



# Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board May 26, 2026, Special Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 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 Justice, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, Pacific 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](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 AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
  - 3a. Vote to approve the May 26, 2026, Agenda
  - 3b. Vote to approve the May 11, 2026, 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:** 1388 Orange Road, Ojai, CA 93023 (Supervisory District 1 – LaVere)

**Action:** A request for a Certificate of Review pursuant to Cultural Heritage Ordinance Section 1372 for the conversion of an existing 2,256-square-foot agricultural barn into a 1,640-square-foot single-family residence at 1388 Orange Road, Ojai, CA 93023, a designated Site of Merit. The project includes a 166-square-foot partial addition on the west elevation, replacement of all wood siding on the second story, installation of new windows and doors, new exterior wall sconces, and the addition of a new skylight. (Case No. CH26-0014).

6b. **Action:** Nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board.

7. **REPORTS**

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be held June 8, 2026.

9. **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.

# Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

May 11, 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. **1:20 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**

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

**CHB Members Present:** Mike Winters (Chair), Tyson Cline, Sylvia Schnopp, Miguel Fernandez, and Anthony Angelini

**CHB Members Absent:** Herbert Gooch and Gary Blum

**Staff Present:**

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Kristina Boero, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3a. Vote to approve the May 11, 2026, Agenda

Board Member Schnopp made a motion to approve the May 11, 2026, Agenda. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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.

**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 history or historic preservation throughout Ventura County.

Board Member Angelini presented an award to the Plein Air Ventura County Painters for Excellence in Grassroots Organizing and Community Development for the *Treasures of Ventura County Art Show*.

Chairs Winters presented an award to the Museum of Ventura County for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Chairs Winters presented an award to the Santa Susana Railroad Depot and Museum for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Fernandez presented an award to the Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Schnopp presented an award to the City of Port Hueneme Historical Museum for Excellence in Organizations Supporting History or Historic Preservation.

Board Member Cline presented an award to the Rancho Camulos Museum for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming.

**Discussion and Deliberation:** None

- 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*.

**Presentation:** Chair Winters and Board Member Fernandez introduced Mr. Senate and noted that the session is the final part of the current CHB guest speaker series, which is intended to bring to life the important events, influential people, and key infrastructure developments that have shaped Ventura County's history. Mr. Senate presented the history of the El Camino Real and the communities that grew along its path.

**Discussion and Deliberation:**

Following Mr. Senate's presentation, a Question-and-Answer session was held with members of the audience.

**5. CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**7. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

Board Member Angelini made a motion to approve the April 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Board Member Cline abstained).

**8. REPORTS**

**8a. Board Member Reports**

Board Member Schnopp reported that several Board Members will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 12 for the Historic Preservation Month proclamation.

Board Member Fernandez reported that he recently attended the Port of Hueneme ceremony for the future Bard statue and plaza. Henry Travers Newton, a descendant of the Bard family, gave an informational presentation on the family's history and its impact on the region.

Board Member Angelini reported that the Happy Face Music Festival will be held in Simi Valley on May 23, 2026.

**8b. CHB Program Updates from Staff**

Dillan Murray, staff, introduced Kristina Boero as the new Planning Programs Section Manager. He noted that Ms. Boero brings 21 years of broad experience within the Planning Division, having served in numerous roles across nearly every section. He welcomed Ms. Boero to her new role.

Mr. Murray further reported that the Historic Preservation Month Proclamation will be presented at the Board of Supervisors hearing on Tuesday, May 12. He thanked everyone who will be attending and speaking on the item.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that Historic Preservation Month will continue to be recognized through the Cultural Heritage Board display, which has been installed at the Hall of Administration lobby entrance.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled hearing will be held on May 26, 2026.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:19 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Dillan Murray, Secretary

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Date