



Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

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Wednesday March 20th, 7PM
Film at CSUN on The Sacramento Delta and
the Governor's Water Projects



Food & Water Watch and Restore the Delta would like to extend a special invitation to the showing of:

"OVER TROUBLED WATERS -
THE FATE OF CALIFORNIA IS IN YOUR HANDS"

Governor Brown wants to fast track a new \$20-\$50 billion water project that would deliver more water to the largest corporate agribusiness interests in the state & the oil industry while putting Los Angeles residents on the hook for billions and devastating the largest estuary on the West Coast of the Americas. In this visually striking documentary, Ed Begley, Jr. narrates the story of the battle being fought by the people of California to protect our water and to encourage fair water policies.

7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 20, 2013

University Student Union Theater, CSUN
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

The short film will be followed by a discussion of these issue with local water experts. **Please join us as we recognize**



International Water Day and discuss real solutions to California's water problems.

Movie Trailer: <http://www.outroubledwaters.org/>

The movie is co-presented by CSUN Institute for Sustainability and Food & Water Watch.

This event is free, but seating is limited, so please RSVP with number of attendees to ensure your seat. RSVP to bnorton@fwwatch.org and your **FREE** ticket will be

available at the theater. (parking \$6 dollars)

The next Canyon Country Advisory Committee Meeting will be held

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

7PM to 9PM

At the Mint Canyon Moose Family Center Banquet Room
18000 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country 91351
(On Sierra Hwy .6 mi. North of Soledad Canyon Road)
CCAC Meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Agenda will include: American Red Cross Los Angeles Regio "Prepare SoCal" program,

What is the SCV Sanitation Board Doing For You?, Report on: The Canyon Country Town Hall Meeting, The Whittaker-Bermite Citizens Advisory Group Meeting, Metro I5 Express (T011) Lane Proposal.

More Events!

March 30 - Environmental Law Workshop Sponsored by the Sierra Club on the California Quality Act (CEQA) and the Brown Act (no charge, lunch included) Loyola University
919 Albany St, LA 90015, 8:30AM-4:30PM, **RSVP** dw@aenv.org

April 6-7- 10th Annual Tour Theodore Payne Garden 10 am to 5pm,

Tickets here. Take a two-day excursion exploring native plant gardens of the Los Angeles area. Indulge, into Southern California's landscape of 35+ gardens, meeting garden owners, designers, scholarly docents, and fellow gardeners. Celebrate the natural heritage of our region. "Gardens past, present, and future!"

APRIL 11 - Conscientious Projector: Screening: "White Water, Black Gold"

7 pm Address: The Armory Center for the Arts 145 N Raymond Ave Pasadena, Ca 91103

See trailer - www.whitewaterblackgold.com As public protest mounts for President Obama to reject the Keystone XL Pipeline, *White Water, Black Gold* follows filmmaker David Lavalley on a three-year bicycle journey across western Canada as he documents the carbon emissions impact, glacier and water supply depletion, watershed poisoning and spread of cancer wrought by tar sands oil extraction. It's a sobering look at the untold costs to people and our planet from the gargantuan industrial process of mining oil from sand in an area of Canada roughly the size of the state of Florida. Panel Discussion following screening.

APRIL 12TH - City of Santa Clarita Earth Day Event at Central Park 10AM to 2PM

Valencia Water Co Customers in for a Rate Hike to Support Illegal Acquisition of the Company?

It appears the answer to this question is Yes!

On Friday January 4, 2013, SCOPE and Friends of the Santa Clara River joined forces to file a [Complaint](#) before the California Public Utilities Commission. The action was brought to protest a sweetheart deal to acquire Valencia Water Company, wholly owned subsidiary of Newhall Land and Development Co, developers of the 21,000 unit Newhall Ranch and the water company that will supply Newhall Ranch. The \$73.8 million dollar deal between Newhall and Castaic Lake Water Agency would illegally commit future water supplies to the massive Newhall Ranch project in Northern Los Angeles County. The fact that Newhall Land owns the water company that will serve the project, has long caste doubt on the fairness of the water supply assessments. In fact, the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan was overturned by the Courts in 1999 in part on inadequate water supply information. Now this "Condemnation Agreement" makes it even clearer that there are questions in this area, since Castaic Water Agency must agree in advance to serve all of Newhall's projects.

But that's not all. Valencia Water Co. has sent a notice to its customers of a huge rate increase to fund this purchase for CLWA. SCOPE filed a formal protest which you can

increase to fund this purchase for CEWA. SCOPE filed a formal protest which you can view on the [Public Utilities Website](#) - where you can click "subscribe" to receive notices of new actions or click the "Get Involved" Tab to find out how you can protest this action yourself. We have asked the PUC for local hearings, so stay tuned for the date and time. For more information visit our website at <http://www.scope.org>

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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"Long time SCOPE member Evelyn Carpenter helped us to help you save the Santa Clara River with her donation to SCOPE.

You can too!"



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