



Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

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**Do you get upset about proposed developments  
in your neighborhood?  
Then you will want to hear our Guest Speaker this Month**

**You're Invited to our Quarterly SCOPE Meeting  
Wednesday April 24th 6:30-9PM  
Valencia Library Community Room  
23743 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita**

**Special Guest Speaker,  
Dean Walraff, Environmental Attorney  
"What is the California Environmental Quality Act?,  
Why it is Important, and How to Comment on  
Landuse Reports"**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is our state's landmark legislation to protect our air, water and open spaces. Passed in 1970, it has provided a tool to make sure the environment is considered when projects are proposed. It not only requires transparency in the

planning process, but agencies must also respond to public comments. CEQA helps improve projects by requiring that environmental impacts be disclosed so that alternatives or mitigation can be proposed to address them. In the Santa Clarita Valley, it has helped us protect the Santa Clara River and ensure that we have a clean and healthy water supply.



Now this important law is under attack by developers and oil companies who want to weaken its strong environmental protections by reducing public participation and full disclosure.

Come to the meeting to learn how this law can help safeguard our community and why we need to defend it from those who wish to dismantle it.

### **SCOPE in the News -**

**["Suit Challenges Purchase of Water Company to benefit Newhall Ranch"](#)**

**["Serious Action Needed on the Climate"](#)**

**["The California Environmental Quality Act Helps Everyday Heroes Protect Their Neighborhoods"](#)**

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