Rivers and streams in our forest are an important source of water for wildlife, plants, and people. 30 percent of our regional water supply comes from mountain springs and streams fed by snowmelt. San Francisquito Canyon is in the Sierra Pelona Mountains and is part of the Santa Clara River Watershed. Water in the canyon drains into San Francisquito Creek and then joins the Santa Clara River on its way to the ocean. Other major watersheds in our region include the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Santa Ana River watersheds.

Our mountain ranges and the Angeles National Forest contain some of the greatest biodiversity in the country, including five wilderness areas that provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered species. Without the clean air and water provided by the forest, the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area would not be able to support the more than 18 million residents who live here.