

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board May 19, 2025, Special Meeting Agenda

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 19, 2025, at **1:15 p.m.** the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a special public meeting to be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, Multipurpose Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be provided using the following options: (1) e-mail public comment in advance of the meeting; and/or (2) in-person public comment.

Option 1 – If you wish to make a comment on a specific item in advance of the meeting, please submit your comment for that item via email by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing to Dillan Murray, staff, via email at Dillan.Murray@Ventura.org. Please indicate the Agenda Item Number on which you are commenting in the Subject Line of your email. Your comment will be provided to the Cultural Heritage Board and placed into the item's record at the Cultural Heritage Board hearing.

Option 2 – If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on.

AGENDA

1. **1:15 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - 3a. Vote to approve the May 19, 2025, Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the May 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time is set aside for public comment on items not otherwise on this agenda which are within the purview of the Cultural Heritage Board. Speakers wishing to address the CHB shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments. The CHB is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6a. Location:** 444 South G Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 (Henry T. Oxnard Historic District and Landmark Area #161) (Supervisory District 5 – Lopez)

Action: A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) (Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance Section 1371) for the construction of an addition and mix of improvements to an existing one-story, single-family residence located at 444 South G Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 (Henry T. Oxnard Historic District and Landmark Area #161). The scope of work includes the removal of an existing approximately 61-square-foot laundry room and addition of a new, 266-square-foot study in the existing court space, and partial remodel of the existing living area. Exterior improvements include upgrading and repairing finishes in-kind, replacing non-original windows and glass doors, and installing a new deck connecting the rear bedroom to the study. (Case No. CH25-0021).

7. REPORTS

- 7a.** Board Member Reports
- 7b.** CHB Program Updates from Staff

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 9, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

May 12, 2025, **Draft** Meeting Minutes

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Note: The following is a summary of actions taken by the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) at their public hearing and not a verbatim transcription.

1. **1:18 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**

Chair Winters introduced Board Member Sylvia Schnopp, who was recently appointed to the Cultural Heritage Board.

2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

CHB Members Present: Mike Winters (Chair), Herbert Gooch, Sylvia Schnopp, Gary Blum, Miguel Fernandez, and Anthony Angelini

CHB Members Absent: Tyson Cline

Staff Present:

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3a. Vote to approve the May 12, 2025, Agenda

Board Member Angelini made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025, Agenda. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4a. **Action:** Receive a presentation from Ms. Julie Tumamait-Stenslie, a local Chumash elder, on how Indigenous people have lived alongside the natural world in the region for thousands of years as part of the Cultural Heritage Board guest speaker series, *A Shared History: Diverse Voices Across Ventura County*.

Presentation: Chair Winters and Board Member Fernandez introduced Ms. Tumamait-Stenslie and noted that the session is a continuation of the CHB guest speaker series, which is intended to highlight the diverse heritage of Ventura County for the benefit of both residents and visitors. Ms. Tumamait-Stenslie presented an overview of historical and current Chumash life in Ventura County.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Following Ms. Tumamait-Stenslie's presentation, a Question-and-Answer session was held with members of the audience.

BREAK

2:30 P.M. RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

- 4b. Action:** Present historic preservation awards recognizing the work of nine different individuals and organizations in Ventura County in honor of Historic Preservation Month 2025.

Presentation:

Chair Winters provided background on the purpose and intent of the historic preservation awards, which is to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of individuals, advocates, property owners, community organizations, and volunteers who have made a meaningful impact in the field of historic preservation throughout Ventura County.

Chair Winters presented an award to the Japanese American Citizens League for Excellence in Restoration of Oxnard's historic Japanese Cemetery.

Board Member Gooch presented an award to David Hertz and Laura Doss-Hertz and Frances Rehwald for Excellence in Preservation of the Tony Duquette Historic District (9199 Cotharin Road and 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265).

Board Member Schnopp presented an award to Dr. José Alamillo and his team of student researchers for Excellence in Grassroots Organizing and Community Development related to their research into historical Bracero farmworker labor camps in Ventura County.

Board Member Angelini presented an award to the Skateboarding Hall of Fame in Simi Valley for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Chairs Winters presented an award to the Fillmore Historical Museum for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Gooch presented an award to the Chumash Museum in Thousand Oaks for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Fernandez presented an award to the Friends of Heritage Square in Oxnard for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Fernandez presented an award to Ms. Beverlee McGrath for Excellence in Individuals Supporting Preservation.

Board Member Angelini presented an award to Adam's Forge in Simi Valley for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming.

Discussion and Deliberation: None

Board Member Gooch left the meeting at this time.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

7a. Vote to approve the April 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Angelini seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Board Member Schnopp abstained).

8. REPORTS

8a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Fernandez reported that he recently attended the Murals & Roses event at the Olivas Adobe in Ventura on May 11, 2025. At the event, Board Member Fernandez installed the CHB display booth next to the Plein Air Ventura County artists' display as part of the kickoff of the group's planned art show in May 2026. Next, Board Member Fernandez reported

that he attended the May 3, 2025, American Planning Association 2025 Central Coast Section Planning Awards ceremony on behalf of the CHB, who won an award for the guest speaker series.

Board Member Schnopp noted her thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the CHB.

Board Member Angelini reported that a property owner and interior designer of a historic Eichler home located in the City of Thousand Oaks are interested in having CHB members tour their property. Board Member Angelini will reach out to CHB members to ascertain their interest in attending such a tour in the near future, which would be an exception to a meeting as defined by the Brown Act as there is no action to be taken at this property by the CHB. Finally, Board Member Angelini reported that the Happy Face Music Festival will be held in Simi Valley on May 24, 2025, and is the successor to the former Cajun festival.

8b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next scheduled meeting will be a special meeting planned for Monday, May 19th, in the Multipurpose Room

Next, Mr. Murray reported that the CHB and the Planning Division recently won an award of excellence for the guest speaker series and other efforts to engage the public. The award was an American Planning Association 2025 Central Coast Section Planning Award. Specifically, the award was the *Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff Award*, which honors an individual, project, group, or organization that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion and demonstrates a sustained commitment to advocacy.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that staff recently attended the California Preservation Foundation annual conference in Sacramento and learned about trends and best practices in historic preservation.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled hearing will be held on May 19, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:41 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

Mike Winters, Chair
Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray
Cultural Heritage Program Planner

Date