



2013 – Celebrating the Santa Clara River

L.A. County's Last Free-Flowing River

Original Photo by Barbara Wampole

Taken December 2006, looking east from the Piru Bridge

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.

Check us out on the web!




WWW.SCOPE.ORG



Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment
PO Box 1182, Canyon Country, CA 91386

What we did in 2013



Reviewed, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Newhall Ranch Chloride Permit, Valencia Water Co takeover, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality (chlorides), and water supplies. Advocated for continuing the legal protections granted by the CA Environmental Protection Act (CEQA) **January** mentored students participating in COC Community Service Program **March** Conducted VIP tours of the river **April** Information booth at City Earth Day Celebration **May** Environmental Law Speaker Program  **June** John Quigley spoke at Annual Meeting—10th year of “Old Glory” Oak **July**  Environmental float in 4th Parade **August**  Legal victory protects upper river floodplain **September** Info booth at River Rally **October** Film and discussion on Oil Well Fracking in the SCV **November** participated in Whittaker Bernite Advisory Group to ensure clean up of contaminated water

*And I have felt a presence that disturbs me
with the joy of elevated thoughts
A sense of sublime, of something
far more deeply interfused,
Where dwelling is the light of setting suns
and the round ocean
and the living air... ..*

(from a poem by William Wordsworth)



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

**Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the
Environment is a California Non-profit Corporation**

Your charitable contributions to SCOPE are tax deductible