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a FOCUSED News Update

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**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**to our September Meeting**  
**to hear a presentation by local author**  
**Ed Ayres "Will Humanity Survive**  
**Climate Change?"**

Will food scarcity cause massive immigration? When sea level rise floods populated lowlands, where will the people go? These are questions already being asked by military and security agencies all over the world.



If these questions are of interest you, you may want to attend a lecture and book-signing given by local author and Santa Clarita resident Ed Ayres.

An author of many books, his recently published "**Crossing the Energy Divide: Moving from Fossil Fuel Dependence to a Clean-Energy Future**" (co-author with Robert Ayres), was rated as #2 on Amazon's top-100 books on energy.

His background as a speaker on sustainability at such diverse venues as the U.S. Department of Interior University, the Foundation For the Future, Northern Arizona University, and the National Defense University, as well as at the Worldwatch Institute where he was an editor of the Institute's bimonthly magazine, *World Watch*, from 1993 to 2005, gives him a broad knowledge of the potential impacts of global warming on various segments of our society.

As an editor, he has published articles and commentary from some of the world's most famous scientists and leaders of the sustainability movement—including Paul Ehrlich (author of *The Population Explosion*), Jane Goodall (pioneer researcher on our fellow mammals, the chimpanzees), Bill McKibben (one of the most articulate champions of climate-change legislation), among others.

**WHEN: Wednesday, Sept.21st, 7PM**

**WHERE: Reading Room,**

**Barnes and Noble Book Store**

**23630 Valencia Blvd. Valencia, CA 91355**

**Regular Business meeting to follow speaker**

More info: [www.scope.org](http://www.scope.org) 661 255-6899

**Newhall Ranch at Board of Supervisors Sept. 27th - Will they approve in spite of the new contaminated water well shut down?**

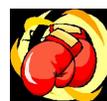


While the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan was approved in 2003, the Supervisors required that each tract map for this massive 21,000 unit project must receive individual review and approval. Much has changed since 2003. Some 10,000 units are already approved but unbuilt in Santa Clarita, helping to force housing prices downward.

But perhaps the most important change is the recent closure of yet another water supply well due to ammonium perchlorate from the closed Whittaker Bermite munitions factory. This closure seems to indicate a further westerly spread of the pollution plume and may threaten other water wells. Will Supervisors allow more housing approvals before new modeling of the pollution plume is completed? Or will they wait to make sure that current residents have an adequate and healthy water supply?

**You can contact Supervisor Antonovich by email at: [fifthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fifthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov) or write to 500 W. Temple St., L.A. 90012**

or join us for a car caravan to the hearing and speak your mind in person. Please RSVP to [Lynne@scope.org](mailto:Lynne@scope.org) if you are interested in joining our for the hearing



"There are places in the U.S. that are appropriate for aggregate mining, but Santa Clarita is not one of them" - Senator Boxer.

**Thank you Senator Boxer!** SCOPE voted to endorse SB759, Senator Boxer's bill to get CEMEX Mine out of the Santa Clarita Valley.

**Girl Scout gets bridge signs for the Santa Clara River**

A year of student service projects finally resulted in success. Fourteen year old Isabella Clark's girl scout silver badge project lead her to ask the City Council for the signs in an effort to have people understand the importance of our river. She turned in petitions that she and other COC students had gathered. The Council said yes!

