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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Robert Clark, City Manager  
**DATE:** April 23, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Weekly Update

## City Attorney Interviews

City Attorney interviews have been scheduled on Monday, April 27, 2015 and Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The interviews will be held in the City Council Chambers and will be open to the public but not televised. Time has been set aside prior to the first interview on Monday to review potential questions and prepare for the interviews. A closed session is scheduled after the final interview on Wednesday for City Council deliberation.

## Emergency Water Use Regulations

Golden State Water has advised us that they are publishing the attached notice in the Ojai Valley News regarding restrictions and fines relating to water conservation measures.

## Preservation Workshop

On April 9 the City hosted a Preservation Education Workshop. The workshop was run by the State Office of Historic Preservation and was open to the public and other agencies. The Historic Preservation Commissioners and City staff were in attendance. Please see the attached letter from Carol Roland-Nawi regarding the workshop.

## Michelle Palza and Katee Edwards Memorial Gymnastics Exhibition

The Ojai Recreation Department invites the community to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelle Palza and 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Katee Edwards Memorial Gymnastics Exhibition held on Friday, April 24 in the John Martin Gymnasium at Sarzotti Park. Gymnasts will perform their choreographed routines on the bars, beam and floor. We will have 95 gymnasts performing in the event. Doors will open at 6:00pm, the program begins at 7:00 pm and the cost is \$5.00 per person. Please arrive early for preferred parking and seating.

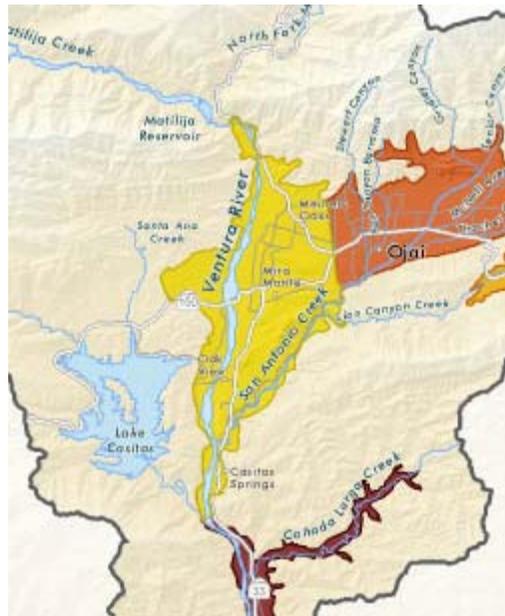
## Summer Activity Guides

The Ojai Recreation Department Summer Activity guide is here! The guides have been delivered to all of the elementary schools in the Ojai Valley and can also be found on the City Website ([ci.ojai.ca.us](http://ci.ojai.ca.us)) and the Recreation Department's website ([ojarec.com](http://ojarec.com)) and Facebook Page ([facebook.com/ojairecreationdepartment](https://facebook.com/ojairecreationdepartment)).

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin

A public outreach meeting was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Community Center to discuss the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin (shown in yellow below). The agency is being created in order to comply with sustainable groundwater management legislation passed by the state last year.

The Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin underlies the Ventura River between Casitas Springs and Matilija Canyon, with its easterly edge roughly at the Y intersection in Ojai (see diagram below). It is one of the water sources for 30,000 residents in the communities of Oak View, Mira Monte, Meiners Oaks, Casitas Springs, and a portion of the City of Ventura. It also provides water, thru the Ventura River Water District, to residents in the housing and business west of the Y and south of Maricopa Highway (Descanso/Vallerio/Carillo/LaPaz/Taormina streets).



The local agencies currently working together to form the Groundwater Sustainability Agency include the Meiners Oaks Water District, Ventura River Water District, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. The City is not currently involved in this discussion as it only affects very few residents of the City, who will be represented by their water purveyor, the Ventura River Water District, which is a public agency,

#### Grant Awarded for Whispering Oaks and Canada St Pedestrian Crossings

The City has been awarded a \$90,000 grant to construct a new high visibility pedestrian crosswalk at Whispering Oaks, and improve the existing crossing at Canada Street. The proposed crosswalks will include curb extensions and rapid flashing LED beacons (RRFBs) similar to one recently installed at the library/Ventura St crossing. Since these crossings are on Caltrans right of way, there is an extensive permitting process.

#### Artist Mentor Program Accepting Student Applications

The City of Ojai Arts Commission is accepting applications for students who wish to participate in the 2015 Arts/Ojai Artists Mentor Program. This is the third year for the successful program which pairs working artists with students for a summer internship. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2015. A press release announcing the internship has been issued and placed on the City website.

## Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below. (The white paper on cultural resources has been held over to the April 28 meeting to provide more time for review of the preliminary draft.)

### **April 27 Special Meeting 6pm**

City Attorney Interviews

### **April 28**

Presentations

Dark Sky Awards

Consent

Second Reading Height Ordinance

Lease Extension: Public Parking

Public Hearing

M-1 Zoning Amendment

Extend Fence/Wall Moratorium

Extend Transient Rental CUP Moratorium

Discussion Items

Appointment to PRC

2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Guidelines

Planning Commission Pre-Meetings

Transient Rental Enforcement

### **April 29 Special Meeting 6pm**

City Attorney Interviews

### **May 12 (Betsy Clapp and Scott Howard absent)**

Presentation

VRSD-Mark Lawler

Consent

Draft TDML Implementation Plan

Second Reading M-1 Zone

Public Hearings

Engineering Report: Assessment Districts

Appeal: Weil Tennis Academy

Discussion

Area Agency on Aging appointment

Historic Preservation Fees

PRC input on CIP Projects

Budget Presentation

Crime Statistics

Summer Meeting Schedule

### **May 26**

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission (6 pm)

Presentation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Discussion  
 Archeological Resources  
 Leaf Blowers  
 City Council Goals  
 Closed Session  
 Employee Compensation

**June 9**

Consent  
 Library Tax Assessment  
 Plaza and Lighting Assessments  
 Transit Grant Application  
 Public Hearing  
 Budget  
 Tree Ordinance  
 Discussion  
 Signal Street No Parking Zone

**June 23**

Discussion  
 Budget Adoption

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings  
 Future Agenda Items - *Tentative*

Pending Projects

May 6 Wednesday	May 20 Wednesday	June 3 Wednesday
Design Review (DRP 15-02 832 E. Ojai Avenue		

(NOTE: Not all projects have been deemed complete)

- Landscape Ordinance Guidelines (handout)
- DRP 13-17 & CUP 13-08, Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 14-20, 409 Fox Street, Ojai Valley Athletic Club, Carport for PV system and microturbine project in P-L zone
- DRP 15-01, 706 Daly Road, second-story addition

- CR 15-01, 601 Pearl Street, multi-unit development
- DRP 15-02, 832 E. Ojai Avenue, exterior upgrades in C-1 zone
- DRP 14-02, California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery St, additional parking
- DRP 15-03, LLA 15-01, T 15-12, Hospital, Continuing Care Center replacement

## Important Information for Golden State Water Customers

### Notice of State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation to Control Water Use During Droughts

Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) has been ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to notify its customers of the State Water Resources Control Board's (Board) restrictions and fines for violations of the Board's Emergency Regulations intended to achieve statewide conservation goals. This notification is being sent because California is in a drought and your cooperation is needed to ensure reliable supplies of water for your comfort and necessary use.

The Governor issued an Executive Order on April 1, 2015, mandating additional water use reductions. At this time, the Board has not yet established the new mandatory rules. Once the Board acts, the CPUC will follow suit and we will be notifying you of additional water use restrictions. In the meantime, the Governor's Executive Order mandated that the following restrictions are in full force and effect.

The Board has determined that the following water-use activities by California customers are not allowed:

- Watering outdoor landscapes in a way that causes water to "runoff" onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
- Washing a vehicle, with a hose without a shut-off nozzle or other device that will immediately stop the flow of water when not in use.
- Using drinking water to wash driveways and sidewalks.
- Using drinking water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is recirculated.

#### **On March 17, 2015, the Board re-adopted the above water-use prohibitions and added the following ones:**

- Customers are not allowed to irrigate turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
- Restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request.
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.
- Customers will be informed by their water utility when the utility is aware of leaks that are within the customer's control.
- **In compliance with orders from the State Water Board, Golden State Water customers may not irrigate outdoor landscapes or turf with potable water more than two days per week.** Customers are encouraged to check the back of their water bill for updates regarding specific outdoor irrigation days for their community. All outdoor irrigation must occur before 8 am or after 7 pm.

Violation of any of these prohibited or restricted water-use activities may be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs. A public agency representative may issue a citation in accordance with locally adopted municipal codes, adopted ordinances, or in cooperation with Golden State Water.

Golden State Water is complying with the water restriction requirements, and encourages customers to adhere to all regulations approved by the Board and CPUC to help protect nature's most precious resource during this historic drought.

Customers seeking additional information or wanting to report water waste in their community are encouraged to visit [gswater.com/drought](http://gswater.com/drought) or contact Golden State Water's 24-hour Customer Service Center by calling 800-999-4033.

***Para recibir esta información en español por favor llame a 1-800-999-4033.***

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April 17, 2015

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Community Development  
Department.

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing to convey appreciation for the contributions made by the City of Ojai to host the recent Preservation Education Workshop! We are pleased that we had such a successful workshop at the Jack Boyd Center.

Your preparation of the meeting room, refreshments, IT services, and more is very much appreciated. I understand the layout of the room served our purposes very well and helped facilitate open and effective dialogue among the trainees.

I continue to receive many compliments about the workshop – it was a great success. I want you to know how much I appreciate all the work your staff did to contribute to our success. It truly made a difference! Thank you very much!

If you have other questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Sean de Courcy of the Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit, at (916) 445-7042 or at [Sean.deCourcy@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Sean.deCourcy@parks.ca.gov) at any time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.".

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State Historic Preservation Officer