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## Ventura River Watershed



## Surrounding Major Watersheds





**Ventura River  
Watershed**

# Ventura River Watershed Council

## regular participants

### Water and Sanitary

Casitas Municipal Water District  
City of Ventura  
Meiners Oaks County Water District  
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
Ojai Valley Sanitary District  
Ventura River County Water District

### Government

California Coastal Conservancy  
California Dept. of Fish and Game  
Calif. Regional Water Quality Control Board  
City of Ojai, Public Works  
City of Ventura, Water Department  
Ventura County Public Works Department  
Ventura Co. Watershed Protection District  
Ventura Co. Supervisor Steve Bennett's Office  
Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

### Land Management/Recreation

Ojai Valley Land Conservancy  
California Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
Ventura Hillside Conservancy  
Ventura Co. Resource Conservation District

### Nonprofits

Friends of the Ventura River  
Matilija Coalition  
Ojai Valley Green Coalition  
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper/Stream Team  
Surfrider Foundation  
Ventura Citizens for Hillside Preservation  
Project Understanding

### Business/Landowner/Citizens

Farm Bureau of Ventura County, VCAILG  
Taylor Ranch  
Consultants  
Citizens

# Ventura River Watershed Council

## purpose

- A forum for networking and collaboration
- A subcommittee of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
- The multi-stakeholder group that will develop and implement a watershed management plan

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**2002-04** Ventura Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Group (27 water-related agencies) established to address the regional planning requirements for Proposition 50 grant funding

**May, 2006** Ventura River Watershed Council formed



# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Nov, 2006** Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan completed

- Addresses water management in the county's three major watersheds
- Includes watershed descriptions, histories, priorities, and project wish lists
- Fulfills requirements for state bond funding



# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Jan, 2008**    \$3,349,000 in Proposition 50 funding received

1. Ventura River Watershed Protection Project (V-1)  
(\$1,545,538 - VC Watershed Protection District)
2. San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds (V-2)  
(\$1,315,000 - VC Watershed Protection District)
3. Senior Canyon Water Co. Equipment Upgrades (V-3)  
(\$488,462 - Casitas Municipal Water District)



# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## Ventura River Watershed Protection Project (V-1)

*(\$1,545,538 - VC Watershed Protection District)*

- Watershed runoff model
- Surface water quality monitoring
- Groundwater monitoring
- Removal of invasive plants
- Ventura River Watershed Protection Plan Report

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## Watershed Hydrology Model

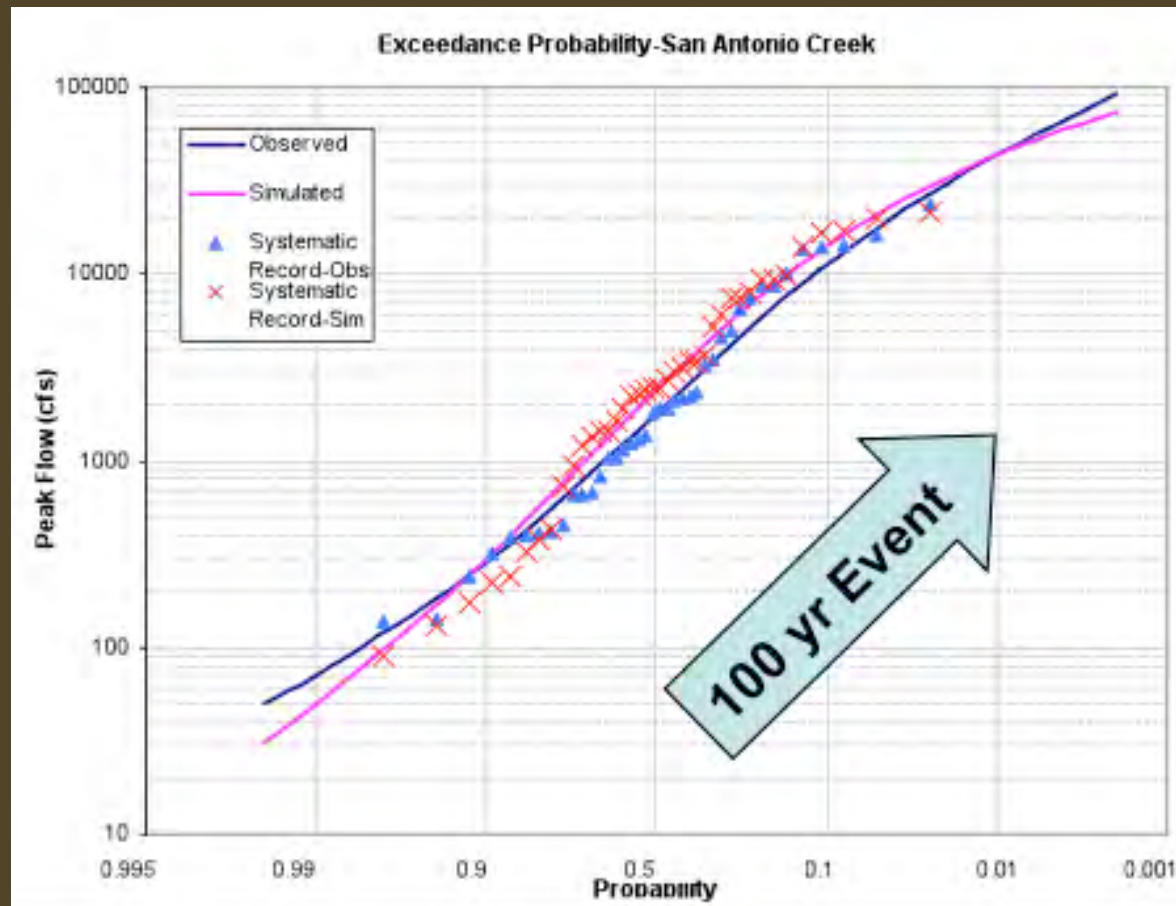
A “continuous” simulation model that provides the ability to:

- Produce real-time estimates of flow during storms and thus identify locations at risk of **flooding**;
- Evaluate the effects of development or changes in land use practices on **water supply** or **runoff volumes**; and
- Evaluate the effects of changes in land use or management practices on surface **water quality**.

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## Watershed Hydrology Model - example

Strive for match between predictions of 100-year flood for observed and simulated flood peaks



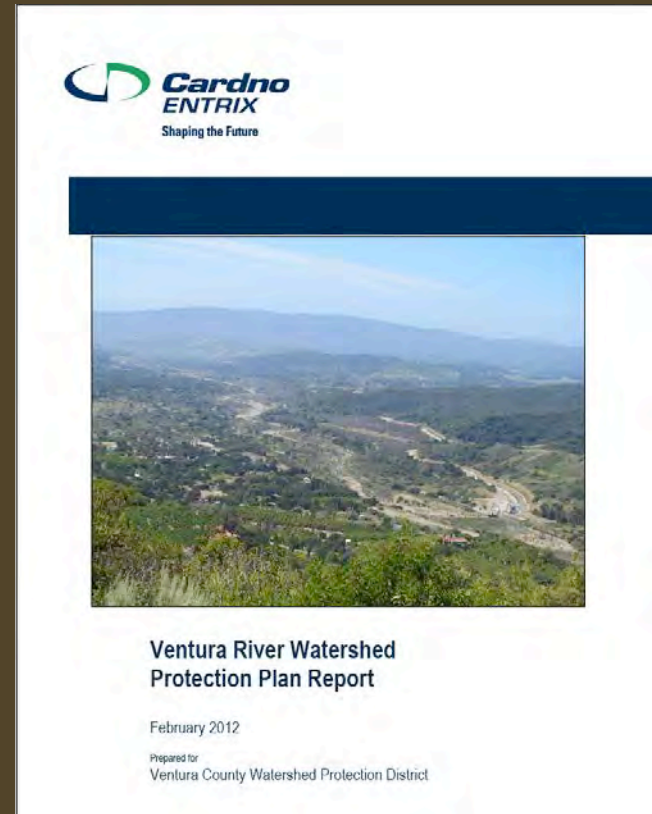


# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## Ventura River Watershed Protection Plan Report

- Watershed Characteristics
- Summary of V-1 Projects
- Water Demand and Water Budget
- Review of Applicable Watershed Plans
- Data Gaps
- Applicable Best Management Practices
- Future Actions to Improve Water Sustainability and Ecosystem Functions
- Flood Management Issues in the Watershed

*Foundation for our watershed management plan*



# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds (V-2)

*(\$1,315,000 - VC Watershed Protection District)*

Facilities to capture seasonal  
high-flows from San Antonio  
Creek to increase groundwater  
recharge in the Ojai Valley  
Groundwater Basin

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

## Senior Canyon Water Co. Equipment Upgrades (V-3)

(\$488,462 - Casitas Municipal Water District)

New pipes and automation equipment to “fine-tune” our use of groundwater vs. surface water, to increase overall water supply reliability.





# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

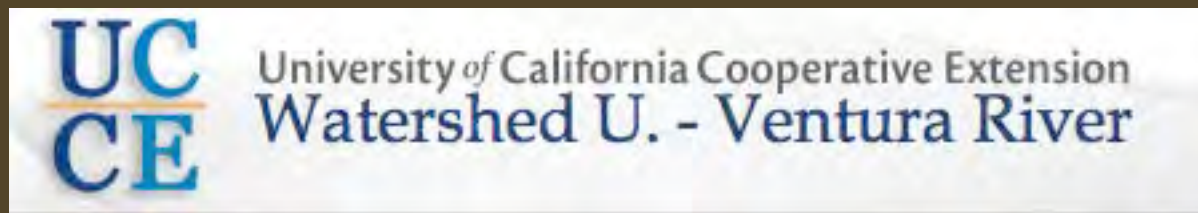
**Mar, 2009** Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County adopts charter and selects Steering Committee.

Includes two representatives from:

- Ventura River Watershed
- Santa Clara River Watershed
- Calleguas Creek Watershed

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

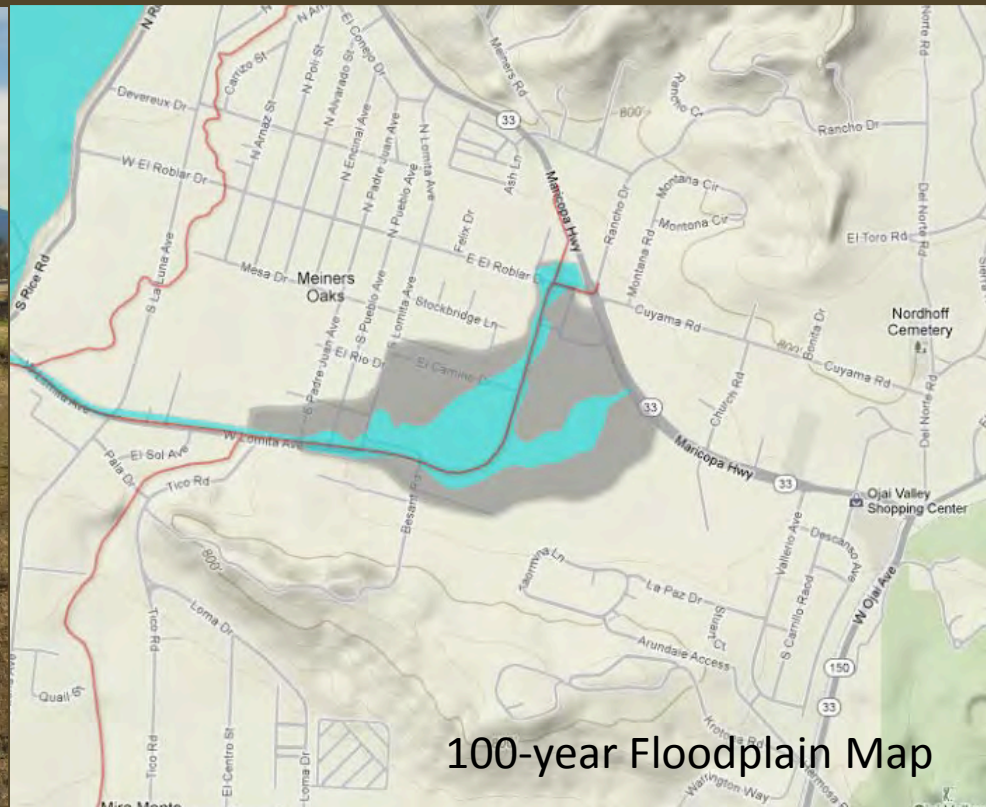
**Apr, 2010** “Watershed U - Ventura River.”



An educational series for the community.  
Coordinated by the UC Cooperative Extension  
and supported by the Watershed Council.  
Six sessions/18 hours of educational  
presentations by experts on a variety of topics.

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Jan, 2011** \$500,000 in Proposition 84 funding received  
*Ojai Meadows Restoration (Ojai Valley Land Conservancy)*





# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Feb, 2011** \$100,000 in Proposition 84 funding received

*Biodigester Feasibility Study*

*(VC Watershed Protection District)*

*A manure management strategy to address nitrogen and algae water quality problem.*



# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

- Sep, 2011** Watershed coordinator hired by Ojai Valley Land Conservancy on behalf of the Council  
*3-year Dept. of Conservation grant (9/11 – 9-14)*
- Jan, 2012** Developed organizational identity  
(mission statement, logo, website)

# Ventura River Watershed Council mission

*To facilitate and support efforts  
by individuals, agencies, and organizations to  
maintain and improve the health and sustainability  
of the Ventura River watershed.*







# Ventura River Watershed Council

Watershed Stewardship and Enhancement

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## [A Good Climate Change Workshop, Check out the Video](#)

March 23rd, 2012

Last week's climate change workshop in Ventura, put on by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, was well attended by water and flood control and resource management types. At the start of the m[...]

## [How Low Does the Oxygen Go?](#)

March 15th, 2012

New report on Ventura River's water quality released. Once a month during the algae season, Channelkeeper's Stream Team volunteers can be found during the wee hours of the morning, before the sun[...]

## [Bike Path Watershed Mural](#)

February 29th, 2012

You can't miss this masterpiece of a mural on the Ventura River Trail bike path. Look for it on a retaining wall just below Foster Park. The Ventura Hillside Conservancy secured funding from th[...]

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Mar, 2012** Adopted draft governance charter, with Leadership Committee.

*The minimum number of members in each of the five categories shall be as follows:*

<i>Government</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Water and Sanitary</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Land Management/Recreation</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Nonprofit</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Business/Landowner</i>	<i>3</i>

# Ventura River Watershed Council proposed leadership committee

The Ventura River Watershed Council is open to anyone interested in the watershed.

The Leadership Committee is a subset of the general membership, and comprises the **voting** members.

The Leadership Committee's purpose is to ensure that a **balance** of perspectives and interests are represented in the Council's decisions, and, along with the charter, provide a structure of governance to ensure **progress** and efficiency.

# Ventura River Watershed Council milestones

**Apr, 2012** Expanded stakeholder participation.

**May, 2012** Adopt charter; begin focused watershed management plan discussions.



# 2012 meeting schedule

Feb 28, Tuesday	E.P. Foster Library Topping Room, Ventura 9:00 – 11:30 am
<b>Apr 3, Wednesday</b>	<b>Oak View Community Center, Kunkle Room, 6:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
May 9, Wednesday	Ventura County Govt. Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Jun 13, Wednesday	Ventura County Govt. Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Aug 8, Wednesday	Ventura County Govt. Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Oct 3, Wednesday</b>	<b>Oak View Community Center, Kunkle Room, 6:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
Nov 7, Tuesday	E.P. Foster Library Topping Room, Ventura, 9:00 – 11:30 am
Dec 11, Tuesday	Ventura County Govt. Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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