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## CA Supreme Court to hear Arguments on Newhall Ranch State River Permit Challenge

California Supreme Court Justices will hear arguments on the CA Fish and Wildlife Department River permit for the Newhall Ranch project in September. The huge 21,000 unit Newhall Ranch project on Los Angeles County's last mostly wild river has been a focus issue for SCOPE for almost two decades.

Validating this permit would not only enable this horrific sprawl project, adding to our water woes by its land use patterns, water use, loss of flood plains and ground water re-charge areas, but it will also add greenhouse gases (Newhall claims that there will be no significant increase in greenhouse gases for 21,000 additional housing units), and our already poor air quality. Of course we would also lose habitat for the many endangered species in the area. The greenhouse gas issue is especially important as it may set a precedent for other cases in California. The oral arguments will be heard on Wednesday Sept 2nd. in San Francisco, which will make attendance difficult for locals, but we promise to give you a full report.

## Interfaith River Event to be held In Santa Clarita Sat. Aug 15th

Renehan Hall, St. Clare of Assisi Parish  
19606 Calla Way, Canyon Country, CA. 91351  
Registration 8:30 AM, Symposium 9:AM to 3:30PM

This event promises to offer a rare exploration of local ecology from both a scientific and faith perspective. With many interesting speakers, it may be an event worth attending.

**The goals of this symposium are to:**

- **increase understanding of the ecology of our local watershed**
- **deepen connections between faith tradition and ecology**
- **widen appreciation of other sacred traditions**
- **participants will learn how to care for creation in their own backyard or neighborhood**



If you are interested, registration in advance is advised to ensure your place. You can register on line at ["Take me to the River:Carring for Creation Starts at Home"](#)

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