



Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

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You're Invited to our January SCOPE Meeting to set this year's goals.

And Pizza Party!

Saturday, January 31st 11:30 to 2PM

(moved from 24th to 31st)

Round Table Pizza

23254 Lyons Ave, Santa Clarita

Each year SCOPE members focus on 3 or 4 environmental or planning issues that seem to be of most concern for our community. These have included the Santa Clara River, local endangered species, water pollution, the California Environmental Quality Act, air pollution, etc. Please come and give us your input on what is important to you.

ALSO,

Special Guest Speaker from Citizens for Chiquita Canyon Landfill Compliance

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

Drought in the SCV?

While residents in the SCV remain under drought restrictions,
thousands of new housing units move forward

Snow surveys in the Sierras (from which we normally get 50% of our water) indicate yet another drought year for California and local rainfall is also too low to replenish our local basins. But this has not stopped developers from proceeding forward with old approvals. The 900+ unit Five Knolls (formerly "Keystone") has graded the hills east of River Park. Spring and Tick Canyon projects (500 units each) are seeking permits to alter the creek in those projects and the Second Appellate Court has once again ruled against the Santa Clara River and allowed the 1050 unit Vista Canyon project to move forward in the floodplain of the river.



SCOPE has spoken out for years against the poor planning that has narrowed the mainstream of the river and built over flood plains and ground water recharge areas, reducing our water supply. It looks like the public will end up bearing the burnt of this poor planning with reduced water availability to existng residents in the future.

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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