



*The Santa Clara River
Nature's Gift to our Community*
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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.*

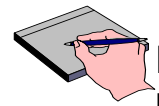


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the very best of holidays**

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What we did in 2010



Reviewed, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Newhall Ranch River Permit, tract maps, General Plan Updates, 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 **March** participated in Golden States Green Jobs Coalition **April** Information booth at city Earth Day Celebration **May** SCOPE film night 'urban sprawl's effect on water supply' **June** received preliminary approval for public radio station **July** Annual Meeting at Placerita Park. Continued work to oppose Lennar's river permit to channel the SC river and 80% of its tributaries **August** Joined in objection to the private corporation takeover of our public libraries **September** Information booth at River Rally **October** began review of City and County General Plan Update, helped reform the Whittiker Berrite CAG **November** SCOPE continues action to guarantee quality health care for our community while protecting neighborhoods

