



# NUCLEAR FREE TIMES

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## Jim Goes to Washington ... and Stays

Jim Adams, a Redwood Alliance founding member and principle activist, has left Humboldt County for a new job. He will be sorely missed.

Jim left a legacy in our community and movement. He was one of the original wild-eyed long-hairs that took an old school bus and outfitted it to travel to a protest at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant in 1978.

On that fateful journey, these idealists realized that there was Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant to be fought back home, and formed Redwood Alliance to do the job. When back, Jim & RA worked with intervenors to permanently close the Humboldt nuke. Legal support, educational effort, and direct action were all tactics successfully used in this fight.

Jim went on to fight the start-up at Diablo Canyon, and was part of that first small group to get arrested doing civil disobedience at the San Luis Obispo nuke. Thousands more followed his example in one of the larger protests of our time.

It's true that the plant did not get stopped, but enough folks learned about the nuclear folly to ensure that no new nukes will ever be built in California.

Jim's efforts didn't end there. He was very active in the struggle to stop the spraying of cancer-causing herbicides in forests and was part of a tree-planting collective that taught its members much about how humans should treat each other and the earth. During all this, Jim managed to obtain a Masters degree in Political Science from Humboldt State University.

Jim is just as comfortable wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase of legal documents as he was wearing holey jeans and carrying a protest sign. He

was RA's principle legal researcher, spending thousands of hours with our attorneys working on NRC and CPUC cases. He personally testified at such hearings as well as at several legisla-

tive hearings about nuke issues.

Don't worry, Jim has not given up activism. Like many, he

just couldn't afford to do it without pay anymore. RA didn't have funds to keep him as permanent staff, though we were able to pay him from time to time for specific projects. This pay was often just enough to keep him hooked so that he would be around for the next RA task.

Looking back, Jim deserved better. He worked hard with little or no

pay, sacrificing his personal well-being and security for causes. But such is often the case in non-profit, grass-roots work. In fact, several other long time Redwood Alliance people have had to leave to get real jobs. We should all remember fondly those folks, too numerous to list. Thanks to you all.

Now Jim is getting paid to do similar work. He got a job in Washington, DC, working for the Safe Energy Communications Council. SECC has been doing great anti-nuke and pro-renewable energy work for a long time, and RA has enjoyed many opportunities to work with them on projects.

Jim is missed around here. RA & Humboldt County wish him the best. We know he will be back regularly, as almost his entire family is located here.

Hmmmm, maybe next time Jim Adams is in town we can hog-tie him and place him at his old desk in the Redwood Alliance office.

*Thanks, Jim, from Redwood Alliance and all of our supporters. We will miss you and wish you nothing but the best!*

## Redwood Alliance Projects

**Home Power BBS** - Our successful computer telecommunications system has logged over 1,500 different users with over 14,000 calls having been made. Our BBS focuses on small scale and renewable electricity production.

**Ward Valley** - We are watching this proposed radioactive waste dump. It has been stalled for quite some time, but things could change fast with Republican federal and state legislatures in power. Congress will revisit the Radioactive Waste Policy Act that set it all up, so we must make sure the Act doesn't preempt states' rights in the siting of both low and high level dumps.

**Two P-V Demonstrations** - We've been working with Friends of the Arcata Marsh to put a photovoltaic (p-v) system at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. As soon as that system is installed our next project will be to get our own office p-v system on-line.

**Renewable Energy Fair** - We have been a major sponsor and organizer of Arcata's energy fair. This year's fair date will probably be late April. Anyone interested in helping should call.

**Humboldt Nuke Plant** - The powers-that-be are still in denial that the plant is potentially unsafe. It is just a matter of time before we can convince them to use dry cask storage for high level waste instead of the fuel pool that could be harmed by an earthquake on the adjacent Little Salmon Fault. This project needs a volunteer to come in and nail PG&E for their community noncooperation.

**Diablo Canyon** - We've joined the San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace in calling for a revisit to the regulation allowing PG&E to reap excessive profits from the  
*see RA Projects on next page*



## Feel Good, Long Distance

Are you using Working Assets Long Distance? If not, you can save money, help progressive causes, and benefit Redwood Alliance all at the same time! We have been using them for several years, and like them very much. They truly have a conscience!

You can switch to WALD by calling 1-800-788-8588. Tell them you were referred by Redwood Alliance (707)822-7884, and they'll give us a \$10 discount on our next bill. If you sign up before December 31, they will increase their 1994 donations by \$10 for each new sign-up. They normally donate 1% of their billing to non-profits. For more info on how good these folks really are, give RA a call.

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## Stop Junk Mail

Do you think Redwood Alliance sends junk mail? Then send us a note, and we will remove you from our list. We only add folks to our list who have had some kind of contact with us, and we do not give our list to other groups.

Many organizations do send out bothersome, unsolicited mail. Vote against such things by either sending back their prepaid cards marked "NO JUNK MAIL!" or calling their toll-free phone numbers to complain. If enough of us do it, the companies will eventually find it much to costly to continue.

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## RA Projects

plant. Diablo Canyon is why your rates are almost twice the national average.

**Utility Deregulation** - Big business wants to opt out of paying their share of CA's high utility rates, leaving the rest of us with still higher rates. They hope to deregulate so that they can go elsewhere to purchase electricity. Hearings are being held by the PUC. Some think the idea will die, others think it is gaining momentum. We're advocating that deregulation is good, but everybody should benefit, not just big business. It would be great if we could say no to nuclear and fossil fuel utilities, and choose to buy solar power instead. That is one promise of utility deregulation. Another is the eventual

## Uncle Red Needs You

For years RA has been shaped, fed, and run by the same hard-working activists. It's time to add new energy!

Jim Adams is not the only person that has needed to leave. Over the years, attrition occurred without offering enough replacements for those that have either left or reduced involvement because of family, personal, or career obligations. In order for Redwood Alliance to become even stronger than it already is, **we need you!**

### Activists Wanted

Redwood Alliance wants your projects. Here's the hitch: we also want you to work on them! In exchange, you get the advantage of our

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## Environmental Correct Office Products

You can have E-C (recycled) office supplies sent directly to your home or business, while helping Redwood Alliance financially!

Recycled pens, tape dispensers, bulletin boards, desk accessories, mailing-filing-storage supplies, art supplies and lots else are available at discount prices. Plus, RA gets a donation of 7.5% whenever you order.

Call toll-free 1-800-327-8449 to receive a catalog from Green Earth Office Supply, and be certain to mention you heard about them through Redwood Alliance. And don't worry, they don't give out their mailing list.

shutdown of nuclear power plants as no one will be willing pay the exorbitant economic price of nuclear power. **Solar on Your Roof** - Are you tired of using unsafe and unclean utility electricity? Do you want to avoid brown-outs and blackouts? Do you have a healthy and dependable income? If you answer yes to these questions, then think about **GOING SOLAR!** Call us at (707)822-7884, and we can assist you down the road to energy independence. We can help you decide if solar energy is right for your home and, if so, we can hook you up with a helpful and reputable dealer/installer of reliable systems. Yes, even in Humboldt County ... Michael, our office coordinator, has been living off the grid for almost 6 years.

For more information on these and other RA projects, give us a call.

resources and good name, practical organizing experience and good feelings. Sometimes you can even get paid. The important thing is that we want your new energy and ideas.

All projects must fit our mission: *"The Redwood Alliance is a community-based social and environmental organization whose main focus is advocacy and education to promote safe and efficient energy use and development."*

If you want to help make a change, then come and see us.

### Board Members Wanted

Well, not exactly, since Redwood Alliance operates by consensus, which means that we don't have a formal board. Just to grease the skids in bureaucracies we deal with, we did title some of our members president, secretary, treasurer, etc.

We want new people who care about the environment, believe in renewable energy, and are anti-nuclear to take part in our decision making.

Look at it this way: it's an opportunity to help make a long-lived organization with a great reputation even more exciting and effective.

### Fresh Resources Wanted

As was stated in our fundraising letter, financial support for non-profits is getting harder and harder to find. So, a very important way you can help us is to send a donation today!

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## Dry Firewood

RA needs more wood to get through this winter, please call us at 822-7884 if you have some to donate.

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## Mac Needed

RA is looking for a donated McIntosh computer to help with the telecommunications work we do. It needs to have a color monitor, and be capable of handling graphics and page layout programs. Call Michael at 822-7884.

