cancelled due to the fires, but the Mayor agreed to the Council's request to generate a financial report on ordinance costs. This action comes after a three-year delay and as part of the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

"Children's health is now at the top of the City's agenda, and the message is loud and clear – zero tolerance for lead poisoning in San Diego," said Leticia Ayala, Director of the Campaign to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning at EHC.

Lead in homes in the City of San Diego is a huge problem, since all City Council districts have lead poisoning "hot spots." These are areas with many children under 6 years old and much housing built before 1950. Public health policy related to lead poisoning prevention generally focuses on housing built before 1950 as most likely to put children at risk – it is more probable these homes are in a deteriorated state and have lead-based paint. The City of San Diego has a total of 46,500 housing units built before 1950.

EHC has been working on eliminating lead in homes since 1992 and has advocated for stronger protections and city involvement. In 2002, Mayor Dick Murphy established the City of San Diego Lead Poison Prevention Citizen's Advisory Taskforce, co-chaired by City Councilmembers Donna Frye and Ralph Inzunza. The Lead Taskforce met for two years, crafting the ordinance.

In August 2004, the Land Use and Housing Council Committee

– comprised of five City Councilmembers – unanimously approved the ordinance. In honor of the unanimous vote for children, the dedication of the Lead Taskforce, and the children that are being exposed to lead on a daily basis, EHC has been working to bring this critical children's health issue back onto City Council's radar.

We expect the lead ordinance to go before City Council in February of 2008. EHC will be organizing our members to attend this very important hearing. We are up against major opposition and need you to be there as a voice for our children, standing strong against the poison found in their very own homes!

The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent, identify and remedy lead hazards in housing before children are poisoned. The ordinance requires use of lead-safe work practices and compels inspections of rental and owner-occupied housing units to ensure that children are protected from the dangers of lead-based paint and dust.

The key elements of the ordinance:

Requires Prevention: Peeling lead-based paint will be a municipal code violation requiring increased inspections and repair to prevent the poisoning of children.



Protects ALL Children in Rental and Owner-Occupied Housing: Landlords and homeowners will be required to repair lead hazards.

Protects Workers: Establishes clear standards for handling lead in paint and bans unsafe work practices.



Increases Enforcement: Increases authority of the City to take direct enforcement action.

A Personal Battle with Lead



Lead poisoning usually has no obvious symptoms. Take the advice of Sammy's mother: get your child tested for lead and do all you can to eliminate lead hazards.

Silvia Leon brought her baby Samuel ("Sammy") to the La Paloma clothing store where she worked every day, and was concerned about lead in the 65-year-old Sherman Heights building. Dust was rampant, and Sammy was scurrying around in a baby walker. In addition, the store was located on a main street with heavy traffic and nearby toxic autobody shops. Another danger was their home in Sherman Heights, built almost 100 years ago.

Sammy had no symptoms, but because of her concerns, Leon took him to get tested for lead poisoning

when he was 1 ½ years old. When he tested positive, she was mad that her own child had this problem, and unsure about how it had happened. She considered herself well-informed about lead, as she had completed the EHC Lead Poisoning Prevention training. She had been taking precautions like washing his hands and toys, not letting him touch the windowsills, and feeding him a healthy diet with iron, calcium and Vitamin C.

"It is a shame that this is such a preventable problem and it should not be happening in these times. We know children with much worse lead poisoning than Sammy, and it seems a crime that the government is supposed to protect children's health, but they are not," said Leon.

According to the San Diego County Health Department, a child is considered lead poisoned if his/her blood lead level is 10µg/dL or above, but recent studies from the Centers for Disease Control suggest that adverse health effects exist in children at blood lead levels less than 10 µg/dL. For Leon, as a mother, finding out Sammy tested at 4µg/dL was very worrisome.

There is truly no 'safe' level, because lead poisoning, the number one

environmental health threat to children under 6, can affect people even without visible symptoms – damaging the central nervous system, resulting in reduced IQ, learning disabilities, behavior problems, hyperactivity and increased aggression.

In response to the test results, Leon participated in the Lead-Safe San Diego Program to ensure that her children are not exposed to lead in their very own home.

She made her clothing store lead-safe by replacing the paint, fixing holes, and limiting Sammy's visits.

Leon urges parents to take all the precautions, including making homes and older buildings lead-safe as well as getting a blood lead test done for their children and asking for the results, including the level – especially if their children spend a lot of time in an old house or old building such as a child-care center, preschool, or at their grandparents' house.

"I invite everybody to support the lead ordinance. I feel confident that my children and other children that live in old homes are going to be protected, as the ordinance forces the homeowners to maintain paint in good conditions," said Leon.

Lead in Toys: Think Globally, Act Locally

The numerous recalls of toys due to lead have forced parents to think twice about what to include on their holiday shopping lists. Check out the Consumer Product Safety Commission website www.cpsc.gov for a list of recalled toys. However, almost all of the lead contamination in consumer products has been discovered by non-profit watchdog organizations, not by the government. Use precaution when purchasing toys and purchase Leadcheck swabs at nearby home improvement stores to test your toys for lead.

Take Action. We must hold US corporations such as Mattel and Fisher Price accountable for profiting at the expense of our children's health and the health of foreign workers. Send a holiday season greeting to your Congressional representatives and remind them we need FAIR TRADE. Trade agreements must include enforceable environmental and worker protections, and goods brought back into the United States must be routinely screened to ensure that they meet U.S. standards.

Two Major Opportunities Push Barrio Logan Vision into Action

Residents Will Fight to Incorporate Vision into Community Plan

After 30 years of hurdles, the Barrio Logan community plan – the most outdated plan in the City of San Diego – is finally being updated.

On November 8, the City of San Diego held a public lottery to select members of the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update Stakeholders Group. Many Barrio Logan Vision supporters were selected, including EHC and its leaders Hilda Valenzuela, Antonia Onofre, Herlinda Flores, and alternates Maria Martinez, Berta Ortiz and Patricia Cuevas.

In 2004, Environmental Health Coalition sponsored a planning process for Barrio Logan's future. Community members created a land use map, principles and goals, and the project became The Barrio Logan Vision. The Vision was endorsed by more than 1,000 residents, 24 businesses and 16 community organizations.

Thanks to EHC's organizing and advocacy efforts, Councilmember Ben Hueso and Mayor Jerry Sanders accepted \$1.5 million in funding from the Centre City Development

Corporation (CCDC) at a press conference in April. This unprecedented contribution is an acknowledgement of the effects of downtown San Diego's development on nearby Barrio Logan, where rents have steadily increased, forcing cramped living conditions and displacement.

During the summer of 2007, as the City prepared to select the stakeholders group and a team of



SALTA Participants Discuss Plan Options

consultants to carry out the planning process, EHC sponsored a series of trainings for leaders and members in Barrio Logan. Part of EHC's SALTA (Salud Ambiental, Líderes Tomando Acción) leadership development program, these trainings prepared participants to participate in the community plan update process that will begin early next year.

The stakeholders group will hold its first public workshop in January of 2008 to develop the new plan and

make official recommendations to the City Council. Community participation at the workshops is critical to ensure the Vision is adopted into the new plan.

Mercado Project Presents

Opportunity to Put Vision into Action

Over 62% of Barrio Logan residents earn less than \$24,150/year for a family of four, and 91 percent qualify for affordable housing. Meanwhile, the community lacks basic services like a grocery store. For more than 15 years, the community has hoped the Mercado Project would fulfill its need for affordable housing and services, but there have been continuous delays.

After a legal victory, the City's redevelopment agency again sought a new developer for the Mercado Project this year. In an EHC survey, 52 percent of residents surveyed made affordable rental housing their top priority for the Mercado Project, while 32 percent put a grocery store at the top of the list.

Developers and the City heard these wishes at community meetings held in the fall of 2006. However, the City's request for proposals from developers limited the affordable housing allowed to 50 percent. With this restraint, it is impossible for developers to fulfill community demands. The City will hold a public meeting in January to present the project proposals, and EHC will make sure residents get what they have asked for in the Mercado Project.



Principles of the Barrio Logan VISION

- *Ensure a Healthy Neighborhood*
- *Create Affordable Housing*
- *Preserve Community Character*
- *Promote a Livable Community*

Old Town National City Residents Celebrate Progress Towards Phase-out of Polluters

On October 30, Old Town residents and EHC members came out in force to the National City Council's first review of the Westside, or Old Town Specific Plan. They left satisfied that Councilmembers largely supported their vision and directed staff to move the plan forward without further delay.

Hundreds of community members have been meeting for over two years to develop their vision for the community. Nearly 30 residents testified in support of EHC's core demands:

- **Polluter Phase-out:** Phase-out hearings to begin within 12 months of adoption of the plan for all autobody and paint shops located within zones allowing for new residential development.
- **Affordable Housing:** An Affordable Housing Overlay Zone for the blocks east of Wilson Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets, and for the Public Works Yard, reserving these areas for 100% low and very-low income housing.
- **Height Limits:** Should be no more than three stories *and* 40 feet.
- **Transition Zone:** A 500-foot transition zone between Interstate 5 and residential zones.

José Medina, an EHC leader and National City resident since 1969, said, "The plan will allow me to see the neighborhood change into something I remember when I was

a boy, when a lot of residents were connecting with each other. In the mid-80s it changed for the worse - I saw houses flattened and autobody shops moved in."

While the Council did not commit to a timeline for beginning the phase-out of polluters, several Councilmembers did express strong support for expediting the process upon plan approval.

"We need to start attacking these gross polluters. We've asked too much of this community already," said Vice Mayor Frank Parra. Port Commissioner Robert "Dukie" Valderrama, also a longtime National City resident, spoke fervently in favor of implementing the plan, saying "I was dealing with this problem when it made my son ill in 1988. We need to move forward with the phase-out of polluters now."

Many Councilmembers also supported an affordable housing zone for low and very-low income renters, and a 500-foot transition zone between Interstate 5 and new residential development to buffer against toxic auto emissions. While the community was frustrated by the Council's decision to study additional height and density on main corridors, the Council affirmed

support for the residents' preferred height limits—2 and 3 stories—in about 75 percent of the plan area.

Implementing a buffer zone could be a precedent-setting decision. Data has been proving the correlation between residing close to freeways and many diseases, particularly among children. A state law passed which prohibits constructing new schools within 500 feet of freeways, but little has been done to separate new homes from freeways.

Many developers called for additional unrestricted height allowances throughout the neighborhood to maximize profits, though this was rejected by the Council. Developers also called for the plan's redesign, but the Mayor and Councilmembers rejected these delays. The next step, a thorough environmental review, is to be completed the summer of 2008.



Residents testify in support of EHC core demands

Port Moves Forward with First-Ever Clean Air Plan

In the last three years, global goods movement through the San Diego Port has increased by 15 percent, and similar growth is expected in the foreseeable future. The Barrio Logan and Old Town National City communities – at risk for increased asthma, cancer and higher death rates because of their proximity to the Port – are anxiously awaiting the review of the draft Clean Air Plan (CAP) by the San Diego Port Commissioners in January of 2008.

The California Air Resources Board estimates that the 44 deaths and 860 asthma attacks related to goods movement in San Diego

County in 2005 could jump to 100 deaths and 2,465 asthma attacks annually by 2020 – if no controls are implemented.

Without an effective clean air plan, residents and workers near the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal in Barrio Logan and National City's 24th St. Terminal will continue to suffer from health and safety impacts, and the air quality will worsen for the rest of San Diego.

In 2006, EHC called for the Port to make health and the environment a priority by creating a CAP. The CAP Stakeholder's Group was formed, consisting of EHC, the International

Longshore and Warehouse Union, the cities of San Diego and National City, American Lung Association, SANDAG, and several industry groups. Community input on the plan is slated for February.

EHC will continue to advocate for:

- Comprehensive emissions inventories tied to projected growth
- Emission reduction goals
- An implementation strategy
- Ongoing community participation

EHC welcomes new Board Members



Lourdes Luján, Community Leader, Colectivo Chilpancingo Pro Justicia Ambiental

David Pellow, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UCSD Department of Ethnic Studies

Flérida Lozoya, Community Leader, Campaign to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning

EHC also extends our deep appreciation to the following outgoing Board Members for their years of dedicated service:

Martha Cortez, Carmen Valadez, Marta Flores, Tony Pettina

EHC's Amelia Simpson elected President of Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras

The international Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras has supported struggles for social, economic and environmental justice in the maquiladora industry since 1989. "I am honored to have been elected president of CJM," said Amelia Simpson, director of EHC's Border Environmental Justice Campaign. "EHC's collaboration for over a decade with CJM continues to strengthen our mutual commitment to build a world where justice and dignity for everyone is possible."



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2007 In Review

Repaso 2007

The 2007 victories would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our Community Action Teams, Apprentices and Staff, and the Board of Directors.

Las victorias del 2007 no hubiesen sido posible sin la dedicación y arduo trabajo de nuestros Equipos de Acción Comunitaria, Aprendices y Personal, al igual que el de la Mesa Directiva.



Board, Staff and Leaders don their organizational thinking caps at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

La Mesa Directiva, el Personal y Líderes, analizaron y reflexionaron acerca de las ideas que se propusieron en el retiro de la planeación estratégica.

Francisca Jimenez, Fran Orellana, Laura Benson and Jay Powell



Beatriz Barraza and Leticia Ayala



Tony LoPresti and Margaret Godshalk

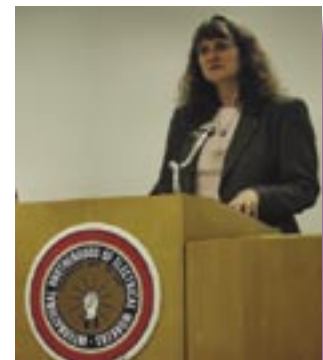


Solid research forms the basis of policy change.

La investigación sólida forma la base del cambio de política.

Air quality monitoring in National City and Colonia Chilpancingo documents high diesel emissions adjacent to elementary schools.

El monitoreo de la calidad de aire en National City y la Colonia Chilpancingo registra altos niveles de emisiones de diesel adyacentes a escuelas primarias.



Clean Bay Campaign Director Laura Hunter releases report on Green Energy Options.

Laura Hunter, Directora de la Campaña para una Bahía Limpia, hace público el reporte de Opciones de Energía Verde.



2007 Leadership Training



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*Adriana Calderon and
Laura Zarate*



Graduation from Barrio Logan and National City Land Use Training

*Graduación de la capacitación de Barrio Logan y de Uso de
Suelo de National City*



Paige Newman and José Medina

**EHC members build skills to become
effective community leaders**

Capacitación de Liderazgo 2007



*Elva Caravantes, Mar Mendoza,
Irma Aguilera, Lorena Chavez*



Yesenia Palomares and Evangelina Langarica



*Chilpancingo Youth Group
Grupo de Jóvenes de Chilpancingo*



*Francisca Jimenez and
Jonathan Sevilla*



Karina Zavala and Luz Elena Félix

Miembros de EHC aumentan sus habilidades para ser líderes eficaces de la comunidad

2007 Leaders in Action



*EHC Staff, Apprentices and CAT leaders at U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta.
Personal, Aprendices y Líderes del CAT de EHC en el Foro Social Estadounidense en Atlanta.*



*Colectivo Members rejoice as Metales y Derivados cleanup begins.
Miembros del Colectivo se alegran mientras inicia la limpieza de Metales y Derivados.*



*Antonia Garcia Onofre celebrates with other residents the announcement of \$1.5 million for the Barrio Logan Plan update.
Antonia Garcia Onofre celebra junto con otros residentes la noticia de \$1.5 millones de dólares para la actualización del Plan de Barrio Logan.*



*EHC's Lilia Escalante Leading Youth from Nativity Prep Academy on a Chollas Creek Cleanup.
Lilia Escalante de EHC dirige a jóvenes de Nativity Prep Academy en una limpieza de Chollas Creek.*



*Adriana Calderon speaks to reporter at rally for Old Town National City Specific Plan.
Adriana Calderon habla con un reportero durante el mitin del Plan Específico de Old Town.*

Líderes en Acción 2007