What we did in 2012

Reviewed, commented on and appeared at hearings for multiple projects including Newhall Ranch River Permit, tract maps, General Plan Updates, water plans and various projects impacting the Santa Clara River floodplain, endangered species, air & water quality, and water supplies. January mentored students participating in COC Community Service Program March Gathered signatures for GMO labeling initiative April Information booth at City Earth Day Celebration May Nature Center Open House, Environmental Movie Night June Continued work to oppose Lennar’s river permit to channel the SC river and 80% of its tributaries July Environmental float in 4th Parade, Annual Meeting at Placerita Park August party to celebrate our 25th birthday September Booth at River Rally, Court Decision setting aside the Newhall Ranch River Permit, Regional Water votes to require Newhall to pay for chloride abatement October Film and Discussion on GMO Food labeling November participated in Whittaker Bermite Advisory Group to ensure clean up of contaminated water

2012 – A Year of Celebrations
“Old Glory” Valley Oak - (Our Own Special Holiday Tree)
Doing Well Ten Years after the Great Tree Sit
And We Celebrate Our 25th 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. They loomed, felt-covered leaves bud out in the spring to become a summer kingdom of shade in a landscape drenched in hot, bright sun.

Ten 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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“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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