Sunday, Feb 17th

National Climate Change Day of Action
- to oppose the Keystone Pipeline -

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Can't go to Washington? Don't Worry!

The action isn't all in DC!

It's true that tens of thousands of people will converge in Washington, DC for the largest action against climate change in US history, but we understand that not everyone can make the trip. In fact, there's important work to be done all across the country -- from divesting our schools and cities from fossil fuels, to keeping the pressure on politicians who want to build Keystone XL.

That's why there's a solidarity rally being organized in Los Angeles on the 17th, and we hope you can join.

Here are the details:

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 17, 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Start at Paseo De La Plaza & Olvera St, and end at City Hall

**WHAT:** Solve the Climate Crisis! Take a Stand Mr. President! March & rally in downtown LA in solidarity with the Forward on Climate march in Washington, DC.!!

**EVENTS:** Prayer for Earth, Music, Speakers, and special guest Ed Begley Jr. as the master of ceremonies.

**SIGN UP/FACEBOOK** [http://j.mp/RallyLA](http://j.mp/RallyLA)

**WEBSITE** [http://j.mp/LARally](http://j.mp/LARally)

**TWITTER** #FwdClimateLA
WHAT TO PLAN:
*Wear Black to help form the Keystone XL Pipeline
*Water and Food will NOT be provided, bring what you need
*Make a sign
*Bring a friend

Valencia Water Co Customers in for a Rate Hike to Support Illegal Acquisition of the Company?
It appears the answer to this question is Yes!

On Friday January 4, 2013, SCOPE and Friends of the Santa Clara River joined forces to file a Complaint before the California Public Utilities Commission. The action was brought to protest a sweetheart deal to acquire Valencia Water Company, wholly owned subsidiary of Newhall Land and Development Co, developers of the 21,000 unit Newhall Ranch and the water company that will supply Newhall Ranch. The $73.8 million dollar deal between Newhall and Castaic Lake Water Agency would illegally commit future water supplies to the massive Newhall Ranch project in Northern Los Angeles County. The fact that Newhall Land owns the water company that will serve the project, has long caste doubt on the fairness of the water supply assessments. In fact, the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan was overturned by the Courts in 1999 in part on inadequate water supply information. Now this "Condemnation Agreement" makes it even clearer that there are questions in this area, since Castaic Water Agency must agree in advance to serve all of Newhall's projects.

But that's not all. Valencia Water Co. has sent a notice to its customers of a huge rate increase to fund this purchase for CLWA. SCOPE filed a fomal protest which you can view on the Public Utilities Website - where you can click "subscribe" to receive notices of new actions or click the "Get Involved" Tab to find out how you can protest this action yourself.

We have asked the PUC for local hearings, so stay tuned for the date and time. For more information visit our website at http://www.scope.org

SCOPE in the News -
"Suit Challenges Purchase of Water Company to benefit Newhall Ranch"
"Serious Action Needed on the Climate"
"The California Environmental Quality Act Helps Everyday Heroes Protect Their Neighborhoods"

Mom says, "You should help the environment"
“Long time SCOPE member Evelyn Carpenter helped us to help you save the Santa Clara River with her donation to SCOPE. You can too!”

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