



Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 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	9:00-9:20	<p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p><i>Everyone</i></p>	<p>This is an opportunity for participants to give updates on upcoming events and other important announcements to the entire group.</p>
2	9:20-9:50	<p>Water Markets</p> <p>Matthew Fienup, Ph.D. <i>California Lutheran University</i></p>	<p>Dr. Fienup is the Executive Director of the Center for Economic Research & Forecasting at California Lutheran University. He also serves as Exchange Administrator for the Fox Canyon Water Market Pilot Program.</p> <p>Beginning in early 2017, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, in Ventura County, created the first formal groundwater market of its kind in California. Created in response to the drought and new state-mandated cuts to groundwater use, the Fox Canyon Water Market is designed to incentive conservation and creation of new water supplies while giving water users flexibility in the face of uncertain supply. During his presentation, Dr. Fienup will give us an introduction to water markets, provide some insights regarding the water market happening right in our backyard, and the challenges that water markets might face.</p>

3	9:50-10:05	IRWM project/program submissions – check in	A reminder that project/program submissions are due to WCVC by the end of October 1, 2018! This is an opportunity to check in and see how the project forms are going!
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4	10:05-10:15	Break	
5	10:15-10:40	<p>Ventura River Watershed Surface Water-Groundwater and Nutrient Transport Models – Study Plan Update and Geologic Analysis of Ventura River Watershed</p> <p><i>Kevin DeLano, Geologist</i> State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)</p>	<p>Kevin DeLano will update the Council on two items related to the State Water Resource Control Board’s ongoing groundwater-surface water and nutrient transport modeling project. (1) In response to the Technical Advisory Committee and public comments on SWRCB’s Draft Study Plan, SWRCB is revising its model development approach and amending our consulting contract to add additional work and funding. The new funding enables their team to model groundwater in bedrock aquifers, model Thomas Fire impacts on hydrology, and release memos on Scenarios and Sensitivity Analysis methodologies for TAC and public review. (2) State Water Board staff are soliciting comments for its Draft Geologic Analysis of the Ventura River Watershed. Kevin will introduce the geologic analysis to the Council and answer any questions.</p>
6	10:40-11:00	<p>Council Stakeholder 101: Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRC D)</p> <p><i>Lexi Ballinger</i> VCRC D</p>	<p>In an effort to get to know Council stakeholders better, we will feature a stakeholder/organization 101 at each Council meeting.</p> <p>Today, Lexi will tell us about the Ventura County Resource Conservation District – what they do, how they get things done, and who they work with.</p>

7	11:00-11:15	<p>Regular Council Meeting Updates</p> <p><i>Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency</i></p> <p><i>Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency</i></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, November 8, 2018 –Time and Location TBD