



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Oak View Park and Resource Center (Auditorium)

555 Mahoney Ave. Oak View, CA 93022

Meeting Agenda

Facilitated by Po Chi Fung, Ventura River Watershed Coordinator

#		Topic	Desired Outcome/Description
1	9:00- 9:25	Welcome, introductions, and announcements <i>Everyone</i>	This is an opportunity for everyone to give updates on upcoming events and other important announcements to the entire group.
2	9:25- 9:45	Post-fire Land Management <i>Brian Stark & Jill Lashly</i> <i>Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC)</i>	Brian and Jill will discuss post-fire land management and how OVLC's fire response has created new partnership opportunities that address public safety and ecological recovery in the watershed. They will also share observations related to fire and arundo removal issues.
3	9:45- 10:00	Holistic grazing & Fire management Richard Atmore <i>Rancho Ventura Conservation Trust</i>	Richard will talk about holistic land management practices in the Ventura Foothills and his experience in successfully utilizing high intensity short duration rotational grazing that provides a forage crop, produces beef, controls invasive plants, improves water quality, and diversifies habitats, while protecting urban neighbors from wildfires.

4	10:00-10:20	Groundwater and Drought <i>Jordan Kear</i> <i>Kear Groundwater</i>	<p>Jordan will share his knowledge on many of the questions many have been asking recently, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we with respect to rainfall in a historic context? • How has the groundwater responded to the rainfall we have had in recent years and this year in particular? • How have the fires and debris flows impacted our surface water and groundwater resources? • What (really cool!) projects are local agencies working on now, in 2018, in two years, and in five years to battle the chronic drought and climate change in the Ventura River watershed?
5	10:20-10:30	Break	
6	10:30-10:45	IRWM Plan Update <i>Lynn Rodriguez</i> <i>Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County</i>	<p>Lynn will provide an update on the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program. She will discuss the timing and process for Round 1 for Prop 1 IRWP funding and what's ahead for the IRWM plan update.</p>
7	10:45-11:05	Los Padres National Forest <i>Dr. Lloyd Simpson</i> <i>U.S. Forest Service</i>	<p>Lloyd will share some insights regarding the Thomas Fire from the USFS perspective and provide us with an overview regarding fire management and its challenges in the Los Padres National Forest.</p>

8	11:05-11:20	<p>Regular Council Meeting Updates</p> <p><i>Arundo-Free Watershed Campaign</i></p> <p><i>Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency</i></p> <p><i>Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency</i></p>	<p>The Arundo-Free Watershed Campaign group meets regularly to discuss eradication efforts in the watershed. Group members will give a brief report back to the Council on items discussed and planned topics for the next meeting.</p> <p>In recognition of the importance of groundwater management activities and the connection between these activities and overall watershed management, both the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency give regular brief updates to the Council.</p>
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*Next Ventura River Watershed Council meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018 –Time and Location TBD