



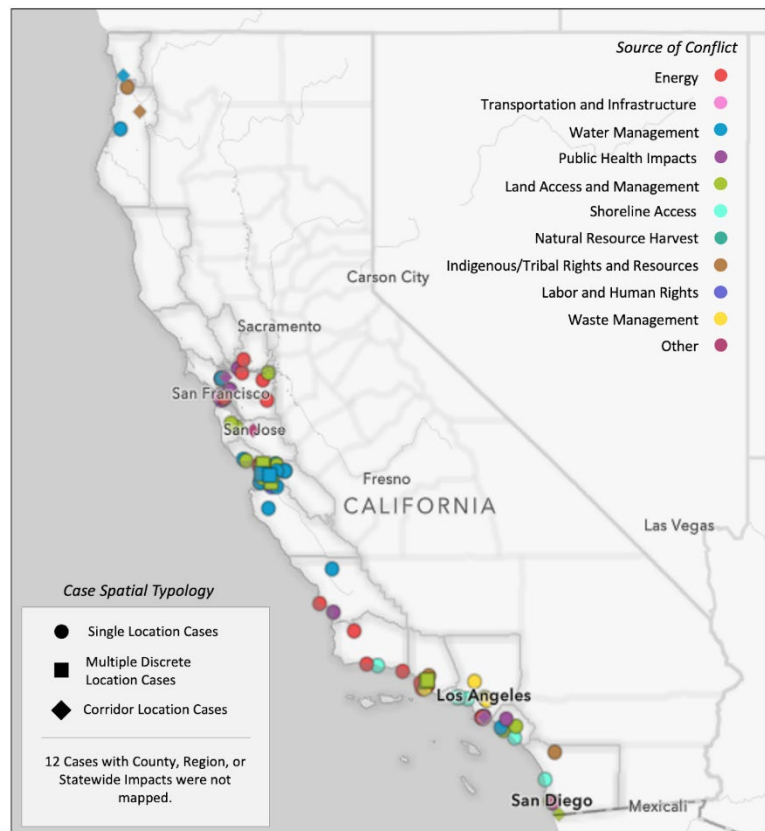
California Coast Environmental Justice Conflicts Database

Overview: The objective of this project is to build a **data repository** that systematically catalogues environmental justice (EJ) conflicts along coastal California. The team is tracking social dimensions of these conflicts, including where conflicts occur, what natural resources are involved, what communities are impacted, how EJ organizations and advocates mobilize to engage in these conflicts, and how conflicts are portrayed in media. We hope that by documenting EJ conflicts systematically, we will be able to learn about patterns across conflicts that may support communities and EJ organizations to learn from one another and respond in more effective, coordinated ways.

Approach: We have compiled conflict cases using multiple sources of archival data, pulling cases out of the [Global EJ Atlas](#), media and local newspaper coverage, legal, technical and policy documents, found through systematic web-searching. We are currently verifying the accuracy and completing of the database by working with EJ organizations and advocates to provide expert review of the data.

Overview of 87 conflicts in the database:

Region	County	# EJ conflicts (% of total)
North Coast		4 (5%)
	Del Norte	1
	Humboldt	3
SF Bay Area		22 (25%)
	Alameda	4
	Contra Costa	7
	San Francisco	4
	San Mateo	3
	Solano	2
	Santa Clara	2
Central Coast		26 (30%)
	Monterey	9
	San Benito	4
	San Luis Obispo	3
	Santa Barbara	5
	Santa Cruz	5
South Coast		27 (31%)
	Los Angeles	13
	Orange	4
	San Diego	5
	Ventura	5
Statewide		8 (9%)



What communities are impacted by EJ conflicts?

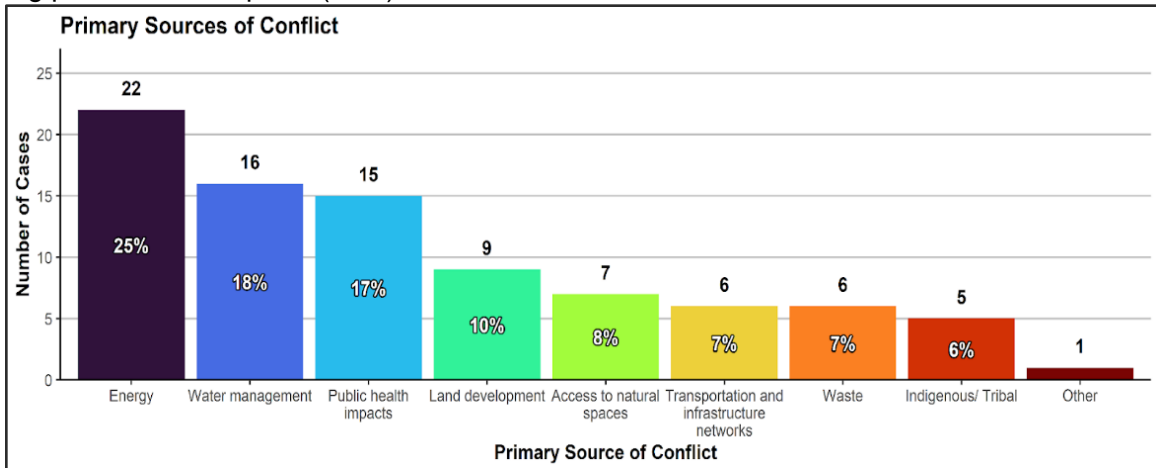
- Urban communities (50% of conflicts)
- Rural communities (36% of conflicts)
- Suburban communities (13% of conflicts)

Check out the interactive database and map:

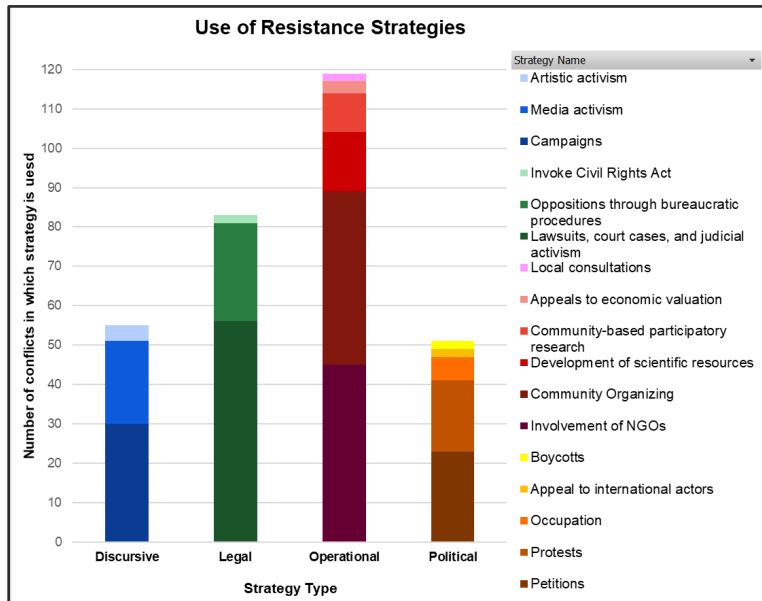
- Explore the conflicts
- Edit or add a new case



Most conflicts revolve around: Energy/ fossil fuels (25%), water (18%), and pollution driving public health impacts (17%)



Communities and EJ organizations mobilize using diverse strategies



On average, 4 different strategies are employed in every EJ conflict

Most commonly employed strategies include:



- Legal actions
- Community organizing
- Involving NGOs
- Petitions
- Bureaucratic process (e.g. public comments)

What is that status of these conflicts?

- 16 conflicts (18%) are on-going
 - 71 conflicts (82%) are closed
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- 64 conflicts saw some EJ "success"
 - 6 conflicts saw no EJ success

EJ successes took different forms:

- Permit amended to account for EJ impacts
- Permit denied
- Project withdrawn
- Construction/ operations halted
- Changed regulations for more protection
- Polluter pays fines/ penalties/ cost of damages or clean up
- Community repossessed land

Interested in learning more or getting involved with this effort? We want to hear your thoughts! Email project lead Jessica Rudnick (jrudnick@ucsc.edu) or EJ organization outreach lead Jack DePuy (gene.depuy.scripps@gmail.com)