

Inland Empire Timeline and Organizations

| Inland Empire/High Desert | IE ORGANIZATIONS |
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| <p>1850's- Eastern Anglos flock to Southern California for mining opportunities, settle in the rugged San Bernardino Mtn and surrounding valleys. These migrations displace both indigenous tribes and Mexican Rancheros, often through bloody confrontation.</p> | <p>Oral History Association</p> |
| <p>Early 20th century- Oil is discovered in the area that is now the IE and large oil conglomerates set up shop, building pipelines through Indian reservations to ports along the coast.</p> | <p>Shell/Conoco Phillips</p> |
| <p>1900-1910- Dairy farming emerges as one viable form of work for working class Californians as mines dry up and populations settle in.</p> | <p>CalState SanBernardino Department of History</p> |
| <p>1940's- The second world war saw the rise of the military industrial complex in the High Desert. The Army and Marine Corp, Air Force, and private contractors use the isolated region to test lethal weapons, bombs, and be a supporting infrastructure for the development of nuclear weapons.</p> | <p>United States Department of Energy Superfund sites in SoCal</p> |
| <p>1950-1970s- The post-war property boom, or need for living space for Americans entering the middle class after the war saw a massive expansion in tract-style planned communities across SoCal. The seemingly endless array of cookie cutter neighborhoods that acted as bedroom communities for the coast led to the naming of one amorphous region that includes parts of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties as the Inland Empire.</p> | <p>The Irvine Company (Own and manage vast swaths of SoCal, including UCI)</p> |
| <p>1990s- Cuts in military spending leads to slashes at military bases across SoCal, thousands lose jobs.</p> | <p>Amazon/Kohl's/Sears. All companies employing thousands of working class Inland Empire residents.</p> |
| <p>2008- Housing market collapses globally. The Inland Empire is the most hard hit area in the state of California, with thousands defaulting on their sub-prime housing loans. Entire neighborhoods stand abandoned. Homeless and displaced populations swell.</p> | |
| <p>2010- Amazon begins opening merchandise fulfillment centers in the IE.</p> | |