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**San Diego Natural History Museum to Host Climate Change Films:
*An Inconvenient Truth and Too Hot Not to Handle***

San Diego, CA: October 7, 2006—As part of the Climate Smart Initiative—a new initiative being launched in San Diego County to deepen community awareness about the local impacts of global warming—the San Diego Natural History Museum will host two films about climate change in their giant-screen theater: *An Inconvenient Truth* and *Too Hot Not to Handle*. Films are included in Museum admission.

An Inconvenient Truth is an inspirational look at former Vice President Al Gore’s crusade to halt global warming’s deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. The film is sponsored by the San Diego Natural History Museum’s auxiliary group, the Covey. *Too Hot Not to Handle* addresses the consumption of fossil fuels, especially in America, and how it has contributed to a dangerous warming of the Earth that has adversely impacted the way we live.

October Film Schedule (See www.sdnhm.org/films for more information.)

<i>Ocean Oasis</i>	Noon
<i>Too Hot Not to Handle</i>	2 PM, 4 PM
<i>Vikings: Journey to New Worlds</i>	11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM

November and February

<i>Ocean Oasis</i>	Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM
<i>Too Hot Not to Handle</i>	11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM

December–January Film Schedule

<i>Ocean Oasis</i>	11 AM, Noon
<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	1 PM, 3 PM

The Climate Smart Initiative was founded by four institutions (The San Diego Foundation, San Diego Natural History Museum, Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the San Diego Regional Energy Office) that are joining forces to bring together philanthropy, research, public education, and financial incentives to spur government, business and individuals to do more to slow climate change.

Founded in 1874 and actively engaged in biodiversity research and education, the San Diego Natural History Museum’s mission is: To interpret the natural world through research, education and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of southern California and the peninsula of Baja California; and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment. Located in Balboa Park, the Museum is open daily from 10 AM–5 PM, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission includes all exhibitions and films and is \$11 for adults; \$9 for seniors; \$7 for military, youth 13–17, students; \$6 for children 3–12; and always free for members. Phone: 619.232.3821. Website: www.sdnhm.org.