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The Ventura City Council is seeking qualified applicants to serve on the city's newly created advisory Water Commission. Water Commission Applications are available now at the City Clerk's office, Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura or online at www.cityofventura.net/involved/advisory, and will be accepted through February 23, 2015.

The new Water Commission is part of Ventura Water's ongoing public outreach and education effort. The commission's seven-member group will review and make advisory recommendations regarding water rates, water resource infrastructure projects, dedication and in-lieu fee requirements, water supply options and other resources issues.

Mayor Cheryl Heitmann says, "City Council established this new Water Commission to make advisory recommendations because we value the partnership and participation of our community members. This commission is one of the many ways in which our Ventura residents have a voice in their local government."

Four water industry experts or professionals and three general representatives who are interested in, or have knowledge of water issues will serve on the commission. Since water professionals may not be able or willing to commit to four-year terms, these members will be appointed for two-year terms; the three general members will be offered four-year terms. The water professionals are not required to live in the city of Ventura or the Ventura Water service area. The three general members do not have to live in Ventura, but they must live in Ventura Water's service area.

The Water Commission will meet monthly, with the first meeting to be held this spring. All meetings are open to the public.

Currently, 13 members of the public are volunteering to serve on Ventura Water's Water Shortage Task Force (learn more at <http://www.cityofventura.net/water/taskforce>) to implement a Water Shortage Contingency Plan for Ventura Water and work on other water policy issues. The Water Shortage Task Force, which held its first meeting on Aug. 13, 2014, wraps up its work with a final meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 6 p.m. ---###---