



California-Baja California Regional Workgroup

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Goal 1- Reduce Air Pollution

- Road paving in Mexicali
- Smog check program in Baja California
- Increased monitoring
- Real-time air quality reporting
- Media campaigns in Mexicali
- Renewable energy expansion





Goal 2- Improve Access to Clean and Safe Water

- Increased wastewater services
- Sediment removal from Tijuana River





Goal 3- Promote Materials Management and Waste Management and Clean Sites

- Established first urban composting center in the border region
- Removed plastic, tires, and other trash in Tecate, Baja California.
- Collected electronics for recycling and hosted webinars





Goal 4- Enhance Joint Preparedness for Environmental Response

- Table Top Exercises
- Coordination and Training
- San Diego-Tijuana Sister City Plan





Goal 5- Enhance Compliance Assurance and Environmental Stewardship

- Inspected north and south bound trucks at California Ports of Entry
- Held two trilateral enforcement information sharing events





2014-2015 Fundamental Strategy Achievements

- Analysis of border environmental health data
- Training
 - Promotores
 - Pesticide inspectors





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