



# Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 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	9:00-9:15	<b>Opening remarks, agenda review, introductions, announcements, updates</b>	Welcome; review purpose of meeting; introductions and announcements
2	9:15-9:35	<b>Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation in Ventura County</b> <i>Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection District</i>	A status report on the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies throughout Ventura County.
3	9:35-10:05	<b>Fire Readiness</b> <i>Barb Geringer, Pre-Fire Engineer, Ventura County Fire Department</i>	A report and discussion about current and potential fire department programs to prepare our area for fire. Coast live oak die off, goats for fuel reduction, potential partnerships for regional grants, and more. Bring your ideas and concerns to share.
4	10:05-10:20	<b>Proposition 1 Funding Opportunities</b> <i>Lynn Rodriguez, WCVC program manager</i>	Upcoming Proposition 1 opportunities will be reviewed.
	10:20-10:30	<b>Break</b>	
5	10:30-10:55	<b>Agriculture and the Drought</b> <i>- Mary Bergen, grower, Casitas MWD board member, OBGMA board alternate</i> <i>- Other growers/ag interests present</i>	A report and discussion about how growers and ranchers in the watershed are being affected by and responding to the drought.
6	10:55-11:45	<b>General Plan Update &amp; Memo to County</b> <i>Lorraine Walter, watershed coordinator</i>	An overview of Ventura County's planned program to update its General Plan; a summary of key General Plan goals, policies and programs; a look at water-related approaches in other jurisdictions; and a proposed memo to Ventura County.  <i>Requested Action:</i> Approve sending a memo to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors urging a comprehensive update of the General Plan with regard to water-related issues, including the addition of a specific water element.
7	11:45-12:00	<b>Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC)</b> <i>Lynn Rodriguez, WCVC program manager</i>	Update on Proposition 84 implementation grant project selection.

**Next Watershed Council meeting: July 9, from 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. (Note: no meeting in June.)**

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