Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board
November 23, 2026, Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency
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Notice is hereby given that on **Monday, November 23, 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 November 23, 2026, Agenda

   3b. Vote to approve the October 26, 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**: Unincorporated County area and contract cities the Cultural Heritage Board serves.

Action: Planning Division staff recommends that the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board adopt CHB Resolution No. 2026-12, which would repeal and replace CHB Resolution 2017-2.1 and CHB Resolution 2022-19. The new resolution would establish and delegate administrative authority to staff to approve certain minor projects within both the unincorporated areas of Ventura County and the contract cities served by the CHB, and would adopt the revised list of administrative approvals and exemptions.

6b. **Action:** Consider input on and approval for transmittal of a letter, submitted by Chair Angelini, to the City of Thousand Oaks regarding historic preservation efforts.

7. REPORTS

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. Cultural Heritage Board Program Updates from Staff

8. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 14, 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. 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 26, 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. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

CHB Members Absent: Tyson Cline

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3a. Vote to approve the October 26, 2026, Agenda

Board Member Gooch made a motion to approve the October 26, 2026, Agenda. Board Member Schnopp seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3b. Vote to approve the October 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Board member Schnopp made a motion to approve the October 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Chair Angelini abstained).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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) (Supervisorial 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.

Presentation:

Mr. William Maple presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the property location, historical background, and adaptive reuse of the historic Timber School House and Auditorium.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Board Members inquired about the relationship between the County of Ventura and the City of Thousand Oaks regarding the provision of cultural heritage services. Dillan Murray, staff, explained that a standing contract exists between the County and the City for such services when requested by City staff. The contract has no set expiration date and is therefore not routinely revisited or revised.

Chair Angelini suggested that the Cultural Heritage Board consider submitting a letter to the City of Thousand Oaks encouraging historic preservation efforts.

Additional questions from Board Members were addressed.

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.

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; and
2. Based on the preceding evidence and analysis, **PROVIDE** comments on the proposed Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board priorities for 2026-2027.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Board Member Fernandez suggested adding the May is Preservation Month display as a completed task under Priority #14. He also recommended incorporating a dynamic audio/visual component into the

Fair display (Priority #7), to be developed in coordination with the Resource Management Agency (RMA) Public Information Officer (PIO), potentially using clips from previous guest speaker sessions.

Board Member Schnopp recommended adding coordination with local school districts to Priority #5 regarding content related to local historic resources. She further suggested including eastern Ventura County events—such as Conejo Valley or Simi Valley festivals—under Priority #14, along with expanded coverage of the history of those areas. Board Member Schnopp also expressed strong support for conducting another Art Show (Priority #17).

Chair Angelini noted his view that all properties should be surveyed or screened, not only those owned by the County (Priority #13). He also suggested combining Priorities #7, #14, and #19 due to their similarities. Board Member Fernandez remarked that there may be value in keeping certain priorities separate to retain the detail of individual tasks.

Board Member Gooch inquired about the meaning of the priority levels. Dillan Murray, staff, explained that priority levels help staff allocate limited time and resources by indicating the relative importance of completing specific tasks.

7. REPORTS

7a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Delarosa reported that he recently attended the International City/County Management Association conference. He noted that one session focused on how cities leverage sister-city agreements to support community events and festivals that promote cultural heritage.

Board Member Blum reported that the Scarlett/McGrath Ranch, a County landmark recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will reportedly be sold in the near future. He noted that the property owner had approached the City of Oxnard with the goal of establishing a city-operated house museum, though no progress appears to have been made. He further reported that this year marks the 35th anniversary of the dedication of Heritage Square. In recognition of the anniversary, he conducted interviews with key former City staff and designers involved in the project and plans to commemorate the event through posts on Heritage Square social media accounts.

Chair Angelini reported that he attended the Simi Film Fest in September, noting that this fourth-year event has grown to more than 2,400 attendees. He also attended the Steampunk event at Strathearn Park, which featured fashion displays and exhibitors.

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next anticipated meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026, if there are items to be reviewed.

Next, Mr. Murray reported that the next guest presentation will be on Monday, December 14, 2026. Charles Johnson, former director of the Museum of Ventura County Research Library, will present his research on a series of interrelated events that included significant infrastructure improvements, the new County Courthouse, and statewide cooperation among counties in support of an international exposition.

8. NEXT MEETING

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:32 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Dillan Murray, Secretary Date