



Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board February 24, 2025, Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 24, 2025, at **1:15 p.m.** the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a public meeting to be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, Multipurpose Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be provided using the following options: (1) e-mail public comment in advance of the meeting; and/or (2) in-person public comment.

Option 1 – If you wish to make a comment on a specific item in advance of the meeting, please submit your comment for that item via email by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing to Dillan Murray, staff, via email at Dillan.Murray@Ventura.org. Please indicate the Agenda Item Number on which you are commenting in the Subject Line of your email. Your comment will be provided to the Cultural Heritage Board and placed into the item's record at the Cultural Heritage Board hearing.

Option 2 – If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on.

AGENDA

1. **1:15 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - 3a. Vote to approve the February 24, 2025, Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the January 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time is set aside for public comment on items not otherwise on this agenda which are within the purview of the Cultural Heritage Board. Speakers wishing to address the CHB shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments. The CHB is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6a. **Action:** Receive an update from Mr. William Maple on development progress around the historic Timber School (Ventura County Landmark #166), the status of other Conejo Valley historic sites, and the establishment of a new Conejo Valley Heritage Committee.

6b. **Action:** Review, provide comments, and direct staff to forward the County of Ventura Cultural Heritage Board Certified Local Government Annual Report for 2023–2024 to the California State Office of Historic Preservation.

7. **REPORTS**

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 10, 2025.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Dillan Murray, staff, at (805) 654-5042 or Dillan.Murray@Ventura.org. Reasonable advance notification of the need for accommodation prior to the meeting (72 hours advance notice is preferable) will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board January 13, 2025, **Draft** Meeting Minutes

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Note: The following is a summary of actions taken by the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) at their public hearing and not a verbatim transcription.

1. **10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD AT 9199 COTHARIN ROAD, MALIBU, CA 90265 FOR A PUBLIC TOUR**

2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

CHB Members Present:

Miguel Fernandez, Gary Blum, and Herbert Gooch

CHB Members Absent:

Mike Winters (Chair), Tyson Cline, and Anthony Angelini

Staff Present:

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

The CHB did not have a quorum and no action was taken. David Hertz and Frances Rehwald, property owners, and Daniel Paul, architectural historian, led attendees on a walk-around of the subject property to receive information on the historical significance of the proposed district.

3. **ADJOURN UNTIL 1:15 P.M.**

4. **1:47 P.M. RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD AT 800 S. VICTORIA AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93009**

5. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

CHB Members Present:

Mike Winters (Chair), Herbert Gooch, Gary Blum, Miguel Fernandez, and Anthony Angelini

CHB Members Absent:

Tyson Cline

Staff Present:

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division

Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

6a. Vote to approve the January 13, 2025, Agenda

Board Member Gooch made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, Agenda. Board Member Angelini seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6b. Vote to approve the December 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Angelini made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Board Member Blum abstained).

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. CONTINUED ITEMS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Location: 9199 Cotharin Road and 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265 (Supervisory District 2 – Gorell).

Action: A request to designate properties at 9199 Cotharin Road and 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265 as contributors to the proposed Tony Duquette Historic District (Case No. CH24-0041).

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the property location, background, analysis, and recommendations. Staff recommended the CHB take the following actions on this item:

1. **CONDUCT** public hearing, **RECEIVE** oral and written testimony, and **CONSIDER** the Planning Division staff report and all exhibits and attachments hereto;
2. **FIND** that the property owners were given a 15-day notice in accordance with Ordinance Section 1366-2 and that the property owners concur with the designation by the CHB of the subject properties as the Tony Duquette Historic District and placement of said designation in County lists;

3. **FIND** that the Tony Duquette Historic District meets the County's district criteria as required by Ordinance Section 1367(d) and the additional standards required by Ordinance Section 1367-1 based on the substantial evidence in the staff report and all exhibits and attachments hereto; and
4. **ADOPT** CHB Resolution No. 2025-1 (Exhibit 4) approving the designation of properties at 9199 Cotharin Road and 11688 Cotharin Road, Malibu, CA 90265 as contributors to the Tony Duquette Historic District.

Disclosures: None

Discussion and Deliberation:

David Hertz and Frances Rehwald, property owners, and Daniel Paul, architectural historian, were present to answer any questions.

Board Member Fernandez inquired as to the address of the eastern parcel in relation to the 747 Wing House. Frances Rehwald, property owner, confirmed that the address is 11688 Cotharin Road and the Wing House has a separate address.

Board Member Blum recommended that the property owners pursue listing in the California Register of Historical Resources and the National Register of Historic Places. Both property owners indicated their support for future listing.

Daniel Paul, architectural historian, spoke to the historical significance of the property and the legacy of Tony Duquette.

Board Member Angelini noted his appreciation of the property's reflection of Ventura County history and his hope that the general public get more involved.

Board Member Fernandez suggested the property owners pursue fire protection efforts to the greatest extent feasible. David Hertz, property owner, spoke to fire protection efforts undertaken at the property and in the community.

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to adopt staff's recommended actions. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 9b. Action:** Recognition of Board Member Gary Blum by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for his 30 years of honorable service on the Cultural Heritage Board.

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, extended his congratulations and appreciation to Gary Blum for 30 remarkable years of service as a member of the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board.

Supervisor Vianey Lopez recognized Board Member Gary Blum for his 30 years of service and presented a proclamation by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Board Members noted their thanks and appreciation for Board Member Blum's years of service.

- 9c. Action:** Discuss and determine whether to form an ad hoc committee to coordinate updates to the Cultural Heritage Board display used during Historic Preservation Month and at the Ventura County Fair.

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the item, background, and recommendation to discuss and determine whether to form an ad hoc committee.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Board Member Fernandez noted his interest in continuing to be involved in the Fair display. Board Member Fernandez stated that his goal would be to create a competitive display, align with the Fair theme to the extent possible, and include a video element along with any new need or interest on which to focus.

Board Member Blum indicated his interest in participating.

Chair Winters indicated his interest in participating, although he would not be available for setup or takedown.

Board Member Angelini made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to coordinate updates to the Cultural Heritage Board display comprised of Board Members Fernandez, Blum, and Winters. Board Member Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

9d. Action: Discuss and determine whether to form an ad hoc committee to coordinate Historic Preservation Awards for 2025. Awards would be presented during Historic Preservation Month in May 2025.

Presentation: Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the item, background, and recommendation to discuss and determine whether to form an ad hoc committee.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Chair Winters indicated his interest in participating, along with Board Members Angelini and Gooch.

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to coordinate Historic Preservation Awards for 2025 comprised of Board Members Winters, Angelini, and Gooch. Chair Winters seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

10. REPORTS

10a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Angelini noted his concern about the current condition of Bottle Village in Simi Valley. Dillan Murray, staff, stated that he would connect Board Member Angelini with Daniel Paul, architectural historian, who is familiar with the site.

Board Member Blum reported on recent changes in the Oxnard City Council following 2024 elections. Board Member Blum reported on a proposal to create a neighborhood advisory council for the Henry T. Oxnard neighborhood, although it is already included within an existing neighborhood council covering a larger area.

10b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next regularly scheduled hearing will be on February 10th, if there are items to be reviewed.

Next, Mr. Murray reported that the next guest speaker will be Jeff Maulhardt, a local historian and author, who will speak on the history and significance of agriculture, specifically the lima bean, in Ventura County. Mr. Murray requested input from Board Members on the meeting location. A consensus

of Board Members favored continuing to hold guest lectures in the Hall of Administration due to the room capacity and convenience for attendees.

Next, Mr. Murray reported on the Caltrans Highway 101 Improvement Project that the CHB reviewed in August 2024. The project would widen Highway 101 in the Camarillo area and impact the Eucalyptus Trees Along Highway 101 (US 101), also known as the Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove, which are designated Ventura County Landmark No. 3 and listed in California Register of Historical Resources. One of the CHB's recommendations on the project was for Caltrans to pursue nomination for listing of the tree row in the National Register of Historic Places. The environmental consultant recently noted that in discussion with Caltrans, it was determined that amending the existing National Register nomination for the nearby Camarillo Ranch property to include the Heritage Grove is the preferred route as the trees would be represented as a component part of the Camarillo Ranch property, and this mitigation measure would be included in the Finding of Adverse Effect on the highway project as part of the Section 106 review process between Caltrans and the State Office of Historic Preservation.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that with Board Member Kulwicz's retirement, the District 3 CHB seat is still vacant. Staff looks forward to a nomination soon.

11. NEXT MEETING

The January 27, 2025, hearing will be canceled. The next scheduled hearing will be held on February 10, 2025, if there are items to be reviewed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:51 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

Mike Winters, Chair
Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray
Cultural Heritage Program Planner

Date