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Mission & Priorities

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The Ventura River Watershed Council is a stakeholder group for watershed planning in the Ventura River Watershed. It is an open group with active participation by government agencies, water and sanitation districts, environmental and educational non-profits, agricultural organizations, community volunteer groups, as well as engineers, biologists, businesses and private citizens.

The Watershed Council contributed to the development of a countywide watershed plan, the Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (<https://watershedscoalition.org/2019-irwm-plans/>), and completed a watershed management plan for the Ventura River watershed. The Watershed Council is also a key participant in the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (<https://watershedscoalition.org/>), a countywide program that provided the initial impetus for the formation of the council.

Watershed coordination—the work of the Watershed Council—is about different agencies, organizations, and community members working collaboratively, across their traditional boundaries or service areas or areas of interest, to acknowledge the larger system that connects them—the watershed. Together these entities identify areas of overlap and opportunities to work together toward common goals, and nudge existing organizational structures towards a more holistic watershed view.

Mission

The mission of the Ventura River Watershed Council is to facilitate and support efforts by individuals, agencies, and organizations to maintain and improve the health and sustainability of the Ventura River watershed for the benefit of the people and ecosystems that depend upon it.

Priorities

The Ventura River Watershed Council has identified the following as priorities, or goals, in the watershed:

▶ **Sufficient Local Water Supplies**

▶ **Clean Water**

▶ **Integrated Flood Management**

▶ **Healthy Ecosystems**

▶ **Access to Nature**

▶ **Responsible Land and Resource Management**

▶ **Coordinated Watershed Planning**
