



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Ventura County Watershed Protection District

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### What's Being Done?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) proposes to enhance and expand recreational resources and opportunities in the Ojai Valley with the proposed California River Parkways Trailhead Project. The proposed project would provide a new trailhead to an existing trails network maintained by the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, contributing to the goals of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project. Project components include new vehicle and equestrian trailer parking areas, trailhead with interpretive kiosk, and trail improvements, as well as two parking spaces and trail access compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### Where is the Project Located?

The project is located in the Ventura River watershed, within the Ojai Valley of unincorporated Ventura County, California. The proposed parking area and trailhead are situated west of the intersection of Old Baldwin Road and Baldwin Road (Highway 150), and the proposed trail improvements would occur to the west and north of the trailhead, expanding on an existing network of multi-use recreational trails.

### Why A Public Notice?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the *California River Parkways Trailhead Project*. The proposed project would result in potential adverse impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, transportation and circulation, and noise and vibration. However, all adverse impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

### Where Can You Review the Report?

The Draft MND is available for review at the following locations:

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| 1. Watershed Protection District | 800 S. Victoria Avenue           | Ventura      |
| 2. Ventura County Clerk          | 800 S. Victoria Avenue           | Ventura      |
| 3. Ojai Public Library           | 111 E. Ojai Avenue               | Ojai         |
| 4. Meiners Oaks Public Library   | 114 North Padre Juan             | Meiners Oaks |
| 5. Santa Paula Public Library    | 119 North 8 <sup>th</sup> Street | Santa Paula  |
| 6. H.P. Wright Public Library    | 57 Day Road                      | Ventura      |
| 7. Avenue Public Library         | 606 North Ventura Ave            | Ventura      |

In addition, the Draft MND is also available for review at the Ventura County Watershed Protection District website: [www.vcwatershed.org](http://www.vcwatershed.org), where the document can be found under the "What's New" link.

### How Can You Participate?

Public comment and participation is encouraged. The public review period for this MND is **April 5 through May 5, 2010**. During this time, anyone may comment on the MND by writing to:

Ventura County Watershed Protection District  
Attention: Pam Lindsey  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

In addition, the public is invited to attend the next Ojai Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) on **April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at which the proposed project will be discussed. The MAC meeting will be held at the Oak View Community Center located at 18 Valley Drive, Oak View.

A public hearing by the Board of Supervisors will be scheduled for a later date. Please contact us for information on the time/date of this hearing or you may check the Board agenda.

### Contact

For more information please contact Pam Lindsey, Watershed Ecologist, at 805-654-2036.

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***Thank you for your interest in this Watershed Protection District project!***