

# Water & Watershed Awareness Month!

## IN THE VENTURA RIVER WATERSHED \*\*

**SUNDAY**



**1** County Board of Supervisors proclaims May Water Awareness Month!

**2** Rebate opportunities on toilets & washing machines are available to you!  
www.casitaswater.org



**3** Ojai Valley Land Conservancy Preserve Tours 8:30 - 9:30am

- Ojai Meadows
- Ventura River

**4** FREE MULCH  
Mulch to prevent evaporation & runoff



**5** FREE composted biosolids available from Ojai Valley Sanitary District 646-5548 for info & availability

**6** FREE greenwaste mulch available at Cornucopia Community Gardens 658-4721 for info & availability

**7** Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting 10am - noon Co. Govt. Center (open to public)

**8** Project Understanding "Homeless 2 Home" Fundraising Breakfast 7:30 - 9am 652-1326 x 829

**9** Ojai Valley Green Coalition presents "How Ventura River Watershed Faces Drought" 6:30 pm 669-8445 ojaioib@gmail.com

**10** Ocean Friendly Gardens Workday 10am - 1pm 652-4525  
Libbey Park Creek Restoration with OVGC 9:30 am

**11** *Mother's Day*  
Plant a water thrifty Salvia or Matilija Poppy as a gift!

**12** \$42 Rain Barrels (plus tax) City of Ventura available any day 652-4525



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**15** Native plants save water, save time on maintenance and attract birds, butterflies, lizards, & other wildlife!



**16** California Lilacs, Penstemons, Flannelbush, Sages & Salvias, and Dudleya: Look them up!

**17** FREE Hazardous Waste Collection Event City of Ventura residents 652-4525 by appointment; for other areas see back

**18** CNPS Guided Hike: Plant & Birds of Streamside Habitats with David Torfeh 9am - noon meet at Oso Trailhead

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**20** Friends of the Ventura River Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 pm Patagonia Grand Room 259 W. Santa Clara St

**21** As the weather heats up, check your sprinklers for leaks & needed repairs

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**23** Casitas Water District offers FREE Home Water Surveys from Upper Ojai down to Mills Road, call 649-2251 x110



**24** Water Wise Crop: Ojai Olive Oil Tasting Saturdays 10am - 3pm by appointment 701-3825 ojaioliveoil.com

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**26** 98% of Ventura River watershed orchards use ONLY water efficient irrigation

**27** "Horse Keeping for Clean Water" Workshop 5:30 - 8:30pm Oak View Community Center

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**29** Summer is almost here! Let's get serious about saving water!



**30** **May 2012**



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**2** Casitas Municipal Water District offers an **assortment of rebates** and services to residents throughout the Ventura River Watershed (from Upper Ojai Valley through to Mills Road in Ventura): Efficient Toilets, Clothes Washing Machines, Weather Based Irrigation Controllers, and FREE Home Water Use Surveys are available on a first come, first serve funding basis. Visit [www.casitaswater.org](http://www.casitaswater.org) for details.

**Ojai Meadow Preserve (OMP) Restoration Tour**, May 5th, 8 - 9am: Tour of 58-acre wetland restoration project. Join the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's restoration specialist Brian Stark for a tour of habitat restoration activities at the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Brian will describe how the master restoration plan informs project decisions and what activities are planned over the next 5 years. Meet at the OMP Trailhead, HWY 33 in Ojai.

**Ventura River Preserve Hike**. Hike along Ventura River's edge; learn about the history, ecology, and trail systems of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's 1,600 acre preserve. Meet at the Riverview Trailhead on Rice Road, Ojai.

**10** **Project Understanding "Homeless 2 Home (H2H)" Fundraising Breakfast**, 7:30 - 9am, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ventura. Homeless 2 Home provides field-based case management services to homeless individuals residing in the Ventura River area who desire to change their life situation for the better. R.S.V.P. 652-1326 x 829

**"How a Resilient Watershed Faces Drought: The Ventura River Story"**  
Hosted by the Ojai Valley Green Coalition. Local water experts will explain how the Ventura River watershed acts and reacts to drought periods. Mingle with neighbors, share a potluck supper and learn practical steps each of us can take to save water and make our watershed more resilient to drought. Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai. More info: 669-8445 [www.ojaivalleygreencoalition.com](http://www.ojaivalleygreencoalition.com)

**12** **Ocean Friendly Gardens, Garden Assistance Party**, 10 am - 1 pm: Join volunteers with Ventura County Surfrider Foundation for an "OFG" GAP Workday. This is the 3rd in a multi-part educational series to show residents how they can revive our urban watersheds using CPR or Conservation, Permeability and Retention. OFGs use less potable water, generate less green waste, create wildlife habitat, reduce stormwater runoff and conserve our natural resources. Call 652-4501

**Help with Ojai Creek Habitat Restoration** Ojai Valley Green Coalition is spearheading volunteer recruitment for creek restoration work in Libbey Park.

May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hat, boots, and long pants recommended. Work gloves, tools, water, and snacks provided. Parking is available at the lower Libbey parking lot. The work site is near the old jailhouse building. Those under the age of 18 will need a liability release waiver signed by a parent or guardian. More information: [david@ojaivalleygreencoalition.com](mailto:david@ojaivalleygreencoalition.com) or call (805) 669-8445.

**19** **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection**, Prevent pollution in the watershed by participating in a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for City of Ventura residents. By appointment. 652-4525. Free HHW collection is available for County unincorporated area and city of Ojai residents on April 28 and June 23, by appointment. Call 658-4323.

**California Native Plant Society Hike: Plants and Birds of Streamside Habitats** May 20th 9am - noon. The hike will be led by David Torfeh, who has had a lifelong interest in birds, butterflies, and native plants. He leads hikes for the California Native Plant Society and Ventura Audubon Society. Meet at the Ventura River Preserve's Oso Trailhead at Meyer and Oso Road in Ojai. Call 647-3325

**29** **Horse Keeping for Clean Water Workshop**, May 29 5:30 - 8:30 pm. A free workshop hosted by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District and the Ventura River Watershed Council. Pollution prevention strategies for managing runoff and manure at stables will be covered. Held at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road, Oak View. Call 232-4554



Pesticides applied in your home and landscape harm our watershed – learn more at the UC Davis website: [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/WATER/U/index.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/WATER/U/index.html)

Plant hardy, water wise plants! Use the QR Code (right) with your Smart Phone Ap to go directly to the "Water Wise Gardening in Ventura County" site. Plant selection is the key to saving water! [www.ventura.watersavingplants.com/ventura1.php](http://www.ventura.watersavingplants.com/ventura1.php)



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