



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2015

9:00 – 12:00 am

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	9:00-9:10	Opening remarks, agenda review, introductions, announcements, updates	Welcome; review purpose of meeting; introductions and announcements
2	9:10-10:10	Watershed Management Plan – final draft approval	An overview presentation on the final draft Ventura River Watershed Management Plan, followed by a discussion of any final comments or edits. <i>Requested Action:</i> Approve the draft plan as final.
3	10:10-10:20	Casitas Municipal Water District Water Supply Status <i>Ron Merckling, CMWD Public Affairs Manager</i>	A report on Casitas Municipal Water District's water supply status and urban water use reduction successes.
	10:20-10:30	Break	
4	10:30-11:00	Data Logger Water Quality Monitoring Results, 2013 & 2014 <i>Ben Pitterle, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper</i>	A report summarizing Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's data logger monitoring results for 2013 and 2014, including dissolved oxygen and water levels.
5	11:00-11:10	Groundwater Sustainability Agency <i>Bruce Kuebler, Ventura River Water District Board of Directors</i>	An update on efforts to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Upper Ventura River Basin.
6	11:10-11:40	Upcoming Funding Opportunities - Proposition 84 - Final Round - Proposition 1 - Other	Upcoming funding opportunities will be discussed. Planning for the next and final round of Prop 84 Implementation Grant funding needs to begin. Please come prepared to discuss any project ideas you may have.

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7	11:40-12:00	Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) - Proposed change to Steering Committee structure - Charter revision - Project selection screening committee	WCVC's Steering Committee, the group that votes, is now comprised of six people: two representatives from each of the county's three watersheds. There had been a proposal to add three regional voting members to the committee: John Krist, Farm Bureau; Tully Clifford, Ventura County Watershed Protection District; and Sue Hughes, IRWM Grant Administrator/WCVC Project Director. The other two watershed groups already voted to deny this proposal, so it will not go forward; however, an opportunity to discuss the item will still be provided. Changes to the WCVC governance charter to make the voting guidelines clearer has been recommended, as has creation of a screening committee for grant project selection.

Next Watershed Council meeting: April 9, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Evening meeting)

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

This meeting will focus on the endangered southern California steelhead and work being done on its behalf in the watershed.