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The 2007 San Diego Wildfires Crisis: Hidden Consequences of Urban Sprawl and Unequal Media Representation

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Neil Smith, Professor, CUNY Graduate Center

Presentation

Andrea Guerrero

The ACLU-JOB-IRC Report - Firestorm: The Treatment of Vulnerable Populations During the San Diego Fires

Pedro Rios - American Friends Service Committee

Two case case studies of families affected by the fire and AFSC's post-fire support

Enrique Morones - Border Angels

The Forgotten Migrant Communities

Rick Brady - City of Santee (UCSD Urban Studies Planning alumni)

Suburbanization of the Fire Terrain: A Planner's Perspective



Enrique Morones

Long time internationally acclaimed Human Rights activist, was born in San Diego to Mexican parents. They instilled in him a deep love for Mexico and a passion for social justice and a deep spiritual faith. Among Enrique's accomplishments are President of the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Director then Vice President in Major League Sports with the San Diego Padres of Major League Baseball; President and Founder of House of Mexico in San Diego's Balboa Park; President & Founder of Border Angel, an all volunteer group that places water in the desert and blankets and food in the winter on the border areas to help save migrant lives; First Director and founder of Mexico's Border Commission and advisory group to Mexican President Vicente Fox and part of Mexico's Institute of Mexican Abroad. Enrique has been featured on various news channels, both national and international, and frequently gives lectures as an advocate for the migrant community against anti-immigrant vigilante groups. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States by *Hispanic Business Magazine* and received the Frontline Human Rights award for his lifelong dedication to human rights. Enrique continues his volunteer human rights work, resides in San Diego.

Rick Brady

Rick Brady's professional background includes five years working as an environmental, urban, and homeland security planning consultant and more than one year as a public sector land use and environmental planner. His experience includes the preparation of general and community plans, environmental impact reports, baseline environmental studies, emergency operations plans, disaster recovery plans, housing elements, and HUD consolidated plans. Rick graduated from UC San Diego in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning and earned Highest Distinction honors. In 2007, Mr. Brady earned a Master in City Planning from San Diego State University and was awarded the Department's Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award. Rick's work has been published in peer reviewed journals and conference

proceedings. A paper co-authored by Mr. Brady for the Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association will be included as a chapter in a book to be published in 2008 by J. Wiley & Sons.

Pedro Rios

Pedro was born and raised in south San Diego, a short distance from the US-Mexico border. The experience of living on the border has informed his political perspective on border and immigration issues. Pedro became active in the migrant rights movement in the early 90s as an undergraduate student at the University of San Diego. After completing an undergraduate degree in English, Pedro worked in the San Francisco Bay Area for seven years for a community-based legal organization. There he represented migrant seniors who were at risk of losing public benefits as a result of draconian welfare laws passed in 1996. Pedro also volunteered with an organization called Ojo a la Migra, which organized to create "safe cities" for the undocumented population in the greater Bay Area. While in San Francisco, Pedro graduated with university honors while completing an MA from the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University. In 2002 Pedro returned to San Diego and continues to work on migrant and human rights issues as the Director of the American Friends Service Committee's San Diego Area Office.

Andrea Guerrero

Andrea Guerrero is the Field & Policy Director of the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties. Prior to that, she practiced immigration law for seven years. She is a law school graduate of UC Berkeley, has a masters degree in public policy from the University of Texas at Austin, and earned her bachelors degree from Stanford University.