



California-Baja California Regional Workgroup

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Goal 5- Enhance Compliance Assurance and Environmental Stewardship

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





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Goal 1- Reduce Air Pollution

- Paved over 520,000 m² of roads in Mexicali to reduce PM emissions.
- Implemented a smog check program for passenger vehicles in Baja California
- Installed a PM2.5 monitor at the San Ysidro Port of Entry to monitor emissions from idling vehicles
- Maintained a real-time air quality website for Imperial County in inform border citizens of current air quality
- Launched 4 media campaigns in Mexicali to reduce open burning and fireworks to reduce PM2.5 emissions in the binational air shed.
- Construction of two PV plants and one wind farm in Imperial County (total of 265 MW)



Goal 2- Improve Access to Clean and Safe Water

- Connected 9,225 additional homes to wastewater service in California, and Baja California communities
- Removed over 700,000 cubic yards of sediment from channels and basins in the Tijuana River to reduce impacts to the Tijuana River Estuary in San Diego.





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

- Conducted Table Top Exercises in Tijuana and San Diego to improve binational emergency preparedness
- Updated the San Diego-Tijuana Sister City Plan in 2013





2014-2015 Fundamental Strategy Achievements

- Compiled and analyzed existing border environmental health data in the California-Baja California Border Region
- Provided promotora training courses covering a range of topics including asthma, pesticides, lead, water, and climate change

