

# Environmental Health Coalition



Coalición de Salud Ambiental

## ARB Workshop Presentation

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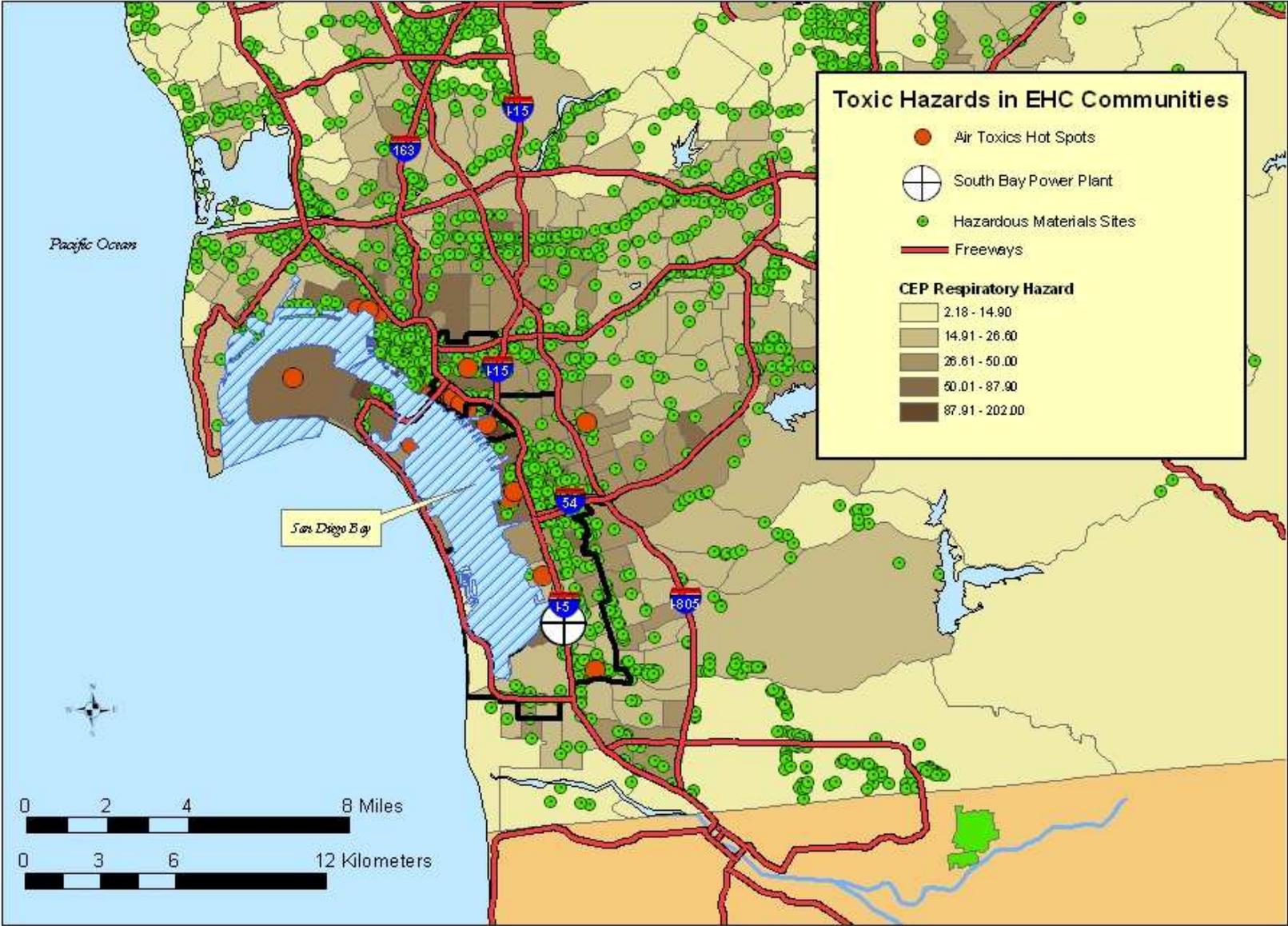
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# Mission Statement

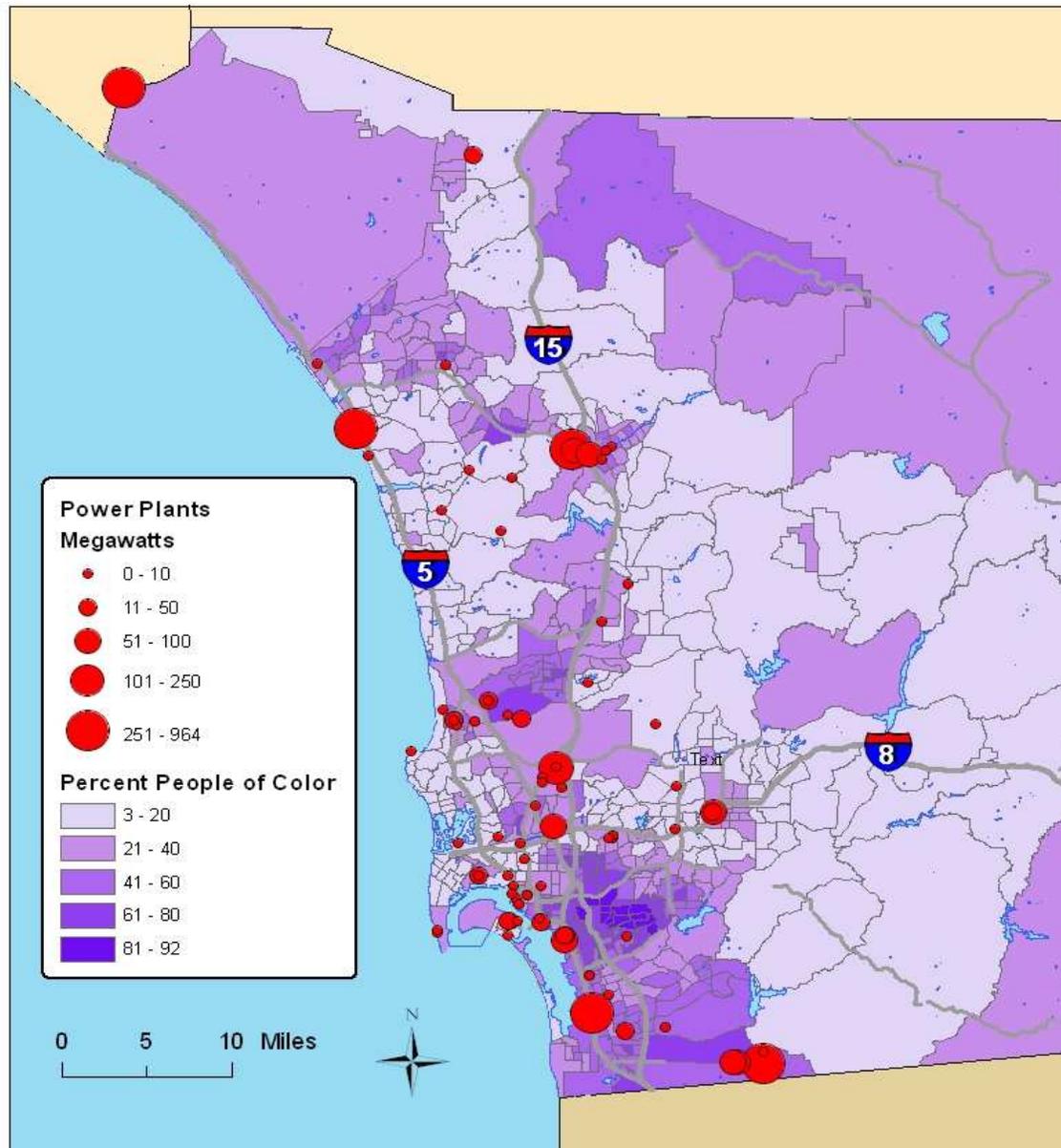


EHC is dedicated to achieving **environmental and social justice**. We believe that justice is accomplished by **empowered communities** acting together to make social change. We **organize and advocate** to protect public health and the environment threatened by **toxic pollution**. EHC supports broad efforts that create a just society which foster a healthy and sustainable quality of life.





## Race and Power Plants, San Diego County



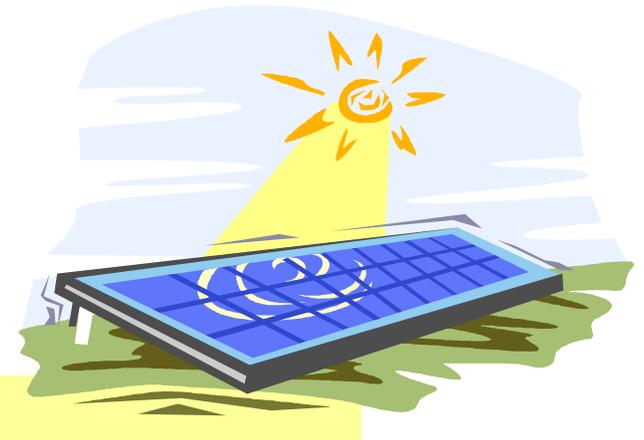
Sources:  
Race and Ethnicity Information- US Census 2000  
Power Plants - CA Energy Commission Database of CA Power Plants 2006

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# GOOD START

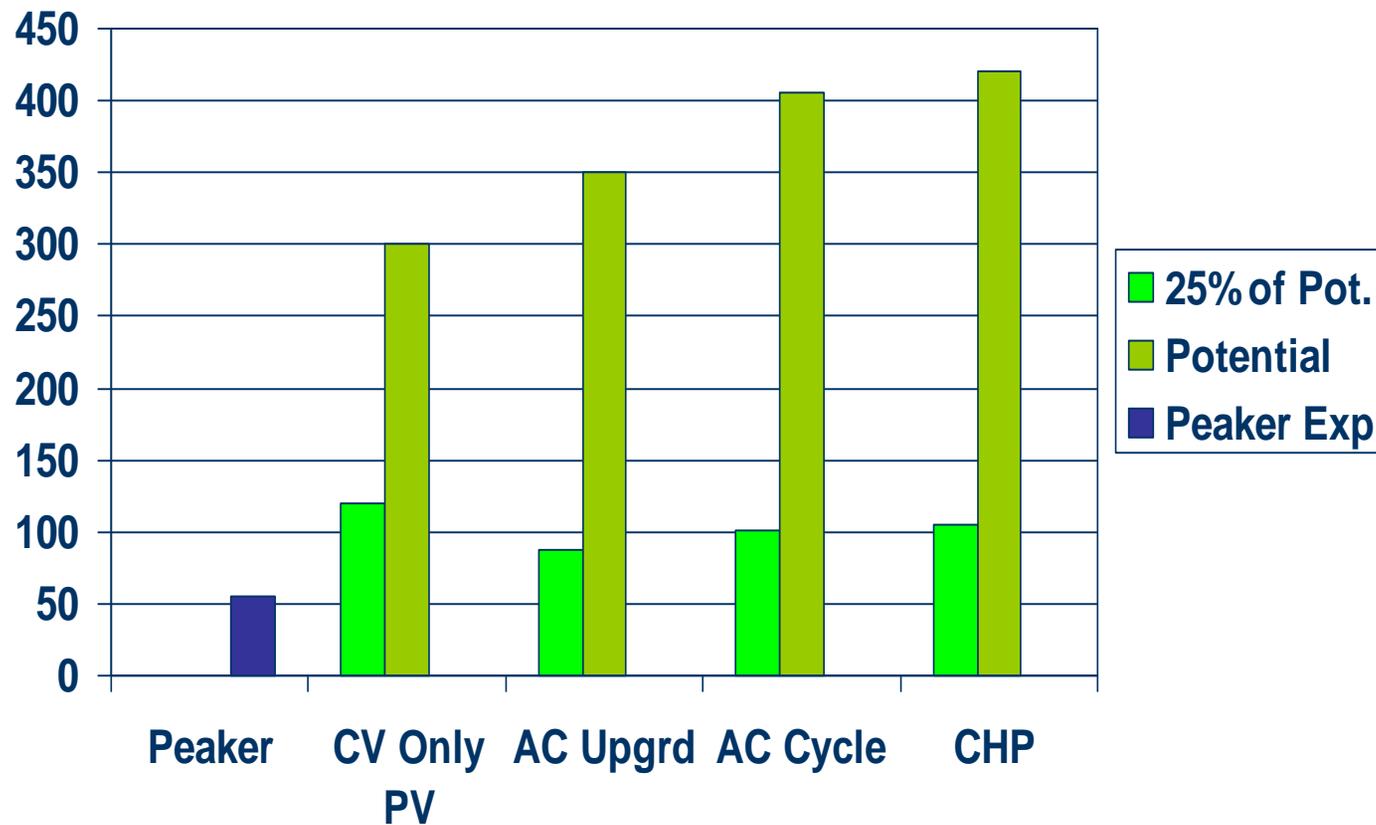


## Scoping Plan: Renewable Portfolio Standard



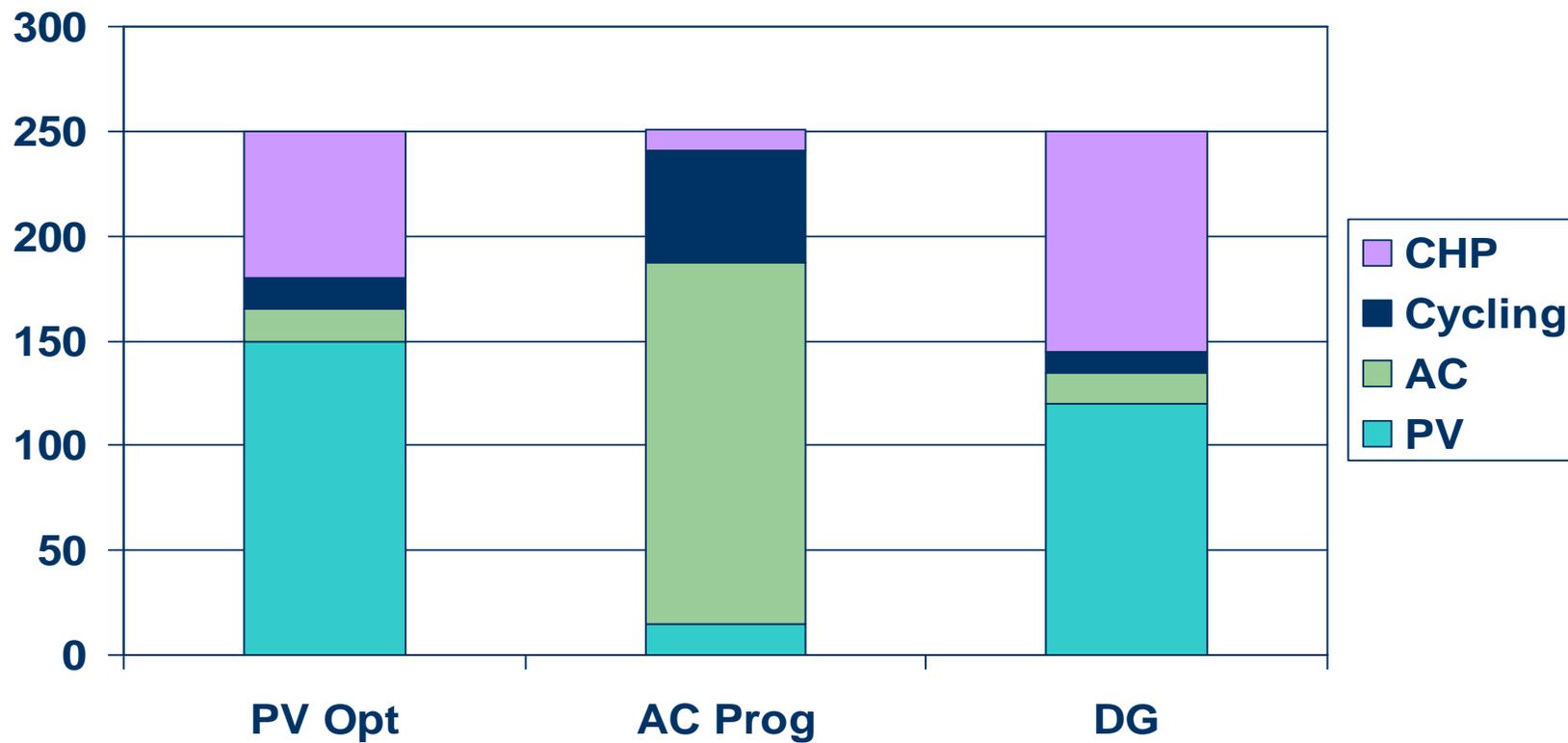
- EHC Support: ARB advocates an increase of the RPS to 33% by 2020 (up from 20% by 2010)
- EHC Opposes:
  - Compliance Credits- penalty utilities can pay to get out actually meeting the requirement
  - RECs- credits created from developing renewables outside of the state.

# Green Energy Options load reduction 25% of reasonable potential



## Green Energy Hybrid Options to replace 250 MW

Rooftop PV, air conditioning upgrade and cycling program, and new distributed generation easily replaces 250MW of peaker plant generation.



## Scoping Plan: Partnership with Cities



- **EHC SUPPORTS:**
  - **Incentives and Education Is Key**
  - **Not a Barrier to More Progressive Changes**
  - **Encourage Stronger Green Building Standards**

## Scoping Plan

# Energy Efficiency Audits

- EHC Supports: ARB suggests mandatory energy audits for facilities with emissions greater than .5MMTCO<sub>2</sub> per year
  - A good start but needs to be expanded.
  - Encourage cities to adopt mandatory energy assessments

# CONCERNS



# CAP and TRADE



- Doesn't Work
- Pollution Will Shift To Poorer Communities
- Too Many Loopholes
- Expensive
- No Transparency

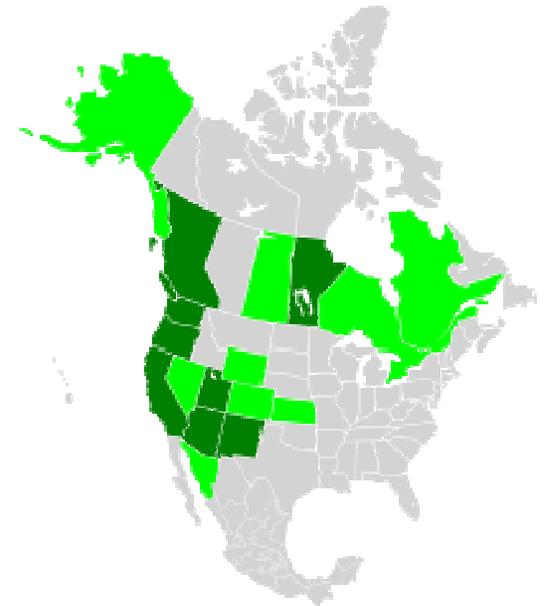
# OFFSETS



- EHC Supports: ARB is “considering limiting the use of offsets for regulatory compliance...”
- EHC OPPOSES Offsets:
  - Difficult to verify
  - Allows emissions to continue locally
  - Do not work

# Western Climate Initiative

- CA Cap and Trade system will “link” with Cap and Trade systems in 7 other states and 3 Canadian Provinces
- EHC OPPOSES This Plan:
  - Will Make Accountability Difficult
  - Linkage is premature
  - Race to the Bottom
  - Expansion Before Starts



# A BETTER IDEA



# CARBON FEE



- EHC Supports Carbon Fees over a Cap and Trade system
- Assessed at the point of emissions,
- Does not create a complex shell game.
- Cheaper and More Effective
- Less loopholes

## Further Recommendations

- A Strong Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Expand Energy Audits
- Work with Cities Re: Strong Green Building Measures
- Work with APCDs on limiting air permits to fossil fuel plants

## Next Steps

July 29- Western Climate Initiative  
Stakeholders Conference- Marriot Downtown  
San Diego

July 30- AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory  
Committee- California Center for Sustainable  
Energy

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