



Angeles Chapter

News Advisory

Rally to Save SoCal's Last Wild River

John Quigley Joins the Sierra Club and Others to Comment at
Army Corps of Engineers Public Hearing

When: Thursday, February 19, 2004. Rally outside at 5:30pm, public hearing inside at 6:30pm.

Where: Castaic Middle School Auditorium, 28900 Hillcrest Parkway, Castaic.
Take Hasley Canyon exit off I-5.

What: Rally for the Santa Clara River outside the Army Corps of Engineers public hearing. The hearing concerns Lennar/Newhall's "404" Permit, which is required for grading in the riverbed. Following the rally, speakers will comment at the Army Corps public hearing on this first and most destructive step in the process of permanently altering the River for the Lennar Corporation's Newhall Ranch Project, a poster child for urban sprawl.

Who: John Quigley (Old Glory tree sitter), The Sierra Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, Ventura Coastkeeper, the California Native Plant Society, Public Citizen, the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, Patagonia, the Wishtoyo Foundation, Friends of the Santa Clara River, Heal the Bay, the Environmental Defense Center, and concerned citizens.

Why: Potential impacts of the Newhall Ranch Project include massive development in the wetlands and floodplain of the Santa Clara River, increased traffic and air pollution, destruction of Native American sacred sites, damage to more than a dozen threatened and endangered species, and over 20,000 housing units on 12,000 acres.

This event will include excellent photo opportunities.

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