



May the peace of the river turn and sparkle and  
sing in your life

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And may you enjoy the bounty of the Earth  
throughout the year

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Wishing you Happy Holidays

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## Farming in the Santa Clara River Valley An Endangered Species?

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As housing developments spread along the Santa Clara River, less and less land is used to grow food. Increased traffic adds to air pollution that lowers crop yields. Chlorides in the water from up stream urbanization prevent efficient growth of strawberries and avacados, two of the Santa Clara River Valley's most important crops. A viable farming economy is disappearing from Southern California.



**Reviewed** and

commented on over fifteen

different projects including Newhall Ranch, Riverpark, West Creek, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air quality and water supplies.

**March** Helped organize turnout for Riverpark hearings.

**April** Information table at the Arbor Day celebration Santa Clara most endangered River national press event.

**May** SCOPE environmental award to Judy and Roger McClure. Info table at Nature Center.

**June** participation in water quality meetings

**August** Spoke on local environment at Rotary breakfast

**September** River Rally and Santa Clara River Bus tour

**October** Water supply presentation at the Watershed U.

**November** SCOPE wins precedent setting legal decision on water supply.

Participates in City's first Oak Tree Day

**What we did in 2005**

