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Court to hear Arguments in Newhall Ranch Federal River Permit Challenge

Monday the Federal Court will hear arguments on the Army Corp 404 River permit for the Newhall Ranch project. 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.

Granting the Corp 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 also add to greenhouse gases (Newhall claims that there will be no significant increase in greenhouse gases for for 21,000 additional housing units), already poor air quality, and lose of many endangered species in the area. It may also be a preview of rulings for other 404 permit issues in this Court. If you would like to attend the hearing it will be held:

**MONDAY June 29th 1:30 PM Rm 880, Judge Gonzalez,
Federal Roybal Courthouse**

255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles California 90012-3332

Carpools are being organized. Contact exec@scope.org for more info



CAL EPA OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGES SCOPE'S AND VAL VERDE COMMUNITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT UNDER GOV CODE SC 11135 REGARDING THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

A descrmination complaint filed during the week of June 8th with various state agencies, has been "acknowledged" by the California Environmental Protection Agency. This is the first step in their legally required administrative review process. The complaint asserts:

- No documents or notices were provided in Spanish, not even a simple project description even though over 50% of the community speaks Spanish at home.
- Air Monitors promised to this community in the 1997 approval were removed over a decade ago and never replaced. Community members have consistently complained of odors and medical issues including headaches and nausea.
- A 1997 legal agreement made between the Val Verde Community Association and the Newhall Land
- Los Angeles County has essentially pre-approved the landfill expansion by basing other approvals on its assumed expansion.

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BACKGROUND 3. SUMMARY OF THE COMPLAINT

Press Coverage: [Daily News reports on the Complaint](#), [SCV Signal Coverage](#), [SCV TV](#)



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["SCOPE Appeals CLWA Takeover of Valencia Water Co."](#)

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

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