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MEDIA

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Los Angeles Times: Reporter Tony Barboza spoke has some outstanding questions on Montrose. Sent reporter information. SFUND. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

White Mountain Independent: Story was published this weeks following Jared's visit to the Sequoia Village School with misinformation/typos. Notified reporter Karen Warnick and asked for a correction in this Friday's weekly edition. Reporter apologized and will print correction in March 3rd edition. WATER. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

Backstory with the American History Guys: Associate Producer Andrew Parsons was looking for the current contact information for former Region RA Dan McGovern. Reporter is working on a story about the Campo Indian landfill controversy in the late 1980s and was hoping to speak to Mr. McGovern, who wrote a book on the topic. We don't provide personal information, but we may be able to refer him to someone else who can talk to him about the issue. LAND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB

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Social Media:
Climate Leadership Awards – At the request of headquarters, posted to our Twitter and Facebook pages about the 2015 Climate Leadership Award Winners, six of which are from Region 9.

Website Updates:
River Islands at Lathrop – Published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to our NEPA - Army Corps of Engineers page.
Orange County Transportation Authority's Measure M2 Natural Community Conservation Plan – Published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to our NEPA - Fish and Wildlife Service page.
Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan - Published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to our NEPA - Bureau of Land Management page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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Congressional and Intergovernmental Outreach on Winnemucca Mercury Response: Brent Maier shared a summary of actions and activities prepared by our Superfund's Emergency Response Section of the recent mercury response that U.S. EPA Region IX's Emergency Response Section conducted in Winnemucca, NV with Congressional staff in the HQ and District Offices of Congressman Mark Amodei and Senators Harry Reid and Dean Heller as well as Di An Putnam, Mayor and D. Stephen West, City Manager for the City of Winnemucca.

Congressional Outreach on Montrose/Del Amo: Brent Maier has reached out to Congressional staff in the offices of Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to invite their participation in a conference call on Thursday, March 5th at 3:30pm to provide their offices with a site update on the Del Amo and Montrose Superfund Sites in Torrance. During this call we will provide their offices with information on the vapor intrusion work EPA will be conducting in the Harbor Gateway neighborhood adjacent to the Sites as well as an update on the proposed Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL) cleanup plan for the Montrose Superfund Site and an update on the work EPA is doing to address the pCBSA issues. Expected EPA participants for this call include Superfund Division's John Lyons, David Yogi, Dana Barton, Rusty Harris-Bishop, and Steven Leonido-John and Nahal Mogharabi and Brent Maier. Brent also alerted their offices that our Superfund Division has been speaking to a reporter with the Los Angeles Times about EPA's vapor intrusion work at the Montrose/Del Amo Superfund Site and there is a possibility that they may see an article come out over the weekend.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee Panel Advances 2 Bills Aimed at Agency Science: The House Science, Space and Technology Committee advanced two pieces of legislation that target the science behind U.S. EPA regulations. H.R. 1030, which passed the panel in a 16-10 vote, would prohibit EPA from finalizing rules that are based on science that isn't "transparent or reproducible." The legislation would also compel EPA to make publicly available online all the science, data and models used to shape rules before it can take action. The second piece of legislation approved yesterday targets EPA's Science Advisory Board, an approximately 50-member panel that advises the agency on the science that goes into federal rulemakings.

FOIA Reform Bill Advances: The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved S-337 to compel agencies to respond more quickly and openly to Freedom of Information Act requests. The bill would establish a single website for making FOIA requests; direct agencies to make records available in an electronic format; reduce the number of exemptions agencies can use to withhold information from the public;

clarify procedures for handling frequently requested documents and charging fees; establish a Chief FOIA Officers Council; and require agencies to prepare additional reports for the Congress on FOIA matters.

Today's EPA Budget Hearing on Capitol Hill: The House Committee on Appropriations held a hearing on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 1:00pm ET in B-308 Rayburn House Office Building on "The Fiscal Year 2016 EPA Budget". EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and David Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer testified. Link to an archive webcast of the hearing.
http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=393995

Upcoming EPA Budget Hearing: March 18, 2015: "The President's FY2016 Budget: Administration Priorities for U.S. EPA" before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. EPA OSWER and Office of Water witnesses.