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EJ Approach to Reach Governor's 12,000 MW DG Goal

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EMPOWERING PEOPLE. ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES. ACHIEVING JUSTICE.

Environmental Health Coalition

- EHC builds grassroots campaigns to improve the health of children, families, neighborhoods and the natural environment in the San Diego/Tijuana region

CEJA – California Environmental Justice Alliance

- CEJA is a coalition of base-building organizations.
- We build healthy communities from the ground up.
- Played big role in defeating Prop 23

- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice
- Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Environmental Health Coalition
- People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights (PODER)

Goal of Presentation

- What is the Problem/What is at Stake
- What is the Solution
- Community Voices
- Our Recommended Actions/Approach to Reach Governor's DG Goal

The Problem...What is at Stake

- High Pollution Levels
 - surrounded by freeways, oil refineries, diesel equipment, buses, trucks
- High Asthma Rates
- High Poverty Levels
- High Unemployment:
 - January 2011
 - San Diego County = 10%
 - Our communities = **16%-20%**

Future Concerns...



- **Climate Change**
- **Extreme Weather**
- **First and Worst Impacts**
- **Least Prepared**
- **Least Able to Adapt**

“Heat-Island” Effect



Lack of Air-Conditioning/Cost of Air Conditioning



Lack of Transportation (To Get to Cooling Centers)



Increased Air Pollution— Higher Asthma Rates



SOLUTION = Local Green Investment/Green Economy

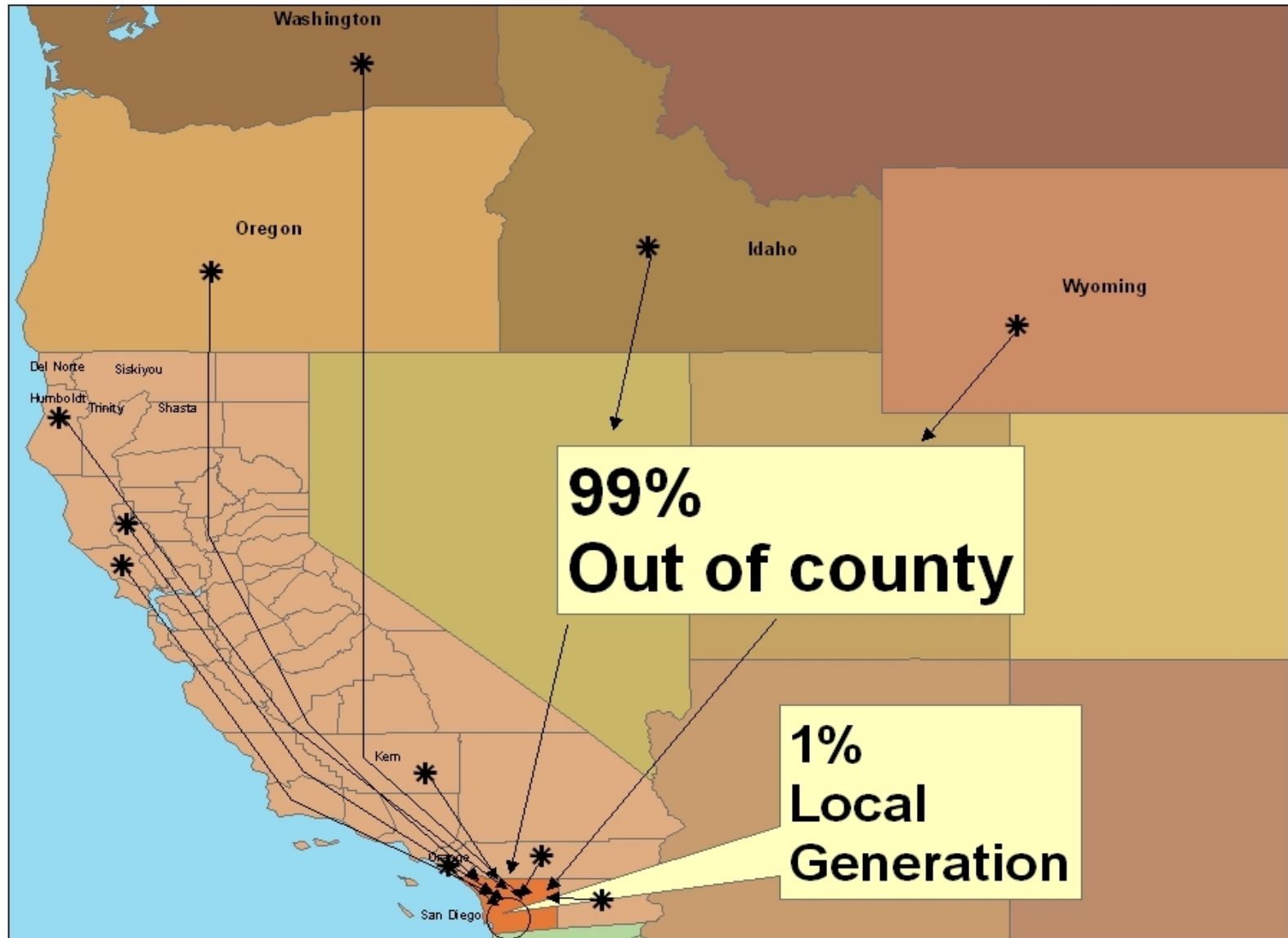


- Clean Air
- Clean Infrastructure
- Jobs
- Healthy Homes
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Money Flowing into Community
- Taking Control of Energy Future

Some Progress, But....

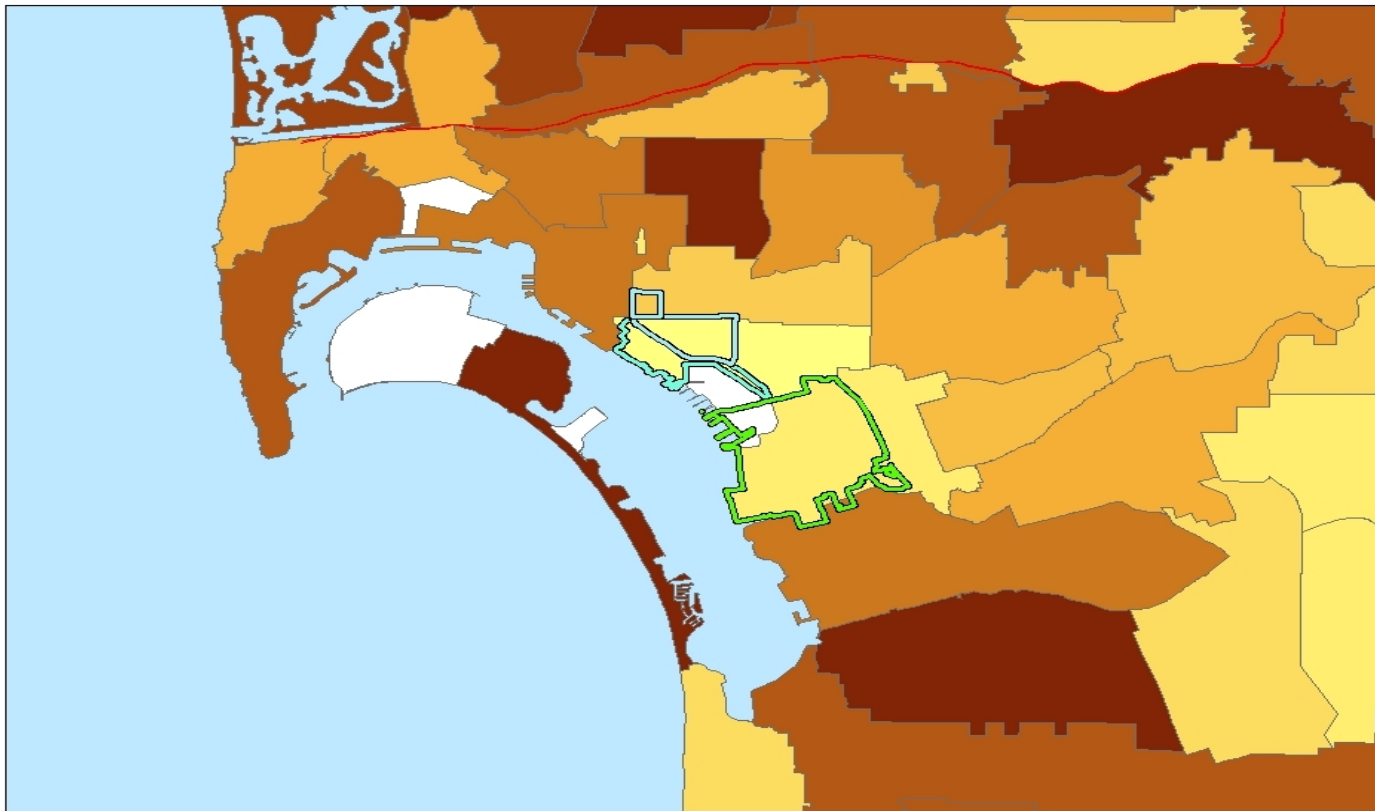
- We have trained workers, but few jobs
- Solar still not accessible to majority of low-income or even low-moderate income residents
- Utilities going for larger-scale solar to meet RPS goals (in lieu of urban installs)

How much of SDG&E's Renewable Energy Comes from San Diego County?



Solar in SD County.... Our Communities are Outlined in Green

Kilowatts of Installed Solar Power, by Zip Code



ZipCode Map_SDCounty_2008.
Sources: City of San Diego
SanGIS zip codes, 2009



***“We’re surrounded by
freeways, our children have
asthma — invest in green
development to clean up our
community”
— South LA resident***



