



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017

NEW TIME: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

NEW LOCATION:

Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave, Ventura Ca 93001

Facilitated by Zoë Carlson, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator

Agenda

#		Topic	Desired Outcome/Description
1	11:00-11:15	Welcome and Introductions	Zoë Carlson, Watershed Coordinator
2	11:15-11:40	Casitas Water Supply Augmentation Update <i>Ron Merckling, CMWD</i>	The Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) continues to explore other water supplies in response to the historic drought. Two projects that are moving forward for more study and review are the interconnection to the State Water Project and the Matilija Formation Horizontal Bore (MFHB) (a well project). Ron will give a brief update on both projects and answer questions.
3	11:40-12:00	Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Proposal <i>Lynn Rodriguez, WCVC</i>	Lynn from Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) will give a brief presentation on the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Proposal for \$9.8 Million to engage underserved communities throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties in Integrated Regional Water Management.
4	12:00-12:20	Council Updates and Announcements <i>Everyone</i>	There is a lot of great work going on in the watershed. This will be a time to share progress on watershed campaigns, upcoming programs, projects, studies, events, successes and lessons learned.
	12:20-12:30	BREAK	
5	12:30-1:00	Habitat and Instream Flow Evaluation for Steelhead <i>Amber Villalobos and Brionna Drescher, CDFW</i>	In January, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released their Study Plan for the Ventura River. Amber and Brionna will talk about the California Water Action Plan, and the Study Plan for evaluating habitat and instream flow for steelhead in the Ventura River.

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6	1:00-1:15	Cultural Competence Capacity Building Program <i>Rocio Lozano-Knowlton, MERITO Foundation</i>	<i>The MERITO (Multicultural Education for Resource Issues Threatening Oceans) Foundation is a not for profit organization that engages disadvantaged communities in watershed and ocean protection. Rocio will talk about the training program that provide best practices for effectively reaching and engaging communities and their youth in resource protection in a manner that is consistent with the cultural context and values of that community while effectively addressing the disparities of diversity and inclusion within an organization's entire structure.</i>
7	1:15-1:30	Sustainable Agriculture and Food Justice in the Ventura River Watershed <i>Jill Santos, Food Forward</i>	Since 2012 the Food Forward Ventura County Branch (VC Branch) has added the Farmers Market Recovery Program providing the county's food insecure with farm fresh produce in addition to regular hauls of citrus. The VC Branch has recovered over 650,000 pounds of fruits and veggies. Jill will talk about sustainable agriculture, food justice and food waste from Food Forward's perspective.

Next Watershed Council meeting: May 4, from 11:00 am – 1:30 p.m.