



*2022 – A Year of Celebrations  
“Old Glory” Valley Oak -  
Doing Well 20 Years after the Great Tree Sit  
And We Celebrate Our 35th Year!*

Valley Oaks are the monarchs of California Oaks by virtue of their size, beauty, and age. The largest trees have massive trunks, like our own “Old Glory Oak” in Stevenson Ranch, sometimes measuring six or seven feet in diameter and may tower a hundred feet above the ground. The lobed, felt-covered leaves bud out in the spring to become a summer kingdom of shade in a landscape drenched in hot, bright sun.

Twenty years ago, tree-sitter John Quigley climbed this ancient oak in protest over its imminent demise to make room for more development. His 72 days in the tree sparked international media attention and brought thousands of visitors rallying for its preservation. Ultimately, the tree was moved just down the road to an open space park where it stands today, still healthy, thanks to the care of the County Parks Dept.

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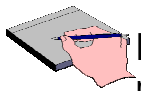


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**Some of what we did in 2022**



**Reviewed**, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Oak Ordinance changes, Chloride Permit, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality and water supplies. **January** Received grant to work on wildlife corridor protection in the SCV **Feb, March** VIP tours of corridor area, meetings with local agencies, presentation to student groups **April** KQRU 107.9 Radio license renewed, Brown Act litigation filed over County Oak Ordinance changes without public notice. **May** Court action to protect mountain lion habitat, booth at Placerita Open House 🇺🇸 **July** SCOPE Float in 4th parade **Aug** SCOPE and Friends of the SC River file to protect Santa Clara River floodplain **Sept** Booth at River Rally **Nov** SCOPE celebrates large funding award for Newhall Pass wildlife corridor protection



*“Never doubt that a few committed individuals  
can change the world -  
Indeed, that is the only thing that ever has.”*

*- Margaret Meade*

*May the New Year bring you the courage of  
an ancient oak that stands alone,  
but with joyful branches raised high,  
reaching for the blue sky.*



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

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