



Celebrating the Santa Clara River, the Santa Clarita Valley's most important Wildlife Corridor

Original Photo by Sangor Hedrick

Taken around December 2011, looking east from the Hedrick Ranch Natural Area near Santa Paula

The Santa Clara River is the last wild river in Los Angeles County and a major wildlife corridor between the San Gabriel, Santa Susana and Los Padres mountain ranges. Beginning in the wilderness of the San Gabriel Mountains, it meanders 84 miles to the coast in Ventura serving as a water source and wildlife corridor to animals moving between these ranges. Its varied habitat supports several endangered or threatened species of birds, fish and amphibians. Oak groves dot the hillsides above, providing shelter for local wildlife. This year SCOPE members focused on promoting and preserving wildlife corridors and making road and freeway crossings safe for animals. We hope you will support our future work in this area.



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Some of what we did in 2021 (in spite of it all!)

Reviewed, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Newhall Ranch, Sand Canyon Open Space, wildfire issues, County Sustainability Plan, Spring Canyon, Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality (perchlorate, VOCs), and water supplies. **January** presentation on wildlife crossings in the SCV **Feb** spoke to Board of Supervisors re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill air pollution and monitoring **March** filed Brown Act Complaint against LA County for failure to disclose changes to the Oak Ordinance **May** supported County and State plastic reduction bills **June** Council voted to save Sand Canyon Open Space and wildlife corridor! **July** received a grant from the Rose Foundation for our Wildlife Corridor Campaign **Aug** SCOPE Radio KQRU 107.9 renewed its FCC license **Sept** booth at River Rally Clean Up **Oct** Wildlife Corridor team met with legislators to protect Los Pinetos wildlife underpass (shown below); participated in Valley Oak restoration project at College of the Canyons **Nov** presentations on wildlife corridors to COC biodiversity class and others.



Pictured below — Los Pinetos Highway 14 Wildlife Undercrossing

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference
— Robert Frost*

Help us to help the animals find the road "less traveled by" and avoid deadly highway collisions. Let's help them safely cross the road by promoting and protecting the wildlife crossings they so desperately need.



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