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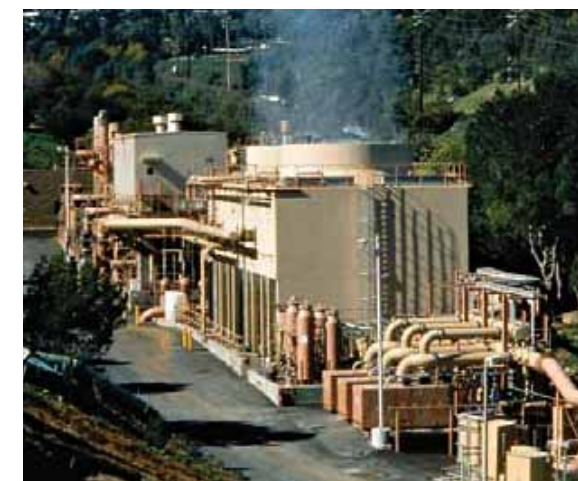
## Meet the New South Bay Open Space Task Force of the Sierra Club

In support of two large projects that could change the face of the South Bay, the Sierra Club has formed a special task force to assist with what will surely be a long and difficult struggle. The first project is to convert the AES power plant in Redondo Beach to a restored wetland and active recreational area. Second priority is to finally clean up and restore the 175-acre Palos Verdes Landfill situated between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Boulevard in Rolling Hills Estates.

Both sites are well documented for contamination by the EPA and other environmental agencies. Two local activists, Joan Davidson and Bill Brand, have spent the last 5 years educating the surrounding communities and spearheading the efforts to restore these sites for public use. Not for mixed-use development plans or golf courses, but restored natural areas that allow for the multiple uses that make parks like this such great places for the community and the generations to come.

### What We Can Accomplish:

- Restore Natural Habitat
- Create Multi-Use Recreation
- Build Renewable Energy Sources
- Establish Ongoing Financial Support
- Provide Community Gathering Places
- Create Education Centers
- Upgrade Commercial Districts



Two industrial sites in the South Bay, the Palos Verdes Landfill at left, and the AES power plant in Redondo Beach shown below, are rare opportunities to increase open space in our community.



Photo by Peter Bernstien

## South Bay Open Space Task Force



*"It's not easy being green."* – KERMIT THE FROG

### MISSION STATEMENT:

To actively support and promote the establishment of permanent community-owned open spaces in the South Bay. To restore natural habitats; implement appropriate green energy production; free public access; and multi-use recreational sites. To advocate for ongoing financial support. To create public appreciation and awareness through education and communication with the community, stakeholders, officials and other representatives.

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# INDUSTRIAL SITES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE BEING RESTORED FOR PUBLIC USE

The AES power plant in Redondo Beach, depicted above, is the last opportunity for the South Bay to build a beautiful waterfront park that this area so desperately needs. At over 13,000 residents per square mile, the surrounding community is the most densely populated area on the entire California coast. This area is also 'Park Poor,' with less than 3 acres of parkland per thousand residents - including the beaches (according to the Trust for Public Land, the national average is 16.2). The power plant is 40 years old, inefficient, and rarely operates.

### How You Can HELP US!

- Join the Sierra Club
- Contact your local officials and tell them that you want parks here!
- Visit our Website: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/environmental/Environmental.asp>
- Join our E-mail list

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The final 175-acre portion of the landfill shown here was part of a hazardous waste landfill for 30 years. Located today in a densely populated area, homes are as close as six feet away. There are more than twenty schools within a two-mile radius. Our vision is to create a safe community park, restore this site for public use, and provide habitat restoration with both passive and active recreational uses.

