



# Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2015

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

E.P. Foster Library Topping Room, 651 E. Main St., Ventura  
(Free parking behind library off of Chestnut St.)

*Facilitated by Lorraine Walter, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator*

## Agenda

#		Topic	Desired Outcome/Description
1	9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Welcome; review agenda; introductions, and announcements.
2	9:15-9:40	<b>Horse and Livestock Watershed Alliance (HLWA)</b> <i>Dana Bogdanich, Ventura County Resource Conservation District</i>	Update on the latest activities of the Alliance. The HLWA focuses on horse and livestock property best management practice education, and working with regulators for effective compliance with water quality requirements.
3	9:40-10:10	<b>Ventura River Invasive Plant Removal and Ecosystem Restoration Project</b> <i>Elizabeth Martinez, Ventura County Watershed Protection District</i>	Removal and retreatment of about 28 acres of giant reed ( <i>Arundo donax</i> ) and other invasive plants in a 144-acre area of the Ventura River bottom will commence in mid-October. The treatment area extends from the Highway 150 bridge to south of Foster Park. This grant-funded project, lead by Ventura County Watershed Protection District and in partnership with Ojai Valley Land Conservancy and Ventura Hillside Conservancy, will remove invasive species in order to conserve water, reduce flood and fire risk, and improve riparian habitat.
4	10:10-10:35	<b>California Climate Change Symposium 2015</b> <i>Lynn Rodriguez, WCVC program manager &amp; Zoe Carlson, Santa Clara River watershed coordinator</i>	A debriefing on the recent California Climate Change Symposium and climate change adaptation information.
	10:35-10:45	<b>Break</b>	
5	10:45-11:25	<b>Watershed Coordinator FY 2015-2016</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Choose to either 1) approve the proposal by Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) to host the watershed coordinator position in FY 2015/2016, or 2) continue having staff services provided by an independent contractor, and issue an RFQ to begin the process of finding the next contractor. <i>Requested Action:</i> Approve the watershed coordinator work plan for FY 2015/2016.
6	11:25-11:35	<b>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation</b>	Updates from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin group on SGMA activities.

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7	11:35-11:50	<b>Grants</b>	Report on the meeting held Aug. 20 to discuss potential collaborative grants from Prop 1 and other sources.
8	11:50-12:00	<b>Online Document Library</b>	Illustration of a significant new data resource on the Council's website. Over 550 Ventura River watershed-relevant documents are now easily accessible: reports, plans, policies, legal documents, brochures, etc.

**Next Watershed Council meeting: October 1, from 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

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