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SCOPE Members set 2015 Goals (and eat lots of Pizza)

Each year SCOPE members focus on 3 or 4 environmental or planning issues that seem to be of most concern for our community. This year SCOPE members filled a local pizza restaurant and ate while they worked. Several short term strategic issues were discussed, and will be shepherded by volunteers, in addition to the long-term campaign goals. Some of these include school presentations on the local environment and pesticide use in the river and the schools, and a guest speaker on local native birds. **The focus goals will be:**

- 1. The Santa Clara River (of course!) - including water quality, supply and Newhall Ranch**
- 2. Food and Water Safety - including waste water well injection and pesticides**
- 3. Air Quality - including effects on children's health (asthma) and air pollution from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and proposed Expansion.**

Why the landfill will be a focus issue:

Chiquita Canyon Landfill located about 3 miles west of the I-5 freeway on Highway 126, immediately across the Santa Clara River from the proposed Newhall Ranch project, is planning to increase its footprint by nearly 40% and *more than double its tonnage intake*. How will this affect the surrounding communities and the Santa Clarita Valley at large? For one thing it will add substantially



more truck trips and air pollution to our Valley. Much of the trash is coming from outside Santa Clarita, but our Valley will bear the impacts. Many residents of the immediately adjacent community of Val Verde believe their health has been affected by leaking landfill gases. In a 1997 agreement made between the community and Newhall Land and Farming, they were promised that the landfill would be closed in 2019.

Instead this massive expansion is proposed. Visit the [Citizens website](#) to find out just who are the surprising supporters of this dump expansion in our Valley.

SCOPE President Lynne Plambeck to update the Santa Susana Mountains Park Association on the Santa Clara River and Newhall Ranch Project

7 PM, Monday Feb. 16th
Rockport Clubhouse

22399 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Anyone may attend. There is no charge for admission or parking.



Waste Water Injection Well Hearing **- this Thursday Feb. 18th**

Preliminary Well Alignments



Santa Clarita Activities Center
20880 Center Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita,
91350

Did you know that the Los Angeles County Sanitation District is proposing to place a waste water injection well in the Valley Oaks Savannah next to the Tournament Players golf course. SCOPE is concerned with this location due to potential ground water pollution and impacts on the conservation area. Local homeowners are worried because the wells will extend right under their homes. There is some evidence that such wells may cause earthquakes or subsidence. This is your

opportunity to ask questions and become informed. [You can read about the proposal here.](#)

Meet us at the Fair - the Earth/Arbor Day Fair, that is!

April 11th 10 AM to 3PM, Central Park, 27150 Bouquet Canyon Road, 91350

Scope will have an information booth there, and we are looking for volunteers to help with set up and manning the booth. Is a great event and fun day. Hope you will join us. More information [here.](#)

SCOPE in the News -

["SCOPE Joins with Local Residents to Demand Review"](#)

["Activists to Demand Hearing on Landfill Expansion"](#)

["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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