

Online Short Film Festival



Presented by VENTURA WATER.

The 6th Annual Water: Take 1 Film Festival presents water-themed short films that showcase critical water issues as well as community efforts in water conservation, resource management, and sustainability. In 2018, Water: Take 1 aims to highlight the outstanding efforts and innovation of local residents, businesses, and non-profits.

Water: Take 1 will feature short films that tell the story of innovative leaders that inspire collaboration and bring awareness to the essential life source of water.

Join us
Thursday
March 22, 2018

6:00 pm for
Drinks & Appetizers

Ventura Beach Club
218 East Main St.
Ventura, CA 93001

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Dear Valued Customer -

It is with mixed feelings that I have announced my resignation with Ventura Water. I have accepted a position with another local water agency, where I will be faced with both similar and new challenges and opportunities. For more than 15 years, I have served Ventura in various capacities while at the city – the last three as the Assistant General Manager for the Water Department. I have truly enjoyed my time with the city, especially in my current capacity, and would not trade it for the world. Some of my greatest accomplishments alongside staff who should be credited with most of the effort include:

- Launching the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project
- Development and implementation of the WaterWise Turf Replacement Program
- Participation in developing the water neutral development

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Faces of Water



Jacob Coffman, No-DES Flushing Truck Operator

The stories of the people who work to deliver and protect Ventura's water.

1.) Describe your job.

I am in charge of the No-DES flushing truck. This is how we filter our drinking water for our community, as we maintain turbidity and chlorine levels.

2.) What do you like best about your job?

The best part of my job is that I am out in the field verses being behind a desk. I'm a hands-on type of learner. With the No-DES truck I am constantly learning new information about our new flushing system.

3.) How did you get into the water industry?

When I was younger, I had a cousin who was in the water industry. He would always encourage me to apply with my local water department because it made for a good living.

4.) What is something unique about yourself?

What makes me unique is that I enjoy a challenge within my career. For example, I wanted to take the lead role in our No-DES flushing system even though this truck and system is new to our water department. I saw this as great opportunity to grow within the department.

5.) What is your favorite hobby?

Being that I have an almost two-year-old and a daughter who just turned four, I don't have a whole lot of hobbies that don't include them. One of the many things I enjoy most is taking them to the park and teaching my daughter to ride her bike.



policy - "Net Zero"

- Strategic planning for long-term water supplies
- Development and implementation of the VenturaWaterPure Demonstration Facility
- Purchase and deployment of the Neutral Output Discharge Elimination System, No-DES Truck

While we face many challenges in the years to come, I am confident that the dedicated employees of Ventura Water, with your support, will succeed in our collective goals as a community. It has truly been an honor and pleasure serving this amazing community.

Sincerely,

Joe McDermott,
Assistant General Manager

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recovers.org**



For information on storm preparedness visit:





Register for the NEW Gardening Classes for 2018

All classes are free and held on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Participants can register for the series [here](#) or view the full schedule by clicking [here](#).

February 24: Benefits of Permeable Surfaces ~ Permeable surfaces are a sustainable alternative that help reduce pollution by stormwater runoff. Join Halter Encinas Enterprises to learn how to incorporate permeable surfaces in your landscape.

Location: Battalion Chief House at 55 S. Seaward Ave.

March 3: March Mulch Madness ~ Ventura residents are invited to collect FREE mulch and compost.

(100 gallon limit, bring your own bag.) 9 a.m.- 12 noon. Enjoy a free workshop on the fundamentals of composting from 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Community Park at 901 S. Kimball Road

April 7: Smart Controller Workshop ~ Looking for an easy way to save water? Come fill out an application and schedule a time to replace your sprinkler/drip controller! Industry experts will be here to answer questions and train customers. Bring your recent water bill and a photo of your existing controller(s).

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Road

May 12: Native Plant Maintenance- Spring & Summer ~ Learn how to maintain a vibrant low-water garden during the dry season. Topics include: correct pruning of common low-water landscape plants, adjusting your irrigation for the dry season, and applying the correct sustainable fertilizers for your garden.

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Road

June 9: Drip Irrigation Workshop ~ Industry experts from Toro Company will be teaching on the many benefits of drip irrigation and details on how to install

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and maintain drip irrigation in your yard.

Location: A Smart Garden at 33 S. Palm St.

July 14: Plant Selection for Water Wise Landscapes ~ Here you will get an introduction to beautiful Mediterranean natives, low-water use plants, along with simple tricks to transform your garden.

Location: A Smart Garden at 33 S. Palm St.

August 18: Rainwater and Greywater 101 ~ Learn to install a rain barrel, redirect your downspout, and maintain a laundry-to-landscape system at your property.

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Road

September 8: Tree Watering Tutorial ~ Gardening experts of Green Thumb will be covering best practices for tree watering during seasons of water shortage. Come learn water efficient tips to keep your trees healthy and happy.

Location: Green Thumb International at 1899 S. Victoria Ave.

October 20: Getting Your Water Wise Garden Ready for Fall ~ Fall is cleanup season for native and low water gardens. Plant experts will show you proper maintenance techniques for various types of plants in young and mature landscapes.

Location: Green Thumb International at 1899 S. Victoria Ave.

November 10: Creating a Sustainable and Balanced Garden Ecosystem ~ Discover the steps to designing a sustainable and balanced garden. This workshop offers a holistic summary of sustainable and water wise gardening techniques.

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Road



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Ventura Water's Customer Care line at (805) 667-6500 is available for questions concerning water and wastewater utility service and billing. Ventura Water is currently working with the City of Ventura's Building and Safety Division to assist customers affected by the Thomas Fire.

The Building and Safety Division is location at City Hall, 501 Poli Street in Room #117 with the following public counter hours:

7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Thursdays
Closed alternative Fridays and holidays



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