



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Oak View Park and Resource Center *Auditorium*

555 Mahoney Ave. Oak View, CA 93011

Meeting Agenda

Facilitated by Po Chi Fung, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator

#		Topic	Desired Outcome/Description
1	9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introductions <i>Everyone</i>	Everyone will introduce themselves to the group and share one thing they enjoy about participating in the watershed council.
2	9:10-9:25	Fire Response, Post-Fire Actions, and Drought Preparedness <i>Ron Merckling</i> <i>Casitas Municipal Water District</i>	Ron will share Casitas Municipal Water District's response to the Thomas Fire, preparations for a high precipitation event, and continuing drought response.
3	9:25-9:45	Flood Risk and Preparation <i>Glenn Shephard</i> <i>Ventura County Watershed Protection District</i>	Glenn will discuss flood risk after the Thomas Fire for Ventura County and what the Watershed Protection District is doing to reduce the County's flood vulnerability.
4	9:45-10:05	Invasive species and fire recovery <i>Sabrina Drill</i> <i>UC Cooperative Extension</i>	Sabrina will present information about exotic (non-native) plants, insect pests, and other invasive species and how they affect pre- and post-fire situations – and how fire preparation, suppression, and recovery can help or hinder the spread of invasives.
5	10:05-10:35	Thomas Fire – Group Discussion <i>Everyone</i>	A forum to share what's on your mind regarding the Thomas Fire.
6	10:35-10:45	Break	

7	10:45-11:20	<p>IRWM Plan Update</p> <p>Climate Change and Resilience Discussion</p> <p><i>Lynn Rodriguez</i> <i>Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County</i></p>	<p>Lynn will provide an update on the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program. She will discuss what's ahead for the IRWM plan update with an emphasis on the updates to the climate change section.</p> <p>Lynn will also lead a discussion on climate change and resilience focusing the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What information do we need from the watershed perspective in order to be more resilient from changes? -What steps have you taken individually or within your organization to prepare for climate change and variability? -What climate change and climate resiliency questions do you, your customers and other stakeholders have? -How do we best deliver the information to those who need it?
8	11:20-11:25	<p>Regular Council Meeting Updates</p> <p><i>Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency</i></p> <p><i>Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency</i></p>	<p>In recognition of the importance of groundwater management activities and the connection between these activities and overall watershed management, both the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency give regular brief updates to the Council.</p>
9	11:25-11:30	<p>Announcements</p> <p><i>Everyone</i></p>	<p>This is an opportunity for everyone to give updates on their projects, programs, planning efforts, events and other items of interest to the group.</p>

*Next Watershed Council meeting: March 1st, 2018, 9-11:30am, location TBD