Moving Upstream

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Where you live should not determine how long you live.

- 73 Watts
- 77 Echo Park
- 84 West L.A.
- 85 Bel Air

Life Expectancy
Permitting
Risk Assessment
Cost Benefit analysis

Sins of the Past

Sins of the Present

Sins of the future

Failure to Protect
Some things to consider

- Exposure assessment that reflect lived experience
- How do we also address the need Community driven process
- Community Decision Making- the Power to define what is acceptable risk and exposure
- Health Impact Assessment
Prevention

• To really change the circumstances that lead so many people to end up in the river, we have to change our systems, our approach, our way of thinking.
Current model for environmental decision making

1. Decide
2. Announce
3. Defend
I hear you, but I'm not listening!
Moving to a Copower Model

• Better models for community participation
• Use models that promote pollution prevention like TURI and SCAQMD efforts around PERC
• Improve Partnerships and Collaboration with Environmental Justice Groups
Markets are not magic

IS BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE INSTEAD OF IDEOLOGY.

Mike Leavitt

Jobs vs Economic Development
LONG TERM VISION: JUST TRANSITION

The Extractive Economy

- Consumerism & White Supremacy
- Exploitation of Labor
- Militarization

The Living Economy

- Regeneration
- Cooperation
- Deep Democracy
- Ecological & Social Wellbeing

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