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**SCV Water Partners with TreePeople to Host
San Francisquito Canyon Restoration Field Day**

*TreePeople's restoration efforts in the Angeles NF will create
healthier, safer Santa Clarita Valley watershed*

With healthy watershed as a common goal, a group of SCV Water staff, and members of TreePeople and Sierra Club, joined together for a Restoration Field Day today, to learn about the local watershed and restore a creek-side habitat in San Francisquito Canyon. A total of 88 various plants were successfully planted in about four hours.

"The Field Day was an opportunity for everyone to work together to better the environment," said SCV Water general manager Matt Stone. "We're learning from each other, sharing our goals and building partnerships that will ultimately help us manage our watershed effectively and sustainably."

For many, it was the first time getting a hands-on experience working within the watershed. It was an opportunity to make the connection between cultivating a healthy and thriving creek-side habitat and the role it plays in sustainably managing groundwater.

"It was such a great opportunity to get out from behind my desk and dig in the dirt," said Cheryl Fowler, administrative analyst in Water Resources. "It was satisfying to participate in the connection between habitat restoration, our watershed, and the service SCV Water provides

Thierry Rivard, TreePeople's Angeles Restoration Program Manager spoke to the group about the benefits of removing invasive plant species and caring for native ones.

"The native chaparral plants provide the deer, coyotes and other wildlife with food and shelter," said Rivard. He added, "It's a cruel reality that those areas hit by major wildfires often become even more dangerous in the future, as invasive species rush in and grow vigorously, only to become dense masses of tinder as they dry out."

SCV Water has previously partnered with TreePeople by donating non-potable water to their Forest Restoration Program, which provides a multitude of benefits to the area, including: watershed protection, erosion control, and forest restoration with native plants.

More help is needed! TreePeople and their partners can use all the volunteer help that the Santa Clarita region can muster. To find out about upcoming volunteer events and how to get involved, register at www.treepeople.org/calendar, email volunteer@treepeople.org, or call 818-632-4879.

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to business and residential customers – half are local groundwater supplies and the other half is imported from the State Water Project and other sources.

SCV Water was formed on January 1, 2018 and combines the former service areas of Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Division and Valencia Water Company. Following a multi-year public engagement process, the agency was formed through Senate Bill 634 authored by Senator Scott Wilk and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on October 15, 2017. SCV Water was formed to enhance regional water management and reduce costs for local ratepayers.

More information can be found at www.YourSCVwater.com

About TreePeople

TreePeople unites the power of trees, people and nature-based solutions to grow a healthy, green city in the face of climate change's increasing impacts. The organization inspires, engages and supports people to take responsibility for the urban environment, facilitates collaboration among government agencies, and promotes leadership in volunteers, students and communities. Together, we are growing a greener, shadier, healthier and more water-secure Los Angeles for present and future generations.

For more information, visit treepeople.org.

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