

VENTURA WATER COMMISSION AGENDA

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REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5:30 P.M.

In accordance with **AB 361**, this meeting will be held by teleconference, and there will not be a physical location from which the public may attend. **THE PUBLIC MAY ONLY ELECTRONICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING AND MAY PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGH THE VIRTUAL MEETING. COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC FOR THIS MEETING.** The public will have access to remotely observe the meeting and address the Water Commission as outlined below **TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY ATTEND THE WATER COMMISSION MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 2 OF THIS AGENDA**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

1. Join a **WebEx meeting LIVE:**

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2. Watch a **live stream** of the meeting at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/718/Videos>, YouTube at <https://www.YouTube.com/cityofventura/live> or on Cable TV – Channel 15, live and replayed as listed on CAPS media schedule.
3. Submit your comments via email by 3:00 p.m. on the Water Commission meeting day. Please submit your comment to the Water Commission Recording Secretary using this form www.cityofventura.ca.gov/publicinput or send an email to dgallegos@cityofventura.ca.gov (up to 1000 characters) When sending an email, please indicate the Agenda item number (i.e. Item No. 2). Your form/email will be read by Water Commissioners and placed into the item’s record at the meeting.
4. When watching the live stream or WebEx meeting, submit a Public Comment for items not on the day’s agenda or comments on a specific agenda item as it is being heard, submit your comment to Recording Secretary using this form <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/publicinput> or send an email to dgallegos@cityofventura.ca.gov (up to 1000 characters). Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. All comments received by the conclusion of the agenda item will be made part of the record.
5. **Provide Public Comment Live when attending Virtually: You must attend the WebEx Meeting with audio connected to your computer/device**, you will see Chat feature on your screen. You can write, "I would like to speak on Agenda Item #___" in the Chat feature. During the discussion of that item, the Chair will call for public comment. The Host will announce those requesting to speak, speakers will be promoted to “panelist” allowing you to turn on your camera. When you are finished, your mic will be muted and your camera disabled. For your audio to work, you **MUST** connect to the meeting with audio connected on your device – audio only connect will not work for this process. NOTE: When on a cell phone, you may need to scroll your screen to see the chat feature.

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<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=22,&startDate=&endDate=&dateRange=&dateSelector=>

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<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1843/Water-Commission-Public-Hearing-NoticesS>

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CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING SESSION – 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

1. OATH OF OFFICE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW WATER COMMISSIONER ROBERT BRAGER

Staff: Tracy Oehler, Deputy City Clerk
Susan Rungren, General Manager

2. MINUTES

Staff: Susan Rungren, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 regular session.

3. FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Staff: Michael Coon, Finance & Technology Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation on financial information for Ventura Water's Operating Program and for both the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

4. CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Staff: Linda Sumansky, VenturaWaterPure Project Manager
Betsy Cooper, Assistant General Manager – Water Resources

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and oral presentation providing an update on the Advanced Meter Infrastructure, State Water Interconnection and VenturaWaterPure Program projects.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES AND SANTA PAULA BASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff: Jennifer Tribo, Management Analyst II

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral update on the status and activities of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee.

6. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) BILLING UPDATE

Staff: Terray McGee, Water Utility Billing Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and oral update on the COVID-19 pandemic impacts on utility billing and the State's Arrearages Payment Program.

7. RESOLUTION MODIFYING UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Staff: Susan Rungren, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve a Resolution modifying the Water Commission Regular Meeting date for the November meeting to Tuesday November 30, 2021 and cancel the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Refer to Page 2 of the Agenda on how to submit your Public Comments electronically or how to attend and provide Live Comments Virtually

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a), the Commissioner Communications section of the agenda provides the Water Commission the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURNMENT