



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting – A Focus on Agriculture

Thursday October 3, 2013

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Rd., Oak View

Facilitated by Lorraine Walter, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator

Agenda

#		Topic and Discussion Leader	Desired Outcome/Description
1	5:45-6:00	Meet, mingle, view maps, eat the creek	Come early, meet and mingle, look at our neat map atlas, and nibble on the watershed. We'll have a sampling of the watershed's harvest to share.
2	6:00-6:10	Opening remarks, introductions, agenda review	Welcome; review purpose of meeting; introductions; make additions, deletions, or changes to agenda.
		Brief announcements, updates & comments	A quick roundtable for public comments and reporting on items not on the agenda.
3	6:10-6:15	Proposed Agricultural Projects/Programs for the Watershed Management Plan <i>Lorraine Walter, Watershed Coordinator</i>	Part of the meeting's purpose is to gather input for the Ventura River Watershed Management Plan. Project ideas to-date will be reviewed and a form for collecting ideas distributed.
4	6:15-6:40	An Overview of Agriculture in the Watershed <i>John Krist, Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Farm Bureau of Ventura County</i>	An overview of agriculture in the watershed: crop types, acreages, per acre water demand, how the Farm Bureau gets involved in local water issues, current issues, and more.
5	6:40-7:10	Farming in the Watershed <i>Emily Ayala (Friends Ranch) &</i> <i>Kari Stenshol (Taylor Ranch)</i>	A look at some of the day-to-day realities of being a grower in the watershed.
6	7:10-7:30	Agricultural Water Use & Lake Casitas <i>Ron Merckling, Water Conservation Manager,</i> <i>Casitas Municipal Water District</i>	An overview of agricultural water demand. How has it changed and what are some of the potential future challenges?
7	7:30-8:00	Ranching in the Watershed <i>Rich Atmore, President</i> <i>R.A. Atmore & Sons</i>	A look at ranching and rangeland management in the watershed.
8	8:00-8:30	Discussion and Visioning	What would we like agriculture in the watershed to look like in 20 years? Are there projects the Council could facilitate to support both agriculture and a healthy watershed? What information about agriculture do we want included in the watershed characterization?

Next Watershed Council meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

EP Foster Library, Topping Room, 651 E. Main St., Ventura