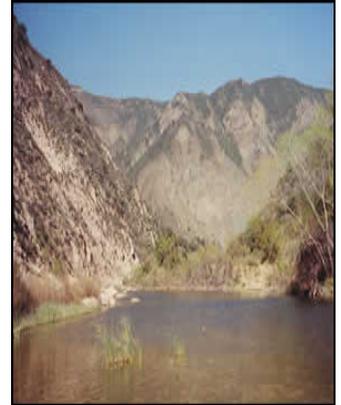


DESCRIPTION

The Santa Ynez River and its tributaries drain the rugged and scenic Santa Ynez Mountains north of Santa Barbara. The 25 mile-long upper Santa Ynez River is the longest stretch of free flowing river with easy public access in Southern California and one of the most popular recreation areas on the Los Padres National Forest.

The Aliso National Recreational Trail provides a rare glimpse and interpretation of the Chumash Indians, who formerly resided in villages on the banks of the Santa Ynez. A short hike along the riverside Red Rock trail provides access to several large swimming holes just downstream of the Gibraltar dam. Upstream of Gibraltar reservoir are two rustic hot springs located on small tributaries of the Santa Ynez.

The river and its tributary streams offer more than just a wonderful recreation opportunity for people. They also provide critical habitat for several rare amphibian species, including the endangered arroyo toad, threatened red-legged frog, and the sensitive pond turtle. The high quality riparian habitat along the Santa Ynez's tributary creeks support significant populations of the endangered least Bells vireo. California spotted owls utilize pockets of old growth big cone Douglas firs.



Santa Ynez River
 (Photo courtesy <http://www.friendsoftheriver.org>).
 For more photos, visit the California Coastal Records Project:
www.californiacoastline.org.

REASON FOR CCA IDENTIFICATION

The Santa Ynez River was one of the original CCAs identified in 1995 as an **impaired waterbody that flows into an estuary.**

POLLUTED RUNOFF CONDITIONS

	Top 5 Runoff Pollutants of Concern					Efforts to Address Pollutants (See next page)
	2002 303(d) Listed Pollutants TMDL Priority (& Proposed Completion if available)			Other Pollutants		
Selected Coastal Zone Waterbodies	Nutrients	Salinity/ TDS/ Chlorides	Sediment	?	?	
Santa Ynez River ▲	▲ Low	▲ Low	▲ Low			
Santa Ynez River Estuary ■						
Sloans Canyon ●						
Oak Canyon ◆						
Lompoc Canyon □						
Potential Sources of Pollutants in Coastal Waterbodies						
Potential Sources						
Agriculture		▲	▲			a, c
Forestry (Silviculture)						
Urban Areas						b, d
➤ Urban Runoff/ Storm Sewers			▲			
Marinas & Boating						

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Potential Sources of Pollutants, continued	Nutrients	Salinity/ TDS/ Chlorides	Sediment	?	?	Efforts to Address Pollutants
Hydromodification						
Wetlands & Riparian Areas						c
Resource Extraction			▲			
Unspecified Nonpoint Source	▲					a, d
Source Unknown			▲			

MAJOR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NPS MANAGEMENT MEASURES

a) Non Point Source Program				http://www.vineyardteam.org/
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Dawn Stimson	(805) 434-4848	dawn@vineyardteam.org info@vineyardteam.org	
➤ CCVT is a non-profit grower-group whose mission is to promote sustainable practices on the Central Coast.				
b) Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board				http://www.ccrb-comb.org/
	Jan Kunstmann	(805) 569-1391	jkunstmann@cachuma-board.org	
➤ Goal is to provide a reliable source of water to member agencies in an efficient and cost effective manner for the betterment of life in our communities.				
c) Cachuma Resource Conservation District				http://www.sbsd.org/local/crcd/
	Tom Lockhardt	(805) 928-9269	tom-lockhart@ca.nacdnet.org	
➤ The Cachuma Resource Conservation District is committed to the promotion of land stewardship ethics that result in long-term sustained use of natural resources, while Protecting and enhancing the environment.				
d) Friends of the Santa Ynez River				http://www.friendsoftheriver.org/CaliforniaRivers/Rivers/SantaYnez.html
	Kate Rees	(805) 569-391		
➤ Friends of the River is working to save these rivers every day, through its proven, three-pronged approach: policy advocacy, public education and grassroots activism.				

REGULATORY/PLANNING JURISDICTIONS

➤ County of Santa Barbara	http://www.countyofsb.org/index.asp	John Karamitos	(805) 934-6255	johnk@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
➤ Calif. Coastal Commission, Water Quality Unit	http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/npsndx.html	Ross Clark	(831) 427-4873	rclark@coastal.ca.gov
➤ Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/	Bill Hoffmann	(805) 772-3834	bhoffmann@waterboards.ca.gov
➤ State Water Resources Control Board	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/	Steve Fagundes	(916) 341-5487	sfagundes@waterboards.ca.gov
➤ California Coastal Conservancy	http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/	Terri Nevins	(510) 286-4161	tnevins@scc.ca.gov
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➤ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	http://www.fws.gov/	Katie Drexhage	(805) 644-1766	katherine_drexhage@fws.gov
➤ NOAA	http://www.noaa.gov/	Tom Gaffney	(805) 739-5317	tom.gaffney@noaa.gov

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