



# Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

**Tuesday February 28, 2012**

**9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Topping Room at E.P. Foster Library (just left of main library entrance)

651 E. Main St, Ventura. Parking is available behind the library off Chestnut.


## Agenda

#	Mins.	Topic and Discussion Leader	Desired Outcome/Description
1	20	<b>Opening remarks, introductions, agenda review</b> (Lorraine Walter)	Welcome; review purpose of meeting; introductions; make additions, deletions, or changes to agenda.
2		<b>Brief announcements, updates &amp; comments</b>	A quick roundtable for mention of items not on the agenda.
	50	<b>Watershed Council</b>	
3		<b>New website</b>	Overview of the new website and future plans.
4		<b>New logo</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Approve the new watershed council logo.
5		<b>Charter proposal</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Respond to staff recommendation to consider adopting a charter for the council to provide a basic governance structure.
6		<b>Meeting schedule</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Decide on how best to balance the watershed coordinator's time between meeting coordination and watershed plan development. A reduced council meeting schedule, 8 times per year, is proposed.
	15	<b>Watershed Management Plan</b>	
7		<b>Our watershed management plan's purpose</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Brainstorm on the plan's purpose to provide preliminary direction to staff. (What are we aiming at? What do we want the plan to do? What would be the best outcome of the plan? What happens with the plan after we've written it? Who is the audience?)
8		<b>Integration with the IRWMP update</b>	<i>Requested Action:</i> Agree with a plan to synchronize our plans' development with the IRWMP update where possible.
	30	<b>Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, IRWMP</b> (Lynn Rodriguez)	
9		<b>Climate Change Workshop</b>	Update on the March 15 Climate Change Workshop planned as part of the IRWMP update.
10		<b>WCVC Steering Committee proposed change</b> (Greg Gamble and Russ Baggerly)	<i>Requested Action:</i> Provide a recommendation on a proposal to modify the 6-person (2 per watershed) structure of the WCVC Steering Committee to add a countywide perspective, by either adding a 7th countywide person, or changing to a 5-person Steering Committee: 1 per watershed plus 2 countywide members.

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11		<b>Proposition 50 &amp; 84</b>	Update on grant projects.
12		<b>IRWM Plan</b>	Report on the update of the Integrated Regional Watershed Mgmt Plan.
13		<b>Upcoming IRWM meetings</b>	Update on regional watershed meeting dates.
14		<b>Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek Watershed Committees</b>	Report on activities in the other county watersheds.
	35	<b>Other Updates</b>	
15		<b>May Watershed Awareness Month plans</b> (Lorraine Walter)	Report on preliminary plans to coordinate educational activities throughout the watershed during May.
16		<b>Algae TMDL</b> (Group)	Discuss any new data and the latest from the RWQCB.
17		<b>Biodigester Feasibility Study Kickoff</b> (Bill O'Brien)	Report on kick-off meeting held February 21.
18		<b>Local Groundwater Assistance Grant</b> (Lorraine Walter, Karen Waln & Gerhardt Hubner)	Two grant proposal ideas are in the works: one would develop a groundwater management plan for the Upper Ventura River groundwater basin, and one would study the relationship between groundwater pumping and surface flows. A meeting on this issue will immediately follow this VRWC meeting, at 11:30, in the same room.
19		<b>Ventura River Watershed Protection Plan Report</b>	The VRWPP is almost in a final form. WPD is pursuing preparation of a more comprehensive flood protection section. (The VRWPP is a summary of various grant-funded projects related to the District's long-range planning.)

**Next Watershed Council meeting: April 3, 2012, 6 – 9:00 p.m.**



*Oh look, our first quarterly evening meeting (really).*

### Acronyms

IRWMP.... Integrated Regional Watershed Management Program  
 RWQCB ... Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 VRWC..... Ventura River Watershed Council  
 WPD..... Watershed Protection District  
 WCVC..... Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County