

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board August 25, 2025, Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, August 25, 2025, at **1:15 p.m.** the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a 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@venturacounty.gov. 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 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 August 25, 2025, Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the June 23, 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:** 7620 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93003 (unincorporated Ventura County) (Supervisory District 1 – Laverne)

Action: A request to designate the Day Ranch House, formerly located at 7620 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93003 (unincorporated Ventura County), as Ventura County Point of Interest No. 16. (Case No. CH25-0034).

- 6b. **Location:** 12465 Foothill Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060 (unincorporated Ventura County) (Supervisory District 1 – Laverne)

Action: A request to designate the original Oliveland School, formerly located at 12465 Foothill Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060 (unincorporated Ventura County), as Ventura County Point of Interest No. 17. (Case No. CH25-0037).

7. **REPORTS**

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

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 8, 2025.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

June 23, 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. 11:15 A.M. TOUR AT HERITAGE SQUARE HALL, 731 SOUTH A STREET, OXNARD, CA 93030

CHB Members Present: Miguel Fernandez, Herbert Gooch, and Gary Blum

CHB Members Absent: Tyson Cline, Sylvia Schnopp, Mike Winters, and Anthony Angelini

Staff Present:

Harrison Dargahi, Intern, Ventura County Planning Division

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

2. 12:30 P.M. BREAK FOR LUNCH

3. 1:30 P.M. CONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD AT HERITAGE SQUARE HALL, 731 SOUTH A STREET, OXNARD, CA 93030

4. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

CHB Members Present: Mike Winters (Chair), Tyson Cline, Herbert Gooch, Gary Blum, and Miguel Fernandez

CHB Members Absent: Sylvia Schnopp and Anthony Angelini

Staff Present:

Harrison Dargahi, Intern, Ventura County Planning Division

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5a. Vote to approve the June 23, 2025, Agenda

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the June 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5b. Vote to approve the May 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Fernandez identified a correction to his title in Board Member Reports. Board Member Gooch made a motion to approve the May 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes as corrected. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

7. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8a. Action: Nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board.

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, provided a PowerPoint with background information on officer elections.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Chair Winters outlined the procedure for officer elections. Chair Winters noted his appreciation for serving as Chair and invited any other willing Board Members to serve.

Board Member Gooch nominated Chair Winters to serve another term as Chair. Hearing no other nominations, Chair Winters closed the nominations for Chair. The nomination was confirmed 5-0.

Chair Winters nominated Board Member Fernandez to serve another term as Vice-Chair. Board Member Gooch made a motion to close the nominations and confirm Board Member Fernandez as Vice-Chair. Board Member Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8b. Action: Provide feedback on the guest speaker series for fall 2025 – summer 2026.

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the item background, preliminary schedule, and potential guest speakers. Staff requested that the CHB provide feedback on the schedule and preferred guest speakers and lecture topics. There would be four guest

speakers, one per quarter, and potential speakers were reported to consist of the following:

- Cherie Brant, author and historian, who has published five local history books (Legends of Ventura County, Historic Railroads of Ventura County, Keys to the County: Touring Historic Ventura County, The Battle for Camarillo Airport, and Shifting Sands: The Early Years of Channel Islands Harbor).
- Betsy J. Green, author, specializes in writing about local history, architecture, and the environment (including the Great Forest Fires of 1917, and how they compared to the Thomas Fire of 2017).
- Richard Senate, author and local historian (Ghost Towns of Ventura County)
- Dr. Gaspar Rivera Salgado, professor and expert on the indigenous Mexican community in Ventura County
- Larry Janss, Conejo Valley native and operator of Janss Family Foundation and Four Friends Gallery, guest speaker
- Rose Castro-Bran, author on lighthouses, including Port Hueneme Lighthouse
- Connie Korenstein, retired teacher from the Oxnard School District and a docent at Heritage Square, Channel Islands Maritime Museum, and the Dudley House

Discussion and Deliberation:

Chair Winters noted his interest in the topics of the railroad, Channel Islands harbor, and transportation. Board Member Fernandez echoed these interests.

Board Member Blum noted his support for Connie Korenstein's social history presentations and range of impersonations, as well as the topics of transportation, social history, and development.

Board Members also expressed interest in the topics of lighthouses, local developer Bud V. Smith, and the Seabees.

Board Members recommended that future sessions follow tighter timelines for speakers and a longer break after the session to allow conversations to subside. Dillan Murray, staff, noted that staff now uses timecards to keep speakers informed on time remaining.

Tricia Maier, staff, recommended that speakers be prioritized based on their availability and engaging speaking style. A consensus of Board Members concurred. Based on Board Members' feedback, staff will further research the identified potential guest speakers and prioritize them accordingly.

- 8c. Action:** Receive a report back on the progress of the Ventura County Fair Display Ad Hoc Committee.

Presentation: Board Member Fernandez provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee's progress and direction. Display boards will be updated slightly this year to better meet the theme "Waves of Fun." Committee members are also considering the addition of lighting and fake plants to the display.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Chair Winters noted that a word search and crossword puzzle will also be created to increase the interactivity of the display. In the future, an electronic display element will be explored further.

Harrison Dargahi, staff, noted that staff is developing a "vision board" of potential changes that will be shared with the committee for their feedback.

9. REPORTS

9a. Board Member Reports

Board Members thanked Board Member Blum for the Heritage Square tour and lunch.

9b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, thanked Board Member Blum for an excellent tour and lunch.

Next, Mr. Murray introduced Harrison Dargahi, an intern with the Planning Division and student at UC Berkeley. Mr. Dargahi will be assisting with a variety of Cultural Heritage Program tasks this summer.

Finally, Tricia Maier, staff, expressed her gratitude for the tour and Board Member Blum's community involvement.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled hearing will be held on July 14, 2025, if there are items to be reviewed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:26 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

Mike Winters, Chair
Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray
Cultural Heritage Program Planner

Date