



SJFVC Tours South Oxnard

Did you know that South Oxnard is home to a water treatment plant, two paper mills, a power plant and the [Halaco Superfund site](#)? Any one of these caustic plants would be a big deal for a community let alone multiple pollution-producing businesses in one portion of a single town.

In late February 2020 the Social Justice Fund of Ventura County Board toured South Oxnard with [Central Coast Alliance Unified for a Sustainable Economy](#). **CAUSE** has been a frequent grantee of the Social Justice Fund and is a leader in Ventura County fighting for environmental justice.

During the South Oxnard tour, we learned that Oxnard has a history of industry developing to the detriment of the local community, tracing back to the late 1800's with the sugar beet industry. South Oxnard also has a history of strong, community-led activism, such as the formation of a multi-racial farm worker union in 1903 and recent successful fights against a LNG terminal and new power plant.



CAUSE strives to channel that successful community-led activism as it works to curb industrial pollution in South Oxnard. With the Port of Hueneme's plans to expand, building more huge storage lots for thousands of cars and running more heavy diesel trucks and trains through the center of South Oxnard, **CAUSE** and other community organizations have developed a [Port Expansion Fact Sheet](#) and a [three-part community vision for their town](#). Read them and get informed.



The Board of the Social Justice Fund of Ventura County is thankful to CAUSE for its long-standing work on behalf of the community.