

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board October 26, 2026, Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on **Monday, October 26, 2026, at 1:15 p.m.**, the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a public meeting at the:

**County of Ventura Government Center, Hall of Administration Building,
Multi-Purpose Room, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009**

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 on in the Subject Line of your email. Your comment will be provided to the Cultural Heritage Board and placed in 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 October 26, 2026, Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the October 12, 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 Cultural Heritage Board shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments. The Cultural Heritage Board 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: Timber School House and Auditorium, 1872 Newbury Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320 (Ventura County Landmark No. 166) (Supervisory District 4 – Gorell)

Action: Receive an updated presentation from Mr. William Maple on the residential project surrounding the Timber School and Auditorium, including the adaptive reuse of the historic structures.

6b. Action: Receive a presentation and provide feedback to staff on the draft Ventura County Cultural Heritage Program priorities for 2026-2027 to be included in the Certified Local Government Annual Report (CLG) that will be prepared in spring 2027 for submittal to the California Office of Historic Preservation.

7. REPORTS

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. Cultural Heritage Board Program Updates from Staff

8. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held November 9, 2026, if there are items to be reviewed.

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. 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 October 12, 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. **10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD AT 11688 COTHARIN ROAD, MALIBU, CA 90265 FOR A PUBLIC TOUR**

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

CHB Members Present: Anthony Delarosa, Gary Blum, and Miguel Fernandez

CHB Members Absent: Anthony Angelini (Chair), Tyson Cline, Sylvia Schnopp, and Herbert Gooch

Staff Present:

Juli Sutton, Intern, Ventura County Planning Division

Philip Hess, Assistant Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Kristina Boero, Planning Programs Section Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

Frances Rehwald, the property owner, and Daniel Paul, the owner's architectural historian, conducted a tour of the property for Board Members and staff to review character-defining features and proposed work areas. Because a quorum of the CHB was not present, the tour was informational only and no action was taken.

Angela Behrens, member of the public, was also in attendance.

3. **ADJOURN UNTIL 1:15 P.M.**

4. **1:15 P.M. RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD AT THE COUNTY OF VENTURA GOVERNMENT CENTER, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 800 S. VICTORIA AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93009**

4a. Introduction of Anthony Delarosa, District 4 Appointee

Dillan Murray, staff, provided an introduction of Board Member Delarosa.

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

CHB Members Present: Sylvia Schnopp (Acting Chair), Tyson Cline, Anthony Delarosa, Herbert Gooch, Gary Blum, and Miguel Fernandez

CHB Members Absent: Anthony Angelini (Chair)

Staff Present:

Juli Sutton, Intern, Ventura County Planning Division

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Kristina Boero, Planning Programs Section Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6a. Vote to approve the October 12, 2026, Agenda

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the October 12, 2026, Agenda. Board Member Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. GUEST PRESENTATION

Receive a presentation from Gina Nichols, Acting Director of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum under the Naval History and Heritage Command. Ms. Nichols presented on the history and significance of Naval Base Ventura County, drawing on her expertise as a subject matter expert and as the author of *The Seabees at Port Hueneme* and *The Navy at Point Mugu*. This presentation was the first installment in the Cultural Heritage Board's new guest speaker series, *Rails, Runways, and Harbors: Ventura County Through the Lens of Mobility and Military Heritage*, which highlights how the county's transportation networks and military presence have shaped Ventura County's identity and development.

8. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

8a. Vote to approve the August 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Gooch made a motion to approve the August 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10a. Location: 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265 (Tony Duquette Historic District) (Supervisory District 4 – Gorell)

Action: Provide a recommendation regarding adoption of a Mills Act contract for a property located at 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265. (Tony Duquette Historic District) (Case No. CH26-0052).

Disclosures: Dillan Murray, staff, noted that Board Members Delarosa, Blum, and Fernandez accompanied staff on the morning informational tour of the property. No other disclosures were reported.

Presentation:

Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the property location, historical background, project scope, analysis, 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. **CERTIFY** that the CHB has reviewed and considered this staff report and all exhibits hereto, and has considered all comments received during the public comment process;
3. **APPROVE** findings one through four as follows:
 1. Frances Rehwald possesses and owns real property located at 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265;
 2. The property is a qualified historical property that is privately owned, not exempt from property taxation, and is a designated Contributor to the Tony Duquette Historic District;
 3. The owner desires to carry out the relevant purposes of the California Government Code for the entire site, the buildings' interior and exterior, and all contributing structures thereon; and
 4. The owner desires to limit the use of the historical property to retain its characteristics as a property of historical significance; and
4. **ADOPT** a Resolution (Exhibit 4) recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve a Mills Act historical property contract for the subject property.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Frances Rehwald, the property owner, and Daniel Paul, the owner's architectural historian, were in attendance.

Board Member Gooch inquired about the basis for the property's eligibility for a Mills Act contract. Dillan Murray, staff, explained that the property qualified because it was designated as a contributor to a historic district in January 2025.

Board Member Cline asked what types of maintenance work were proposed. Dillan Murray, staff, responded that the work would generally consist of tasks such as reattaching and repairing detached structural components and repainting.

Daniel Paul, architectural historian, commented on the applicant team's approach to developing the proposed Ten-Year Rehabilitation Plan, noting that it was prepared in consideration of anticipated property tax savings.

Board Member Fernandez thanked the property owner for providing a site tour and for their ongoing efforts to preserve the property, noting that one of the most effective preservation measures is the continual repainting of metal elements.

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to adopt staff's recommended actions. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

11. CONTINUED ITEMS

None

12. REPORTS

12a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Fernandez reported that he recently attended a ribbon-cutting event at the historic Newhall Mansion in Piru celebrating the transition to new ownership. He noted that the property is used for events and recommended visiting if the opportunity arises.

Board Member Delarosa introduced his educational and professional background and expressed his interest in contributing to efforts to preserve the history and stories of Ventura County.

Board Member Gooch observed that the residential units developed around the historic Timber School in Newbury Park are now being rented out.

12b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next anticipated meeting is scheduled for October 26th.

Mr. Murray reported that William Maple, a resident of Newbury Park, will provide an update on the historic Timber School rehabilitation at the next meeting.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that the Cultural Heritage Program annual priorities will be reviewed for discussion, updates, and input.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 26, 2026.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray, Secretary

Date