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### Community Invited to Attend Santa Clara River Estuary Stakeholder Workshop, Nov. 19

Ventura Water customers and interested community members are encouraged to attend a stakeholder workshop about the Santa Clara River Estuary on November 19, 2014 from 10am to Noon in the Community Meeting Room at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street. The workshop will kick off the third phase of the special studies, which aims to evaluate the future use of the water currently released by the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility into the Estuary.

Following an overview of the previous study results, workshop participants will be introduced to the work elements of this next phase which includes additional scientific data collection and integrating water reuse options with environmental goals to protect the health of the Estuary.

“As we enter the next phase of the special studies, input from stakeholders will help inform the important decisions ahead for reusing the water,” said Ventura Water General Manager, Shana Epstein. “This water now, more than ever, is a valuable resource to Ventura and its successful reuse is a top priority.”

Conducted since 2008, the series of special studies have been required by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to allow Ventura to continue releasing water into the Estuary. Also, as outlined by the 2011 settlement agreement with Heal the Bay and Wishtoyo Foundation’s Ventura Coastkeeper Program, the scientific analysis of all phases of the studies will serve as the best available science to arrive at a water reuse solution for the future.

Ventura Water customers are encouraged to visit [www.cityofventura.net/water/screstudies](http://www.cityofventura.net/water/screstudies) to read the completed studies and for ongoing updates on the program.

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