



# Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

## May 11, 2026, Meeting Agenda

**COUNTY of VENTURA**  
Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 11, 2026, 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, Lower Plaza Assembly 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](mailto: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**
  - 3a. Vote to approve the May 11, 2026, Agenda
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 4a. **Action:** Present historic preservation awards recognizing the work of six different organizations in Ventura County in honor of Historic Preservation Month 2026.

- 4b. Action:** Receive a presentation from historian, storyteller, and researcher Richard Senate, who will guide us along the storied 650-mile route that once connected the Spanish and Mexican settlements of early California, known as El Camino Real. With his signature blend of vivid narrative and deep historical insight, Richard will bring to life the travelers, missions, and moments that shaped this legendary road and the communities that grew along its path. The presentation is the final part in the Cultural Heritage Board guest speaker series, *Ventura County Chronicles: Fire, Freight & Freeways*.

**5. CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

**6. 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.

**7. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- 7a.** Vote to approve the April 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes

**8. REPORTS**

- 8a.** Board Member Reports  
**8b.** CHB Program Updates from Staff

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be held May 26, 2026.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Dillan Murray, staff, at (805) 654-5042 or via email at [Dillan.Murray@venturacounty.gov](mailto:Dillan.Murray@venturacounty.gov). Reasonable advance notification of the need for accommodation prior to the meeting (72 hours advance notice is preferable) will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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## April 27, 2026, **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. **1:15 P.M. CONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**

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

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

**CHB Members Absent:** Tyson Cline and Sylvia Schnopp

**Staff Present:**

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

3a. Vote to approve the April 27, 2026, Agenda

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the April 27, 2026, Agenda. Board Member Blum seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3b. Vote to approve the April 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Blum made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Board Member Angelini abstained).

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW ITEMS**

6a. **Action:** Adopt proposed resolutions to approve historic preservation awards recognizing the work of six different organizations. The awards are to be presented at a public hearing in May to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month.

**Presentation:** Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the item background and recommendations. Staff recommended the CHB take the following actions on this item:

1. **CONDUCT** public hearing, **RECEIVE** oral and written testimony, and **CONSIDER** the Planning Division staff report and all exhibits and attachments hereto;
2. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-1 (Exhibit 1) approving an award for the Plein Air Ventura County Painters for Excellence in Grassroots Organizing and Community Development for the *Treasures of Ventura County Art Show*;
3. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-2 (Exhibit 2) approving an award for the Museum of Ventura County for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation;
4. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-3 (Exhibit 3) approving an award for the Santa Susana Railroad Depot and Museum for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation;
5. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-4 (Exhibit 4) approving an award for the Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation;
6. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-5 (Exhibit 5) approving an award for the City of Port Hueneme Historical Museum for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation; and
7. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2026-6 (Exhibit 6) approving an award for the Rancho Camulos Museum for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming.

**Discussion:**

Board Member Fernandez thanked the ad hoc committee for their work in identifying award nominees. He recommended that the award ceremony be broadly advertised and promoted. Dillan Murray, staff, stated he would coordinate with the Resource Management Agency Public Information Officer to publicize the event on social media and, where appropriate, in partnership with external organizations such as local tourism bureaus.

Board Member Angelini expressed appreciation that the awards recognized individuals and groups whose efforts extend beyond the Cultural Heritage Board's traditional scope and help strengthen community connections.

Chair Winters noted that the ad hoc committee made a deliberate effort to select awardees representing geographically diverse areas of Ventura County.

Board Member Angelini made a motion to adopt staff's recommended actions. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7a. Board Member Reports**

Board Member Blum reported that the owner of the historic Faulkner House, Laina Graf, recently toured a building at Heritage Square designed by the same architect. Ms. Graf also invited Heritage Square docents to tour the Faulkner House. Board Member Blum further reported that Ms. Graf owns a portion of the eligible Leonard Ranch Historic District in Oxnard, and noted concerns that adjacent property owners may be allowing nearby buildings to deteriorate through neglect. Dillan Murray, staff, stated that he would contact Daniel Houck, City of Oxnard staff, to ensure the property is on his radar. Mr. Murray added that citizens may submit complaints to the local code enforcement department regarding issues of neglect or deferred maintenance.

Board Member Angelini reported that the Simi Valley Street Fair will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Board Member Fernandez reported that he recently toured the Santa Susanna Railroad Depot and plans to inform a railroad enthusiast group about the award.

Board Member Gooch reported that he will be attending the Thousand Oaks Chili Cook-Off & Craft Brew Festival on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff**

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 11, 2026. This meeting will include the Historic Preservation Awards ceremony and will take place in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room.

Next, Mr. Murray reminded the Board that the Historic Preservation Month Proclamation will be presented at the Board of Supervisors hearing on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The item is expected to be heard at 9:00 a.m., or shortly thereafter. He noted that there will be two speakers for the proclamation and that he will follow up with them separately regarding time limits. Planned attendees include Board Members Mike Winters and Sylvia Schnopp, who will both be speaking, as well as Board Members Miguel Fernandez and Gary Blum. A group photo of all attendees will be taken following the item. Additionally, Laura Jespersion with Plein Air Ventura County will speak and present a slideshow highlighting the upcoming Art Show.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that Historic Preservation Month will continue to be recognized this year through the display of the Cultural Heritage Board banner in the Hall of Administration atrium.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled hearing was reported to be May 11, 2026.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:45 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Dillan Murray, Secretary

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Date