



Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

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This Tuesday April 1st 6:30 to 8:30PM

Friendly Valley Community Auditorium (Newhall, CA)
19246 Avenue of the Oaks
(ask for Auditorium at Security Gate)
Newhall, CA 91321

Newhall Climate Change - Day of Action (Climate Change -- Action Event)

Faith leaders, business people, politicians, and organizers across the country agree that climate change is real, and is having damaging effects on our communities and our environment. But lawmakers can't begin to address this challenge when more than a hundred members of Congress still deny the basic science of climate change.

Join local supporters for a presentation by Andrew Ellis, a retired Industrial Scientist with a Masters Degree in Wildlife Biology currently volunteering with Al Gore's Climate Reality Project as a Climate Reality Leadership Corps Member to present the latest information on climate change. We will also discuss the just-issued report of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Directions:

Take Sierra Highway to Friendly Valley Parkway, turn right onto Avenue of the Oaks, and at the Security Gate get directions down the hill to the auditorium and its adjacent parking lot.

Host:

Peter Jay Rothenberg

Contact Phone:

310-766-9900



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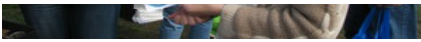
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and MORE....

Earth/Arbor Day in Santa Clarita



Stop by SCOPE's booth and say hello
Saturday, April 12th 10AM to 4PM
Central Park - 27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd.,
Santa Clarita



For more info: [click here](#) for the City's event website

SCOPE Members set focus for 2014

Each year at our January meeting, SCOPE members vote to focus on 3 or 4 environmental or planning issues that seem to be of most concern for our community. This year these will include 1) the Santa Clara River 2) water supply/drought issues 3) water pollution 4) Climate change/hydraulic fracturing (fracking). If you are interested in any of these areas, please contact exec@scope.org to find out how you can get involved.

Appellate Court Rules Against the Santa Clara River - Allows River Alteration for Newhall Ranch Project to Proceed

In a disappointing and puzzling decision released on March 20th, the 2nd Court of Appeals reversed the well-considered opinion of Judge Ann Jones and allowed the Santa Clara River Alteration Permit for the 20,000 unit Newhall Ranch project to proceed, despite questions over water supply and species protection.

"Thursday's Decision seems to indicate a basic mis-understanding of some of California's most important environmental safeguards that protect rare species, our air and our water", said SCOPE President Lynne Plambeck. "For instance, to concur with a finding that there is no "significant impact" to greenhouse gas generation, and thus climate change, from a project that converts farmland and open space to 21,000 housing units, puts a strain on our belief in the fairness of the Judicial System."

The Santa Clara River is Los Angeles County's last free-flowing river - it deserves better than this from our Court system."

The five particip[ating] coalition groups will consider an appeal to the California Supreme Court. Click here to view the [Daily News Article on the Decision](#)

In other news, SCOPE joined the Center for Biological Diversity and three other groups to challenge the Newhall Ranch Army Corps permit in Federal Court. See the press release from the Center for Biological Diversity [Here](#).

SCOPE in the News -

["Water Agency, Environmentalists Respond To Ruling On Valencia Water Co." KHTS Radio](#)

["LA Times on Newhall Land's Gift to Fish and Game"](#)

["Channel 7 TV News on Newhall Ranch Decision"](#)

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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.



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