

*An invitation to help develop a smart plan
for the Ventura River watershed.*



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A Ventura River Watershed Management Plan

Dear Ventura River Watershed Resident/Stakeholder:

On behalf of the Ventura River Watershed Council, I would like to invite you to participate in a watershed planning process that could benefit you, our watershed and the environment. The Council is preparing to develop a watershed management plan that can help bring grant dollars into our area; give local government and water officials specific information about our concerns and priorities; and position us to more efficiently and effectively manage our water-related resources.

We hope you'll join us at the Oct. 3 Public Scoping Meeting described in this flier. We also welcome your input by email (info@venturawatershed.org) or letter (PO Box 1092, Ojai, CA 93024). You can also follow our progress at www.venturawatershed.org.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Walter, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator

Ventura River Watershed Management Plan

Public Scoping Meeting

October 3, 2012, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road, Oak View

Watershed management plans recognize that water within a watershed—the rain, wetlands, streams, rivers, aquifers, lakes and estuaries—and the living things that need that water—people, farms, plants and animals—exist in interdependent relationships with one another. So in order to plan for an adequate water supply, clean water or flood management, we do so on the watershed level. And we need to do this together.

What are your concerns for the watershed?

What ideas do you have for better management of our watershed resources?

Please lend your knowledge and experience to this important effort.

A watershed is an area of land that acts like a drainage basin. All of the rain that falls on the land in a watershed drains towards a common water body—in our case, the Ventura River.



Agenda

- 5:30-6:00 Open house
Meet Watershed Council members, look at watershed maps, review plan goals and objectives, write down your watershed questions/concerns/ideas, and mingle.
- 6:00-6:15 Welcome & introductions
- 6:15-6:25 Who we are & why we're developing a plan
- 6:25-7:00 Plan goals and objectives
- 7:00-7:40 Group discussion
- 7:40-7:50 Issues/solutions ranking
- 7:50-8:00 Ranking results & next steps

The Ventura River Watershed Council

The Ventura River Watershed Council is an open public forum. We have active participation by water and sanitation districts, government agencies, environmental groups, agricultural organizations, businesses, landowners, consultants and private citizens. The Council is non-regulatory.