

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**of an official Meeting, February 26, 2019.**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting**  
**on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**  
**Oak Park High School Room G-9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park**

**1. Call to Order of the meeting**

The meeting was called to order by *Seema Chandra* at 7:03 PM. *Alon Glickstein, Jane Nye, JL Diaz, and Janice Smets* were also present along with Student Representative *Hannah Gates*. In advance of the discussion about Deerhill Park's tennis courts, *General Manager Dan Paranick* and *Renee Peace* were present from Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD), along with *Elaine Freeman* from the RSRPD Board of Directors.

**2. Flag Salute**

*Hannah Gates* led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The MAC voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Alon Glickstein* making the motion which also moved agenda item 12.a. up to the end of the "Information items", and following that allowed for public comments and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) responses about eliminating the tennis courts at Deerhill Park.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2019**

*Jane Nye* made a motion to approve the draft minutes seconded by *Alon Glickstein*, and passed 5-0.

**5. Public Safety reports**

*Ventura County Sheriff's Senior Deputy John Chiaramonte* reported on the previous month's criminal activity in Oak Park, including several burglaries. A vehicle theft from near Conifer Circle had included stolen credit cards. A fight among juveniles in the vicinity of Medea Creek Middle School was deemed a case of simple battery. *Senior Deputy Chiaramonte* alerted residents to a recent increase in residential burglaries in nearby communities outside Oak Park. He urged people to call in any sightings of higher end cars carrying paper plates, since some of the recent increase in burglaries had involved these. He also commented that the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) were a great asset, and especially useful in freeing up the sworn officers to pursue crime.

*CHP Community Liaison Officer Ben Susanka* said that he had been responding to Oak Park requests related to issues such as parking violations and speeding lately. He gave out his e-mail address, emphasizing that this was the most effective way to register requests for service: [BSusanka@chp.ca.gov](mailto:BSusanka@chp.ca.gov). He said that there would be a CHP special enforcement event to promote pedestrian safety in the coming months.

**6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

*Supervisor Parks* said that *CHP Officer Ben Susanka* had welcomed a new baby to his family. She welcomed Watershed Protection District staff member *Ewelina Mutkowska* to the meeting, to present information about keeping pools and spas environmentally friendly, and also to introduce landscaping proposed for Oak Park's modular wetlands. She said there would be a new ordinance on encroachments and the use of the parkways in front of homes introduced at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on March 12. The ordinance would, among other things, eliminate encroachment fees for improvements to parkways that meet County standards. She said that on April 13 in the OPHS parking lot, the annual County sponsored drive-in recycling event would take place.

**7. Honoring Lisa Seemann for her work to improve public safety in Oak Park**

**Lisa Seemann** was presented with certificates and roses from **Chair Chandra** and **Supervisor Parks**, on behalf of the community, to acknowledge her efforts as a crossing guard, to alert authorities to potential hazards in public areas, and for her work updating the public message boards.

**8. Information items**

**a. Watershed protection tips for pool and spa upkeep**

**Ewelina Mutkowska** presented a newly published County brochure with tips on protecting the environment while maintaining backyard pools. It was available on the back table during the meeting, and also on the website [www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org). She added that every Tuesday a staff member from Public Works was in Oak Park testing water quality in public spaces, and that this person was also available to help analyze the water quality of pools to be drained. She provided a hotline number for residents needing help with pool water quality questions: (805)650-4064. She emphasized that in addition to checking the water quality of pools before draining them to the street, residents needed to check the condition of the street, and the location of the nearest drain. **Alon Glickstein** asked about salt water pools, and she answered that the salt water was generally incompatible with Medea Creek's water, and that residents could seek assistance from Public Works.

**b. Update on Volunteers in Policing (VIP) service for Oak Park**

**Supervisor Parks** provided a general overview of VIP services, and said that while of Board of Supervisors had earlier that day approved a basic contract to bring VIP to Oak Park, at a later date the MAC would also be able to review and vote on specifics about VIP duties in Oak Park. The annual cost of the program for Oak Park was estimated to be \$25K.

**c. Wildlife corridor zoning for unincorporated Ventura County**

**Supervisor Parks** shared information about the upcoming wildlife corridors hearing planned for a hearing with the Board of Supervisors on March 12. She said that Oak Park residential parcels were no longer included on a tentative, proposed map for wildlife corridor restrictions.

**d. Transportation Department's review of the street crossing areas that fall between connecting park trails in Oak Park**

This item was continued to the March MAC meeting.

**12. Advisory Matters**

**a) Proposed landscaping at the underground modular wetlands in Oak Park**

Attached are the slides presented by Public Works Agency staff member **Ewelina Mutkowska**.

**9. Public comments**

At this point in the meeting, residents addressed the MAC regarding the tennis courts at Deerhill Park. Following that, the MAC members, as well as **RSRPD General Manager Dan Paranick** and **Elaine Freeman** from the **RSRPD Board of Directors**, responded to the residents' comments. The following residents opposed the elimination of the Deerhill Park tennis courts announced for March 12:

**Kelly Mills, Ted Volk, Kim Kavett-Moore, Lois Koval, John Koval, Chris Ruan, Inga Jones, Linda Kapitz, Deet and Naomi Ezra, Bing Xu Liu, Sue Dermott, Denise Rosenthal, Amy Hu, Jake Rosenthal, Steve Hu, Jackson Gann, Jill Gann, Angela Hong, Pancheng Wang, Christy Perrin, Sheldon Xu, Adora Catu, Yi Tu, Lingyun Lu**

**Janice Smets** expressed sympathy with the residents' comments, and explained that she was newly appointed in January, 2019 to the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Advisory Committee so she was not aware of the background to the controversy.

**Alon Glickstein** noted that the Park District should have come to the MAC for advice before settling on such a big decision. The February 21 RSRPD Board meeting was not sufficient. He said it was customary in Oak Park for the deliberations underlying major changes to be fully publicized in multiple ways to residents. The people playing pickleball had succeeded in taking over the best tennis courts in Oak Park. He said that the decision was inappropriate and should be withdrawn immediately.

**JL Diaz** inquired about the option to build new pickleball courts, and **Dan Paranick** responded that it would cost \$100K per court to build new ones.

**Jane Nye** asked about the dates of upcoming RSRPD meetings. March 7 was the planned as the next RSRPD Board meeting, and the Advisory Committee was set to meet again in April. She emphasized that the decision should be put on hold.

**Alon Glickstein** summarized major points made in the discussion: 1.) the communication about changes to Deerhill Parks had been inadequate. 2.) major decisions about Oak Park facilities should be made by Oak Park residents. 3.) a commitment should be made by RSRPD that no change would occur until Oak Park residents could discuss it.

**General Manager Dan Paranick** said that he had been unaware of the complaints that pickleball players were breaking rules, and that he would follow up. He said that the RSRPD Board meeting was noticed as legally required.

**Elaine Freeman** from the RSRPD Board of Directors explained that the Board's decision to replace tennis with pickleball courts at Deerhill Park was based on word of mouth, not data. She said that at the March 7 Board meeting she would try to obtain the full RSRPD Board's agreement to set a date for a special meeting in Oak Park to further discuss the decision, and also to stop the planned March 12 courts conversion.

#### **10. Council Comments**

**Seema Chandra** commented that planning a community-wide thank you celebration for first responders, perhaps in a park, would be a good idea. She spoke about attending the Board of Supervisor's meeting earlier in the day for the Volunteers In Policing contract agenda item.

**Jane Nye** reported on the January School Board meeting, where people involved in the fire recovery efforts were honored and a film was screened. She noted the twenty-fifth anniversary of Red Oak Elementary School in the month of March.

The MAC members discussed ways to better publicize the work of the MAC.

**Alon Glickstein** said that it would be important for the MAC to keep following the Deerhill Park tennis courts issue. He said that funding from the School District for the VIP program would be needed. He announced that there were openings on the Community Foundation Board.

**Janice Smets** expressed concerns that there could be a ballooning cost for the VIP as the years went on.

**Hannah Gates** said that she would work on ways to improve communications about the MAC. She also noted an upcoming basketball game and a benefit car wash at Oak Park High School.

***11. Written Communications***

There were none.

***13. Adjournment to the March 26 meeting***

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:43 PM.



## Proposed Landscaping for the Under-ground Modular Wetlands at Kanan Road in Oak Park

Presentation for  
Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council

By  
Ewelina Mutkowska, Manager  
Ventura County Public Works Agency



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### Outline

- ▶ Background
- ▶ Driving Factors
  - MS4 Permit & Total Maximum Daily Loads
  - Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Program
- ▶ Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit Project
  - Phase 1 – 10 modular wetlands (fall 2017)
  - Phase 2 – 10 modular wetlands (fall 2019)
    - Vegetated modular wetlands at Kanan Rd.
  - Project Schedule and Estimated Cost



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## Background

- ✓ Federal Water Pollution Control Act
  - “Clean Water Act” - 1972
- ✓ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
  - Municipal Stormwater (MS4) Permit
  - Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)



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## Malibu Creek Watershed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

TMDL	Effective Date	Promulgating Agency
Nutrients	March 21, 2003	US EPA
Bacteria	Jan. 24, 2006	LARWQCB
Trash	July 7, 2009	LARWQCB
Benthic Community & Nutrients	July 2, 2013	US EPA, LARWQCB

LARWQCB – Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
US EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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## Municipal Stormwater Permit

Cities and the County are required to

- Prohibit non-stormwater discharges **into** municipal storm drains or receiving waters (e.g., creeks, rivers, etc.);
- Eliminate discharges from municipal storm drain that cause or contribute to a violation of water quality limits; and
- Implement Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) requirements.



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## Permit Enforcement

### Civil Penalties for Non-Compliance

- Up to \$27,500/day

### Criminal Penalties for Non-Compliance

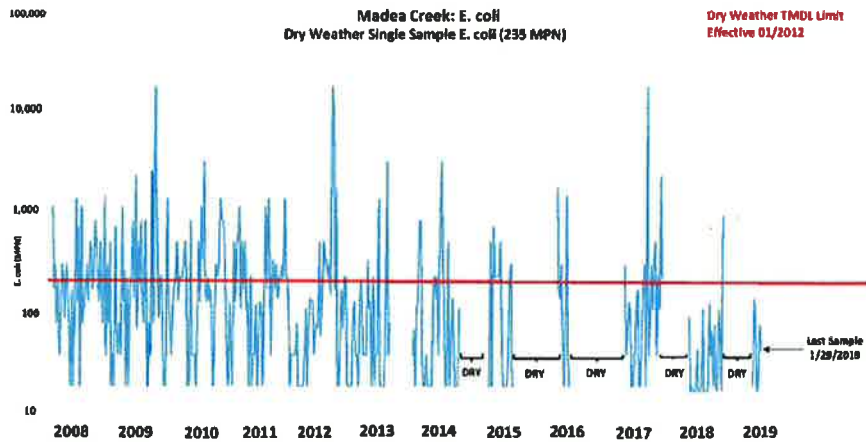


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## Medea Creek: *E. coli*



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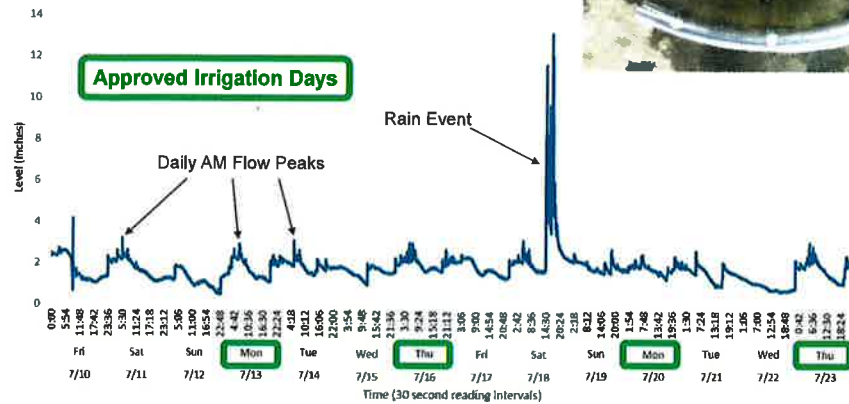
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## July 2015 Flow Monitoring



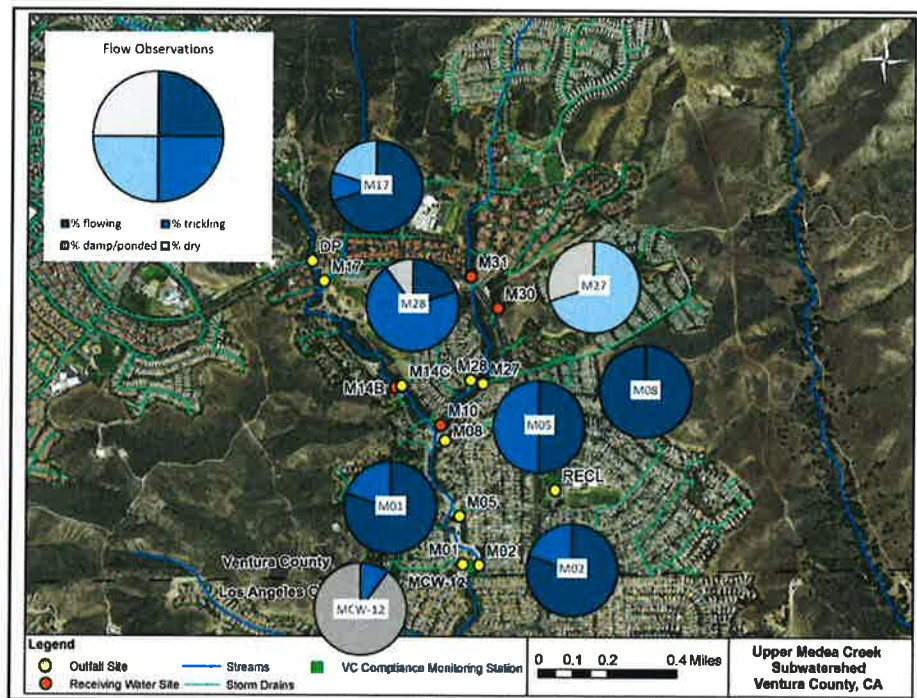
Example of flow monitoring data from outfall M01

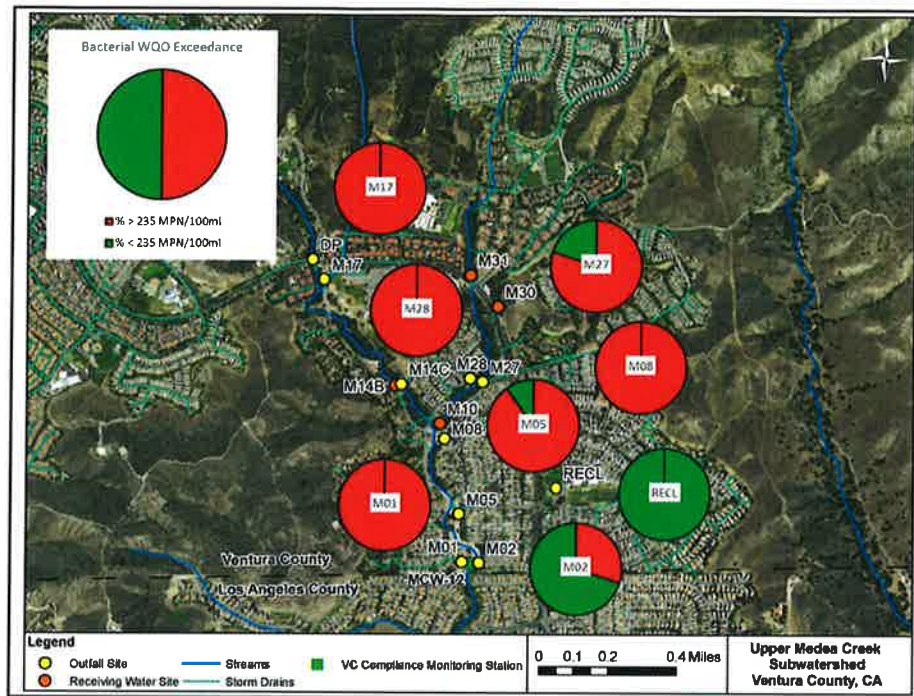
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## County of Ventura's Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit Project

- ▶ County of Ventura submitted Concept Proposal for "Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit" project in October 2013.
- ▶ Project was one of 41 projects throughout the State selected to submit Full Proposal (February 2014).

PIN	REG	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING AMOUNTS		
				Prop SA	Match	Total
25903	3	City of Santa Monica	City of Santa Monica Beach Restoration Project	\$ 1,954,350	\$ 241,000	\$ 2,205,350
25941	4	County of Ventura	Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit	\$ 1,397,410	\$ 330,540	\$ 1,747,950
75947	4	County of Ventura	Urban IIR Retrofit at Mainway Oaks	\$ 815,410	\$ 204,150	\$ 1,019,560

Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board."



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## Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit

### Project Phase I –

- 10 modular wetlands,
- Sites No.'s 1 - 10  
(in yellow and orange);
- Completed in fall 2017.

### Project Phase II -

- Additional 10 MWs,
- Sites No.'s 11 - 20  
(in purple and blue);
- Scheduled for fall 2019

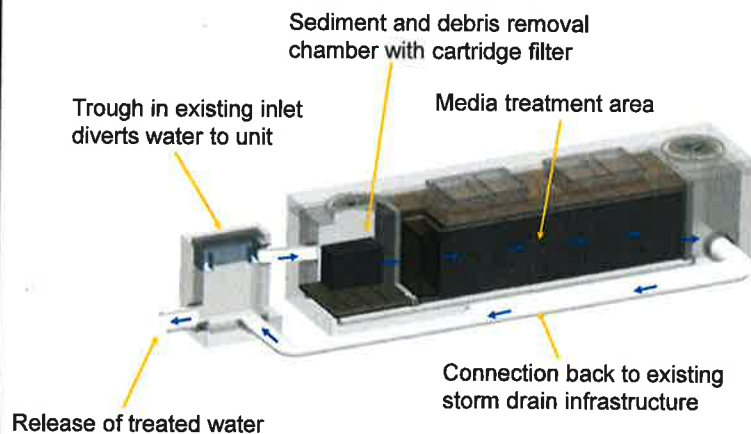


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## Modular Wetlands Pollutant Removal Process



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## Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit Project - Modular Wetlands



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## Installation in Oak Park Fall 2017



## Examples of Completed Modular Wetlands in Oak Park, CA

Fall 2017



Site 5 - Sunny Vista Ave  
(below Medea Creek Ln)  
4' x 8' modular wetland in a parkway



Site 9 - Medea Creek Ln  
(above Oak Hill Dr.)  
4' x 13' modular wetland in sidewalk



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## Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit

### Project Phase II:

- ✓ Additional 10 modular wetlands,
- ✓ Site No.'s 11 - 20 including two vegetated units No.'s 19 and 20 in Kanan Rd (below Smoke Tree)



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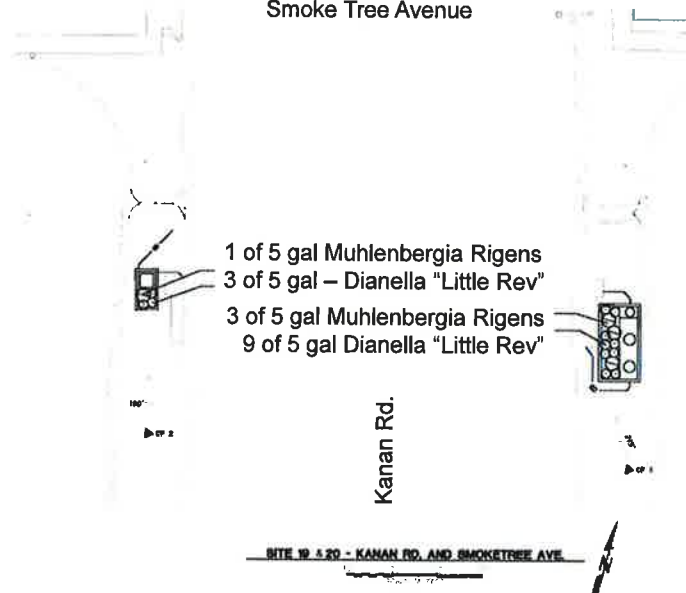
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## Phase II Sites No. 19 and 20 at Kanan Rd



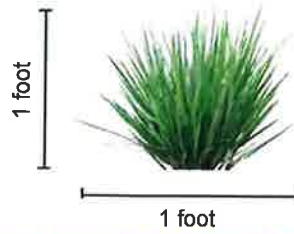
## Phase II Sites No. 19 and 20 at Kanan Rd

Smoke Tree Avenue





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## Vegetated Modular Wetlands - Examples



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## Phase II Project Schedule

- ▶ Completion of 100% design by March 31, 2019
- ▶ Construction winter 2019/2020 (ab. 3 months)

## Construction Cost Estimate

Engineer's Estimate about \$650,000 (50% design)

## Maintenance Estimate

- Frequency → 2-3 times per year
- Equipment = vactor truck and pressure washer
- \$18,000 / year

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