



*The Santa Clara River Valley
at the site of the proposed Newhall Ranch Project*
Original Water Color by Pat Saletore

The Santa Clara River is the last wild river in Los Angeles County and is designated a Significant Ecological Area in the LA County General Plan. Beginning in the wilderness of the San Gabriel Mountains, it meanders 116 miles to the coast in Ventura. West of the I-5 freeway, its varied habitat supports several endangered species of birds, fish and amphibians, as well as orchards, strawberries and other row crops. Oak groves dot the hillsides above the farmland, providing shelter for local wildlife. Recently, Lennar Corp./Newhall applied for a river alteration permit that would channel the river, add 19 million cubic yards of fill to the flood plain and concrete 80% of the tributaries to enable its 21,000 unit Newhall Ranch project. After strong objections from environmental organizations including SCOPE, the Environmental Protection Agency stated it would request denial of the current permit application.

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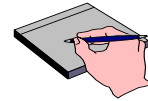
*We wish you
the courage of the early morning's dawning,
the strength of the eternal hills,
the peace of the evening's ending
and the hope that is the gift, both given and received,
by caring for our families, our community,
and the earth.*



**SCOPE wishes you and your family
the very best of holidays**

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Reviewed, commented

on and appeared at hearings for over fifteen different projects including Newhall Ranch River Permit, General Plan Update, Henry Mayo Office Expansion, Lyons Ranch, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality, and water supplies.

January mentored students participating in COC Community Service Program **April** Information booth at city Earth Day Celebration **May** SCOPE objects to Lyons Senior housing in a high fire hazard area **June** organized rally to protest Lennar/Newhall's permit to channel the SC river and 80% of its tributaries **August** Met with state agency to ensure clean up of contaminated sites in Santa Clarita **September** Information booth at River Rally **October** Hosted Lung Assoc. presentation on air Quality/landuse and health **November**



SCOPE continues action to guarantee quality health care for our community while protecting neighborhoods



What we did in 2009