



TIMES of SAN DIEGO



LEARN MORE

ALL POLITICS CRIME BUSINESS SPORTS EDUCATION ARTS MILITARY TECH LIFE COME ON

LATEST NEWS Fire Hydrant Hit in Mission Valley, Geyser Erupts

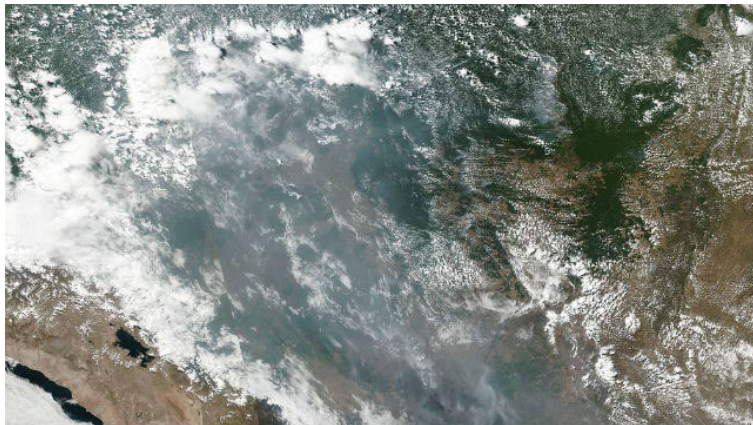
JOBS! Search Thousands in San Diego

Home » Tech » This Article

San Diego Members of State Air Board Reject Controversial Rain Forest Plan

POSTED BY CHRIS JENNEWAIN ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 IN TECH | 49 VIEWS | 0 COMMENTS | LEAVE A COMMENT

Share This Article:



Smoke from fires in the Brazilian rainforest in August. NASA photo

California's air-quality regulators voted 7-4 Thursday to approve a controversial plan for protecting the Amazon rainforests, drawing a dissent by two San Diego representatives.

Support Times of San Diego's growth with a small monthly contribution

Become a supporter

"I am gravely concerned about the loss of our tropical forests and the resulting impact on global greenhouse gas emissions. However, I am not convinced that the economic assumptions behind the Tropical Forest Standard will yield actual results," said County

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher.

Fletcher was joined in his dissenting vote at the meeting of the California Air Resources Board in Sacramento by Diane Takvorian, executive director and co-founder of Environmental Health Coalition in San Diego.

The complicated standard, more that a decade in the making, would govern the use of carbon-offset credits to help pay for programs that protect the rainforests.

Fletcher said he had “very real concerns” with verification and the impact on indigenous people. He cited [Assembly Bill 572](#), which was considered this year but not passed, as a better alternative.

But board chair Mary D. Nichols said California’s adoption of the standard would encourage other jurisdictions to take immediate action.

“It will improve the livelihoods of those who live and work in tropical forests. And it motivates responsible investment into better forest management in a way that is more protective of indigenous rights than anything that currently exists,” she said.

42 Unbelievable Photos ▶ ×

Ad

Ad 42 Unedited Vintage Photos You Won't Find In History Books

History Daily

[Learn More](#)

SAN DIEGO MEMBERS OF STATE AIR BOARD REJECT CONTROVERSIAL RAIN FOREST PLAN was last modified: September 19th, 2019 by Chris Jennewein

>> [Subscribe to Times of San Diego's free daily email newsletter! Click here](#)

Follow Us:



SPONSORED CONTENT ON TIMES OF SAN DIEGO



Ready to save on energy? [↗](#)

By [San Diego Gas & Electric](#)

POSTED IN TECH | TAGGED AMAZON RAINFORESTS, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD, DIANE TAKVORIAN, NATHAN FLETCHER, TROPICAL FOREST STANDARD, TROPICAL FORESTS

Unlimited photo storage
Free with Prime

Download

photos