



# Telling the story of ocean dumping

*From tip ... to article  
... to documentary film*

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# Los Angeles Times environment coverage:

## REPOWERING THE WEST

ENERGY-HUNGRY CITIES ARE RESHAPING THE LANDSCAPE, AGAIN.

### CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

#### Tribes seek greater involvement in talks on Colorado River water crisis

The federal government is opening negotiations on long-term plans for the Colorado River. Leaders of tribes say they don't want to be left out of key talks.



#### Will storing CO2 in old oil fields slow global warming? First California plan nears approval

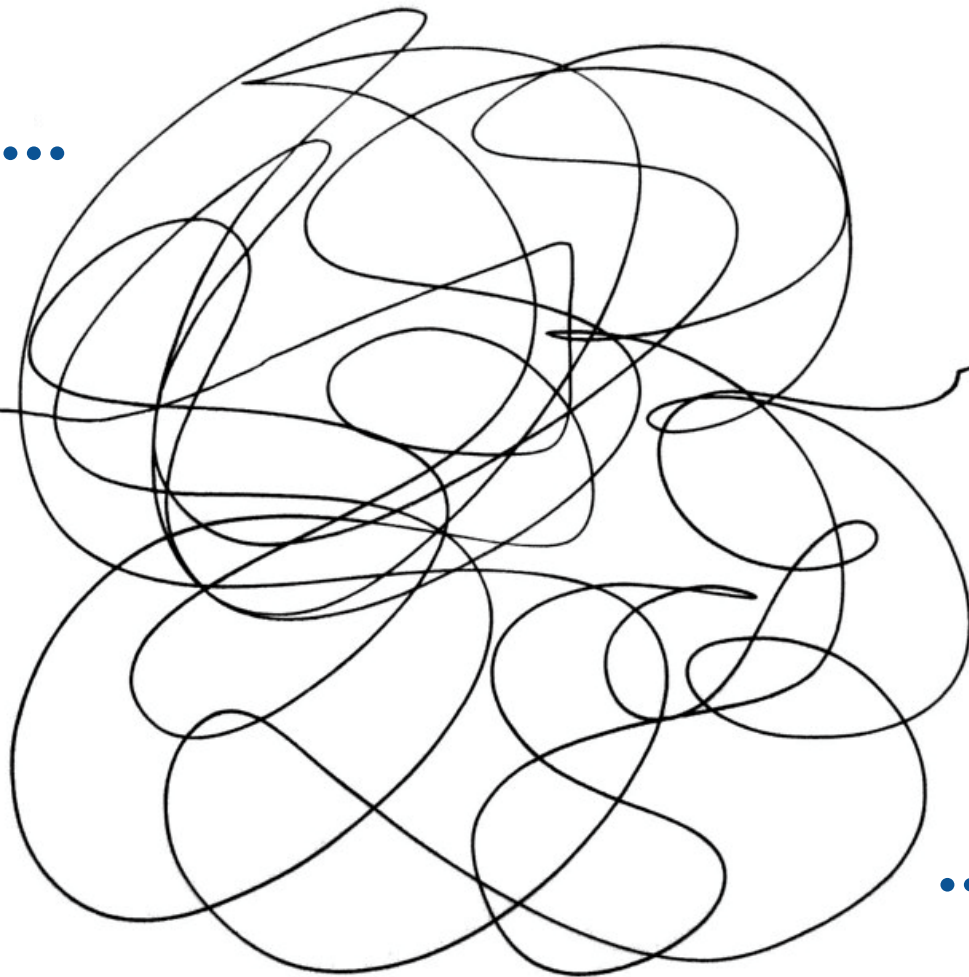


**FIREFIGHTERS USE** drip torches to set a controlled blaze around homes close to the King fire, burning near Pollock Pines, Calif.

How the U.S. betrayed the  
Marshall Islands, kindling the  
next nuclear disaster

***From a tip...***

*First phone call  
with Prof. Valentine*



*Publishing the  
L.A. Times article*

***...to a story!***

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So what?





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Driving questions?



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We owe it to ourselves to figure out what happened, what's actually down there and how much it's all spreading.

*David Valentine, UC Santa Barbara*





L.A.'s coast was once a DDT dumping ground.

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/>



(Bill Hunnewell / Marine Mammal Center)

*“Wildlife should not be getting cancer like this. . . .”*

Dr. Frances Gulland, U.S. Marine Mammal Commission

# Scientists find new and mysterious DDT chemicals accumulating in California condors



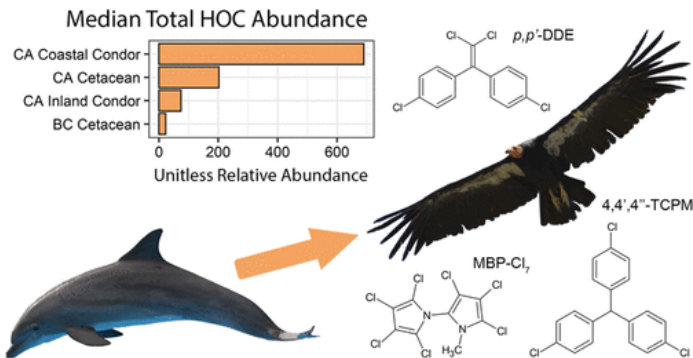
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## Assessing Marine Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals in the Critically Endangered California Condor: Implications for Reintroduction to Coastal Environments

Margaret E. Stack, Jennifer M. Cossaboon, Christopher W. Tubbs, L. Ignacio Vilchis, Rachel G. Felton, Jade L. Johnson, Kerri Danil, Gisela Heckel, Eunha Hoh, and Nathan G. Dodder\*



ELIXIRS OF DEATH  
Through such a process of transfer, when  
small amount of DDT may end as a  
poison nowadays find it difficult to  
for their milk even  
forbids the

# *Upcoming screenings*

(Details: [outofplainsight.com](http://outofplainsight.com))

<b>Santa Cruz Film Festival</b>	Oct. 9
<b>Berkshire International Film Festival (MA)</b>	Oct. 12
<b>Heartland International Film Festival</b>	Oct. 17 and 19
<b>Newport Beach Film Festival</b>	Oct. 20
<b>Special San Francisco screening (tba)</b>	Nov. 1
<b>Coast Film Festival (Laguna Beach)</b>	Nov. 3
<b>Laemmle Noho Theater (Los Angeles)</b>	Nov. 19 to 25
<b>National Academy of Sciences!</b>	Dec. 11



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“There’s a broader problem of thinking of the ocean as this unlimited garbage dump that’s going to take up our CO<sub>2</sub>, deal with the plastic that we don’t throw away properly, be a dumping ground for pesticides, deal with whatever is in runoff — and that our health is going to be somehow separable from that . . .

But what we’re learning more and more is that our health and the ocean’s health are pretty inseparable.”

***Amro Hamdoun**, Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
UC San Diego*

*Hope?*

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