Santa Clarita Organization For Planning and the Environment



The Santa Clarita Valley's Local Environmental Group

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## YOU'RE INVITED! to our March Meeting



Photo by Lawrence Ho



Join us to hear Heather Wylie talk about her kayak trip down the LA River last summer. The LA Times called it the "most important boating expedition ever undertaken on the Los Angeles River."

This was not just a recreational excursion. Indeed, it helped establish new protections for that river that will aid restoration efforts. Find out why she did it and the legal basis behind her actions. Hear about the Santa Clara River and what you can do to help save it.

WHEN: Saturday, March 19th, 2PM WHERE: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church **Spurling Hall Community Room** 24901 Orchard Village Rd. Valencia, CA 91355 Refreshments will be served

Regular Business meeting to follow speaker More info: www.scope.org 661 255-6899

## SCOPE Joins Suit to Save the Santa Clara River

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, SCOPE joined the Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Santa Clara River and Ventura Coast Keeper in filing suit over the Santa Clara River alteration permit for Newhall Ranch. Approved by the California Depart-

ment of Fish and Game, the permit left many important issues unresolved. It allowed unnecessary changes to the river floodplain and would affect many of its rare species. Also unaddressed were water quality issues such as chloride salts that could cause a sewer fee increase for Santa Clarita taxpayers. You can view the whole petition on our website. Our success depends on your continued support. Please consider a special donation to help the river.

