

appreciate and learn about the resources of the Santa Clara River. This new opportunity will complement the interpretive garden at the Fillmore site, which SCRC has been developing in partnership with the Friends of the Santa Clara River over the last two years.

Education and Stewardship. SCRC continues to connect our community to the river through local schools in Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru and Oxnard. Our education coordinator, Leslie Magaña, is building awareness and a stewardship ethic by teaching children about the Santa Clara River's natural and cultural history, its flora and fauna, and vital connections in the watershed.

The Year Ahead. As we head into 2020, SCRC will be working to identify and pursue conservation priorities in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, especially opportunities to conserve lands that benefit both the river and the agricultural economy of the river valley. As the only local, community-based organization focused on land acquisition and conservation on the river, SCRC needs your support for staff to do this important work.



SCRC is restoring hundreds of acres of river by removing a giant invasive reed called Arundo. This plant pushes out native plants, like willows, and hurts local wildlife. It also is a fire hazard and sucks up water that could support river habitat, agriculture and groundwater recharge.

Please help SCRC conserve the river for the benefit of future generations and the communities that are so vitally connected to the river.

We have a big vision, but we can't do it alone. We would be grateful to receive your tax-deductible donation to support SCRC's efforts to protect our Santa Clara River heritage and a sustainable future. We would also love to talk to you about potential donations of land, vehicles or other equipment, volunteer opportunities, or other in-kind donations to support our work. Visit our website for more information: www.santaclarariver.org!

On behalf of the SCRC Board, thank you and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles Lester.

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