



“Lower Santa Clara River”

*Photograph by Gretchen Coffman, Ph.D,
courtesy, the SFEI from “Ecology of the Lower Santa Clara River”*

This year SCOPE is celebrating its 30th Anniversary of public advocacy on behalf of the Santa Clara River and our community. That’s a long time for a community group. We have all of you to thank for it. And now more than ever we need your help and support.

Named an endangered river by American Rivers in 2005, **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. Lennar Corp., now called Five Points, the developer of Newhall Ranch, hopes to move forward with plans 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. The Santa Clara remains endangered by over-development of its floodplains.

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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 hope , a 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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Some of what we did in 2017

Reviewed, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Newhall Ranch, Chloride Permit, Water Co takeover, Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality (chlorides, perchlorate), and water supplies. **January** VIP tours of the river and SCV issues **Feb, March** Huge turnouts at Newhall Ranch and Chiquita Landfill public hearings **April** Appeal of Chiquita Landfill approval to Supervisors **May** Continued opposition to water district takeover throughout the summer **June** Court rules for SCOPE, protects river floodplain **July**  SCOPE Float in 4th parade, litigation filed questioning Newhall Ranch water supply **Aug** Litigation filed with Val Verde residents over Chiquita Canyon Landfill air quality **Sept** Voted **not** to accept the \$16.5 million Newhall Ranch settlement offer in order to continue to speak up for residents and the Santa Clara River, booth at River Rally **Nov** SCOPE celebrates its 30th anniversary with music, speeches, toasts 