



Chapter 7

Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure

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7 PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes current conditions and capacities of public facilities, utilities, and services in Ventura County. It is organized into the following sections:

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SECTION 7.1 WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT

Introduction

This section describes the existing information regarding wastewater collection systems, treatment, and disposal facilities in Ventura County. This section provides an overview of current treatment capacities, treatment processes, current number of connections to the systems, and general conditions of the infrastructure that serves the unincorporated county. Wastewater service information is generally reported in terms of each individual district or agency providing the service.

Major Findings

- Wastewater collection, treatment, recycling, and disposal in Ventura County is provided by 19 agencies, districts, or service providers. Unincorporated Ventura County is served by 16 of these organizations.
- There are approximately 14,000 private septic systems in Ventura County.

Existing Conditions

Wastewater collection, treatment, recycling, and disposal in Ventura County is provided by 19 agencies, districts, or service providers (shown in Figure 7-1). The unincorporated area is served by 16 of these organizations, including Ventura County, county service areas, special districts, cities, and contract organizations (see Table 7-1). The Ventura County Water and Sanitation Department-Utility Services Division is responsible for administration, billing, customer service, operation, maintenance, design, inspection, and facility construction for County Service Areas 29, 30, 32 and 34, Ventura Waterworks Districts 1 and 16, and the Camarillo Utility Enterprise and Todd Road Jail Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ventura County Service Areas

County Service Area No. 29

CSA 29 provides wastewater collection service to the coastal communities of Solimar Beach, Faria Beach, Mussel Shoals, and Seacliff. The wastewater system consists of a Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) system with approximately 300 connections. The infrastructure includes 13 miles of force main, 155 STEP pumps, 160 tanks, and 6 lift stations. The system is maintained and operated by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, through a contract with Ventura County. After collection, the wastewater is treated and disposed of by the City of Ventura.

County Service Area No. 30

CSA 30 provides wastewater collection services to the unincorporated community of Nyeland Acres. The Ventura County Water and Sanitation Department manages the wastewater collection system. This service area consists of 177 acres, bound by Nyeland Drain to the north, Del Norte Boulevard off-ramp to the east, U.S. Highway 101 to the south, and Santa Clara Avenue to the west. The CSA 30 wastewater collection system includes approximately 469 residential service connections and 20 business connections. The infrastructure consists of two miles of gravity sewer lines and one lift station. The wastewater is delivered to the City of Oxnard for treatment and disposal.

County Service Area No. 32

CSA 32 is a countywide individual sewage disposal system (also known as on-site wastewater treatment system, OWTS, or septic system) monitoring and maintenance District created to provide limited district services to properties serviced by alternative technology sewage disposal systems (e.g., mound systems, advanced treatment units) and on-site sewage disposal systems serving commercial and industrial facilities. An “offer to grant an easement” to CSA 32 fulfills the Ventura County Ordinance Code requirement and applicable policies of the Ventura County General Plan for properties served by alternate and industrial systems. The Ventura County Environmental Health Division Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Program implements the County Service Area 32 agreements for applicable septic systems in unincorporated Ventura County. The Environmental Health Division OWTS Program is responsible for reviewing the septic system designs, and the inspection of septic systems during construction and repair to ensure conformance with applicable codes.

When a proposed septic system site shows conditions which have the potential for impact to groundwater, or a soil type is inconsistent with allowing waste to disperse into the soil, an alternative private sewage disposal system may be installed. For example, mound systems are typically installed in areas with high

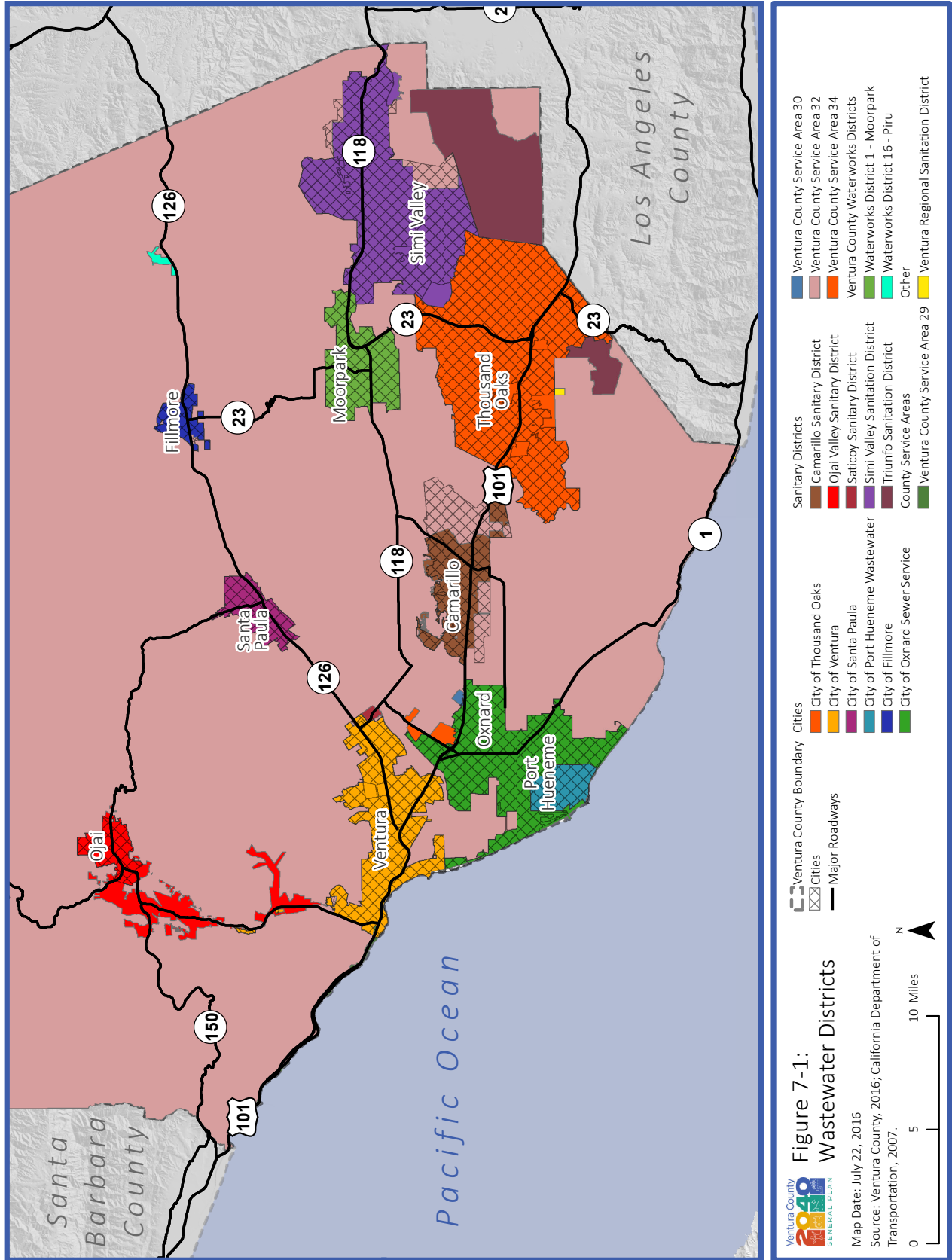


TABLE 7-1 WASTEWATER SERVICE PROVIDERS Unincorporated Ventura County			
Agency	Sanitary Sewer Collection	Sanitary Sewer Treatment	Septic System Monitoring and Maintenance
Ventura County Service Areas			
Ventura County Service Area No. 29	X	Provided by the City of Ventura	
Ventura County Service Area No. 30	X	Provided by the City of Oxnard	
Ventura County Service Area No. 32			X
Ventura County Service Area No. 34	X	Provided by the City of Oxnard	
Waterworks Districts			
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1		X	
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16	X	X	
Other Ventura County-Operated Facilities			
Camarillo Utility Enterprise	X	X	
Todd Road Jail			
Community Sanitation Districts			
Camarillo Sanitary District	X	X	
Ojai Valley Sanitary District	X	X	
Saticoy Sanitary District	X	X	
Triunfo Sanitation District	X	X	
Community Water District			
Camrosa Water District	X	X	
Community Service District			
Channel Islands Beach Community Services District	X	Provided by City of Oxnard	
City Wastewater Facilities Providing Service to Unincorporated Areas			
City of Oxnard	X	X	
City of Simi Valley	X	X	
City of Thousand Oaks	X	X	
City of Ventura	X	X	
Regional Sanitation District			
Ventura Regional Sanitation District	X	X	

groundwater, and subsurface sand filtration systems are typically installed in areas with fractured rock. All alternative systems are required to become part of CSA 32 for more extensive monitoring of the system. After review of designs and inspections during construction, CSA 32 maintains oversight on an as-needed basis, such as in instances of notification of needed repair from complaints.

Ventura County Service Area No. 34

CSA 34 provides wastewater collection service to a portion of the unincorporated area of El Rio (other areas are served by CSA 32), including the Strickland Tract. The Ventura County Water and Sanitation Department maintains and operates the sewer collection system. The CSA 34 wastewater service area encompasses approximately 850 acres, located between the El Rio Forebay, U.S. Highway 101 to the south, South Bank Road to the west, Strickland Drive to the north, and Rose Avenue to the east. Wastewater collected by CSA 34 is delivered to the City of Oxnard for treatment and disposal.

Waterworks Districts

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1

The Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 provides water and wastewater services to over 10,000 customers in the city of Moorpark and unincorporated areas north and west of the city. The District boundaries include approximately 20,000 acres.

The District owns, operates, and maintains the Moorpark Water Reclamation Facility (MWRf). The MWRf is located just west of the Moorpark city limits, along California State Route 118. The MWRf has a design capacity of five million gallons per day (mgd) for tertiary treatment and metered an average wastewater flow of two mgd in 2015.

The plant discharges a portion of treated effluent to percolation basins for groundwater recharge; in 2015 this totaled 0.76 mgd. The District also provides reclaimed water to eight customers, including the MWRf itself. The MWRf uses the reclaimed water for facilities operations and landscape irrigation; the remaining reclaimed water is used for agricultural and dust control uses (0.54 mgd in 2015). The District anticipates that the recycled water supply will increase to 0.98 mgd in 2017. The District is also anticipating the need to expand the plant's tertiary treatment capacity so that recycled water supply will reach 1.96 mgd by 2040 to accommodate need from a growing customer base.

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16

The Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant that serves over 400 customers throughout 300 acres in the unincorporated community of Piru, located along the Santa Clara River and State Route 126 in the western part of the county. The wastewater treatment plant has a design capacity of 0.5 mgd and treats the wastewater at a secondary level of treatment.

Other Ventura County-Operated Facilities

Camarillo Utility Enterprise

Camarillo Airport water and sewer systems, referred to as Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE), were turned over to Ventura County when the Oxnard Air Force Base was deactivated in 1976. The Ventura County Water and Sanitation Department took over operation and maintenance of the water and sewer

systems of CUE on January 1, 1996. The water system was turned over to the City of Camarillo in 2006. CUE currently operates as a non-profit sewer utility system supporting the Camarillo Airport facilities, tenants and property owners. Camarillo Airport is located just southwest of the city of Camarillo and encompasses 765 acres. CUE serves 57 sewer customers, and averages approximately 35,600 gallons of sewage a day. The sewage is pumped to Camarillo Sanitary District for treatment and disposal. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of CUE.

Todd Road Jail

The Ventura County Public Works Agency oversees the wastewater treatment plant at the Todd Road County Jail. The jail has over 185 employees and a capacity for 796 inmates. Effluent from the jail is disposed of in the on-site treatment plant and disposed of through percolation and evaporation.

Community Sanitation Districts

Camarillo Sanitary District

The Camarillo Sanitary District provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal service in an area encompassing approximately 15.3 square miles. The service area includes portions of the unincorporated county in the Las Posas Estates Community. The District serves most the city of Camarillo (the Camrosa Water District also serves a portion of the city east of Calleguas Creek and north of US-101). The District serves a population of approximately 42,000 within the city of Camarillo's corporate boundaries.

The Camarillo Sanitary District wastewater collection system and treatment facility are owned and managed by the District. The collection system consists of 143.4 miles of pipe, four pump stations, 33,660 feet of force mains, and one smaller pump station with minimal flow from irrigational land use. Additionally, in the northwestern portion of the City there are 20 individual parcels that pump wastewater into a common force main. The District's collection system has an average flow rate of 3.6 mgd.

The wastewater treatment plant is located west of Conejo Creek, and has a capacity of 7.25 mgd. The Camarillo Sanitary District and neighboring Camrosa Water District have a mutual agreement to divert raw wastewater between each other's systems for operation and maintenance purposes or in instances of emergency. The Camarillo Sanitation District also treats wastewater received from the Camarillo Utility Enterprise. The Camarillo Sanitary District wastewater treatment facility provides tertiary treatment of approximately 4 million gallons of wastewater daily, much lower than the facility's capacity. Approximately 50 percent of the wastewater is reclaimed and used for agricultural irrigation. The remainder is provided to a cemetery and two sports fields. Treated wastewater that is not reclaimed is discharged into Conejo Creek.

Ojai Valley Sanitary District

The Ojai Valley Sanitary District (OVSD) owns and operates the wastewater system that provides collection, treatment, and disposal services to approximately 20,000 residents in the city of Ojai and surrounding unincorporated county areas in the Ojai Valley. These unincorporated areas include the communities of Miramonte, Oak View, Meiners Oaks, and Casitas Springs. Not all residents of these communities are served by OVSD, and a study from 2011 estimates that there are 2,131 septic tanks in use in the area.

The OVSD wastewater collection system consists of 120 miles of pipeline with diameters ranging from six- to 24-inches and total of 7,500 connections. Most of the system is gravity-based, with five lift stations and 13,509 feet of force mains to support the gravity system. The Ojai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant facility treats the wastewater at the tertiary level, with capacity of 3.0 mgd. As of July 2016, the average daily flow rate is approximately 1.4 mgd. However, this flow rate is considered low due to the drought, and under normal conditions the flow rate is expected to be closer to 1.5 mgd. This rate is sufficiently below the 3.0 mgd capacity of the treatment plant. The treatment facility does not reclaim water; treated effluent is discharged into the Ventura River.

The OVSD Infiltration and Inflow Master Plan, completed in July 2014, identified influent flow rates during storm events that have exceeded the capacity of the plant, resulting in violation of effluent water quality regulations. The OVSD has developed a strategy to reduce the infiltration and inflow rates of the collection system to address these concerns.

Saticoy Sanitary District

The Saticoy Sanitary District (SSD) provides wastewater collection and treatment service to the community of Saticoy in the unincorporated area of Ventura County, east of Ventura. The SSD wastewater system covers approximately 0.4 square miles and provides service to an estimated population of 1,130, including 177 residential and 94 commercial/industrial connections.

Wastewater collected by SSD is treated at the Jose Flores Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). SSD contracts with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) for management, operation, and maintenance of the treatment plant. The Jose Flores WWTP is a secondary wastewater treatment plant, with treated effluent discharged to evaporation/percolation ponds located on the north bank of the Santa Clara River. The treatment plant has an average dry weather flow of 100,000 gallons per day (gpd) and wet weather flow of up to 200,000 gpd, with a design capacity of 250,000 gpd.

Triunfo Sanitation District

The Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) operates as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD). This JPA operates and maintains a sewer system and wastewater treatment facilities that serve the area that includes the Malibu Creek Watershed in both Ventura and Los Angeles counties. The area served by TSD consists of approximately 50 square miles in eastern Ventura County, including the communities of Oak Park, Lake Sherwood, Bell Canyon, and the Westlake Village and North Ranch portions of Thousand Oaks. The LVMWD serves an area of approximately 70 square miles in western Los Angeles County. Together, these two service areas complete the full-service area of the JPA, serving population of approximately 71,000, including over 30,000 Ventura County residents.

The JPA owns and operates 60 miles of trunk sewer lines; the tributary flows to these trunk sewer lines are owned and operated by cities, the County of Los Angeles, or the TSD. Independently, TSD owns and operates 120 miles of sewer collection pipeline, with 12,300 sewer service connections, four pump stations and 0.5 miles of force mains. The JPA conveyance system has the capacity for a wet weather flow of up to 32 mgd; and the TSD collection and pumping system conveys approximately 2.6 mgd. The location of the wastewater system is situated in a rugged topography that inhibits expansion; there is no anticipated expansion of the conveyance system as of 2014.

The JPA owns and manages the sanitation system consisting of two treatment facilities, the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (TWRF), located at 731 Malibu Canyon Road in Calabasas, which provides tertiary

wastewater treatment, and the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility, located 3.8 miles from the TWRP. The TWRP was constructed in 1965 and has since undergone several upgrades. As of 2014, the facility has daily capacity for treating 16 mgd, which is more than the average flow of 9.0 mgd.

In 2012, the TWRP produced a daily average of 7.0 mgd of reclaimed water, or 26 million gallons per month. Reclaimed water from the TWRP is transported to Ventura County through 5.4 miles of pipeline and has 116 customer connections. More than 70 percent of the recycled wastewater is sold to various agencies for use. The Calleguas Municipal Water District distributes the recycled water to the California Water Service Company (CalWater), the Lake Sherwood Community Services District, and the Oak Park Water Service (a public utility operated by Triunfo Sanitation District). CalWater distributes recycled water to the Lake Sherwood Golf Course, and the Westlake and North Ranch portions of the city of Thousand Oaks, including the North Ranch Golf Course. The Triunfo Sanitation District, through the Oak Park Water service, distributes recycled water to the Oak Park and Lake Sherwood communities. Surplus effluent is released to Malibu Creek or the Los Angeles River.

As of July 2016, the TWRP is going through a process of permit renewal and is anticipating a need for expanding water storage. More stringent total maximum daily load levels for Malibu Creek will require the facility to lower its discharge rate to that location, and the difference in discharge rate is too much to send to the Los Angeles River. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board members are deciding between building a membrane plant and other options for water storage and release, such as existing reservoirs that are not owned by the district.

Community Water Districts

Camrosa Water District

The Camrosa Water District (CWD) provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services. The wastewater is collected from approximately 6,900 connections and is treated at the Camrosa Water Reclamation Facility (CWRF).

The CWD owns and operates the Camrosa Water Reclamation Facility (CWRF) with a capacity of treating 1.5 mgd of wastewater at the tertiary level, with an average influent of 1.4 mgd. The District is currently (2016) in the process of expanding the facility capacity to 2.25 mgd. The reclaimed water is first delivered to customers for agricultural uses; the remainder is delivered to California State University Channel Islands. Any excess reclaimed water is delivered to properties outside the District boundaries.

As of 2015, the CWD has plans to construct a 3,000-foot, 15-inch pipeline to discharge effluent from the Camarillo Sanitary District's surplus recycled water and store it in CWD's storage ponds. This project is expected to be complete by the end of FY2017.

Community Service Districts

Channel Islands Beach Community Services District

The Channel Islands Beach Community Services District (CIBCSO) provides a variety of community services, including wastewater collection, in the communities of Silver Strand, Hollywood by the Sea, and Hollywood Beach. The CIBCSO owns and operates the sewer collection system including 14 pumps, 1,800 service connections, and 18 miles of collection pipes that range in size from 8 to 12 inches in

diameter and carry the wastewater with an average of flow rate of 23 mgd. The collection system discharges the wastewater in the city of Oxnard for treatment.

City Wastewater Facilities Providing Service to Unincorporated Areas

City of Oxnard

In addition to serving the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme, the City of Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant (OWTP) treats wastewater from several unincorporated areas, including the Naval Base Ventura County facilities at Point Mugu, Ventura Regional Sanitation District, Crestview Mutual Water Company, Santa Clara Wastewater Company, Nyeland Acres, the Channel Islands Beach Communities Service District, County Service Areas 30 and 34, and approximately 300 connections in a portion of the Las Posas Estates Community. The City wastewater services include approximately 40,000 connections, serving approximately 250,000 people. The collection system consists of 384 miles of pipes, ranging in diameter from 4 to 66 inches. The collection system also includes 15 pump stations, each with 2 pumps except for one that has 4 pumps.

As of 2015, OWTP is permitted to process up to 31.7 mgd and has a peak wet weather flow capacity of 50 mgd. The current (2016) rate of wastewater flow to the treatment facility is approximately 17 mgd; this is lower than the average flow rate of 20-22 mgd which was considered normal prior to the drought. The wastewater treatment facility reclaims 8.0 mgd with 2.0 mgd returning to the facility as part of the waste byproduct process and 6.0 mgd used for golf courses, agricultural, and landscape watering. The City expects to expand wastewater treatment and offer more reclaimed water for agricultural uses. Wastewater that is treated and not reclaimed is disposed in the Pacific Ocean. The facility currently (2016) has sufficient capacity, but the City anticipates upgrading the older infrastructure and expanding wastewater reclamation. A detailed description of the OWTP and its operations can be found in the City of Oxnard Public Works Integrated Master Plan.

City of Simi Valley

The City of Simi Valley provides wastewater services for approximately 127,000 people in the City of Simi Valley and several nearby unincorporated areas including the Sinaloa Lake and Santa Susana Knolls areas, as well as four unincorporated areas that are completely surrounded by incorporated areas (i.e., county islands). The wastewater collection system consists of approximately 374 miles of sewer line, with pipes ranging from 6 to 48 inches in diameter, and 3 lift stations. The system has almost 40,000 connections, including 527 connections in the unincorporated areas. The system has an average flow rate of approximately 7.8 mgd with a design capacity for 12.5 mgd. The Water Quality Control Plant is located on 33 acres in the western end of Simi Valley and has capacity to treat approximately 10 mgd at the tertiary level of treatment. Most of the treated water is discharged to the Arroyo Simi River; a small portion is reclaimed and used for dust control and irrigation at the Simi Valley Landfill.

City of Thousand Oaks

The City of Thousand Oaks provides water and wastewater services to most of the city and portions of the surrounding unincorporated area, including the communities of Rolling Oaks, Lynn Ranch, Ventu Park, and Kelley Estates. The City owns and maintains the wastewater collection system and the Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant. The wastewater collection system includes 5,000 miles of pipes ranging in diameter between 6 and 42 inches, and includes 42,000 connections, serving approximately 130,000 people.

The Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant facility treats approximately 90 percent of wastewater produced in Thousand Oaks. The remaining 10 percent of the city, in the Westlake Village area, is served by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, located in Los Angeles County and part of a Joint Powers Authority with the Triunfo Sanitation District. Westlake Village straddles the county line between Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The western portion of Westlake Village is an incorporated city in Los Angeles County, and the eastern portion is a community within the Thousand Oaks city limits. The City is currently (2016) in the process of expanding wastewater services to 10 more unincorporated parcels.

The Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant has a design capacity of 14.0 mgd and averages 8.0 mgd of wastewater treatment per day, though prior to the current (2016) drought, the facility averaged 10.0 mgd. The wastewater is treated to an advanced tertiary level. Approximately 90 percent of the treated water is reclaimed and sold to the Camrosa Water District for irrigation uses. The remaining 10 percent is discharged into the Calleguas Creek in order to maintain a 6.0 cfs flow in the stream for environmental habitat.

City of Ventura

Ventura Water is the City of Ventura department that manages water and wastewater treatment services. The Ventura Water Reclamation Facility (VWRF) provides wastewater collection and treatment services for City residents wastewater treatment services for McGrath State Beach Park and the North Coast Communities (County Service Area 29). Ventura Water also took over sewer service in the formerly unincorporated Montalvo Community Services District in February 2016, including both wastewater treatment and the collection system of 7.5 miles of sewer mains.

The VWRF has a permitted capacity of 14 mgd and discharges up to 9 mgd. The VWRF currently (2017) discharges an average of 7.3 mgd with drought conditions. The treated effluent is recycled and used for irrigation of golf courses (Olivas Links Golf Course and Buenaventura Golf Course), the Marina Park, and other landscape near Olivas Drive and the Harbor area. The rest of the recycled water is discharged into the Santa Clara River Estuary.

The City of Ventura has a program to provide recycled water at a filling station at the VWRF, available for commercial and industrial entities and City residents; the City anticipates that AERA Energy, the Ventura County Transportation Department, the Ventura City Parks Department, and the San Buenaventura State Park will self-haul recycled water from this station for irrigation and dust control.

Regional Sanitation District

Ventura Regional Sanitation District

The Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) is an independent public waste management agency that provides a range of services including wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal to both public agencies and private organizations. VRSD is overseen by a nine-member board of directors representing eight cities and eight special districts. Agencies providing wastewater services that are served by VRSD include the Triunfo Sanitation District; the Saticoy Sanitary District; County Service Area 29; and the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District.

**TABLE 7-2
WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY
Ventura County**

Agency	Total Number of Connections	Rated Capacity (MGD ¹)	ADWF ² (MGD)	Treatment Level
County Service Area No. 29	317	N/A	0.085	Secondary
County Service Area No. 30	510	N/A	0.2	Secondary
County Service Area No. 32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Service Area No. 34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Camarillo Utility Enterprise	57	N/A	0.0356	N/A
Todd Road Jail	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1	10,000 (population)	5	2	Tertiary
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16	400 (population)	0.5	N/A	Secondary
Camarillo Sanitary District	70,000 (population, city and unincorporated)	7.25	4	Tertiary
Ojai Valley Sanitary District	20,000 (customers)	3	1.4	Tertiary
Saticoy Sanitary District	271	0.25	0.1	Secondary
Triunfo Sanitation District	12,300	16	9	Tertiary
Camrosa Water District	6,900	1.5	1.4	Tertiary
Channel Islands Beach Community Services District	1,800	N/A	N/A	N/A
City of Oxnard	40,000	32.7	17	Tertiary
City of Simi Valley	40,000 (527 unincorporated)	12.5	7.8	Tertiary
City of Thousand Oaks	130,000 (population)	14	8	Tertiary
City of Ventura	25,528	14	7.1	Tertiary

¹Million Gallons per Day

²Average Dry Weather Flow.

Source: Ventura LAFCo, MSR 2004

Regulatory Setting

Federal

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) supports the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) by promoting effective and responsible water use, treatment, disposal and management, and by encouraging the protection and restoration of watersheds. The OWM is responsible for directing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, pretreatment, and municipal bio-solids management (including beneficial use) programs under the Clean Water Act. The OWM is also home to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the largest water quality funding source, focused on funding wastewater treatment systems, non-point source projects, and estuary protection.

Clean Water Act (CWA)

The CWA is the cornerstone of surface water quality protection in the United States. Section 303 of the CWA requires States to adopt water quality standards for all surface waters of the United States. Where multiple uses exist, water quality standards must protect the most sensitive use. Water quality standards are typically numeric although narrative criteria based on biomonitoring methods may be employed where numerical standards cannot be established or where they are needed to supplement numerical standards.

State

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

The SWRCB, in coordination with nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB), performs functions related to water quality, including implementation and compliance with the provisions of the Federal CWA, issuance of wastewater discharge permits (NPDES and WDR) and other programs on stormwater runoff, and underground and above ground storage tanks.

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 requires California Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to conduct municipal service reviews for specified public agencies under their jurisdiction. One aspect of municipal service review is to evaluate an agency's ability to provide public services, such as wastewater collection and treatment, within its ultimate service area. A municipal service review is required before an agency can update its sphere of influence.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22

Title 22 regulates the use of reclaimed wastewater. Regulation of reclaimed water is governed by the nine RWQCBs and the California Department of Public Health. In most cases, only disinfected tertiary water may be used on food crops where the recycled water would come into contact with the edible portion of the crop. Disinfected secondary treatment may be used for food crops where the edible portion is produced above ground and will not come into contact with the secondary effluent. Lesser levels of treatment are required for other types of crops, such as orchards, vineyards, and fiber crops. Standards are

also prescribed for the use of treated wastewater for irrigation of parks, playgrounds, landscaping and other non-agricultural irrigation.

AB 885 Regulations

State Water Resources Control Board adopted regulations of onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), also known as septic systems. The Policy became effective on May 13, 2013, as an amendment of the California Water Code Section 13290, and was designed to allow the continued use of OWTS, while protecting water quality and public health. The County of Ventura Environmental Health Division Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program is currently (2016) working with the State Water Resources Board to implement the new regulations in CSA 32.

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers wastewater collection and treatment in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Sections 4.3 and 4.4 include goals, policies, and programs related to wastewater collection and treatment. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to wastewater collection and treatment:

- Coastal Area Plan;
- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan; and
- Saticoy Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for wastewater collection and treatment. These can be found in Sections 29a. Waste Treatment & Disposal Facilities – Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and 29b Waste Treatment & Disposal Facilities – Sewage Collection/Treatment Facilities.

Environmental Health Division Onsite Wastewater Treatment (OWTS) Program

The Environmental Health Division Onsite Wastewater Treatment (OWTS) Program is responsible for protecting public health and the environment from the potential adverse health and environmental impacts associated with onsite individual sewage disposal systems. Staff carry out this responsibility through review of septic system design proposals, review of septic system design criteria, and inspection of both new septic system construction and repair of existing systems to determine conformance with applicable codes. The County of Ventura Environmental Health Division OWTS Program is currently (2016) working with the State Water Resources Board to gain approval of a Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) which will satisfy the Tier 2 requirement set forth in the AB885 regulations, OWTS Policy. The LAMP will apply to all new and replacement OWTS, and plans to utilize the existing CSA 32 easement offers.

Key Terms

Wastewater Collection System. The totality of the pipes, pump station, manholes, and other facilities that convey untreated (raw) wastewater from the various sources to a wastewater treatment facility.

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SECTION 7.2 STORM DRAINAGE AND FLOOD PROTECTION

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to summarize existing information regarding flood control facilities and practices in Ventura County, specifically identifying unincorporated Ventura County.

Major Findings

- The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) maintains flood control facilities in four zones:
 - Ventura River Watershed Zone;
 - Santa Clara Watershed Zone;
 - Calleguas Creek Watershed Zone; and
 - Malibu and Potrero Creeks and Cuyama River Watershed.
- Ventura County has a Class 6 Community Rating System, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Community Rating System rewards cities and counties that voluntarily exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); the Class 6 rating gives properties within a floodplain in the unincorporated areas a 20 percent discount on flood insurance.
- Permittees under the Ventura County NPDES permit include the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley, Santa Paula, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

Existing Conditions

The primary surface water sources in Ventura County are the Ventura River, the Santa Clara River, and Calleguas Creek, all of which traverse the southern and most populated areas of the county. The watershed in the northern part of Ventura County is largely unpopulated and mountainous. Runoff from these areas may reach the populated areas.

Structures that are not properly elevated and constructed with floodproof materials are susceptible to flood damage within a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. Since 1988, a Floodplain Development Permit is required for building a new structure within a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. Fewer structures are being built within a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area.

Ventura County Watershed Protection District

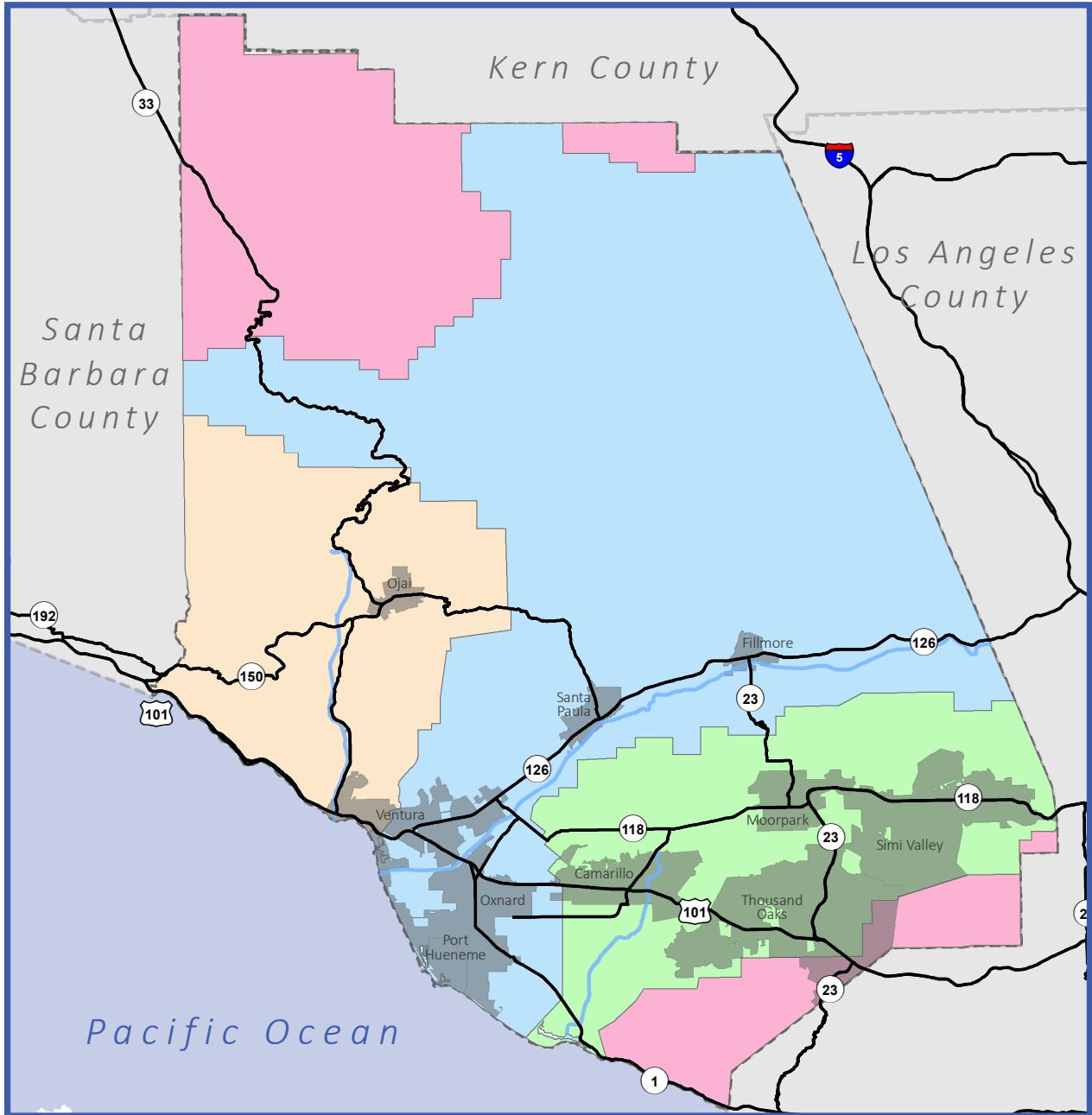
The Ventura County Flood Control District was formed in 1944 to protect watercourses, watersheds, public highways, life, and property from damage or destruction from floodwaters. In 2003, the District changed its name to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD). The District maintained its roles relating to control and conservation of flood and storm waters and for the protection of watercourses, watersheds, public highways, life and property in the district from damage or destruction from these waters.

The VCWPD has authority over channels in its jurisdictional boundaries, established through policies and ordinances adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The VCWPD ensures compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, through permit review of structures in floodplains and evaluation of site plans for developments in floodplains. In incorporated areas, the cities serve as the floodplain managers for each designated sphere of influence.

The VCWPD maintains flood control facilities in four zones. The facilities maintained by the VCWPD have either been constructed by the VCWPD or transferred to the VCWPD after being constructed by others. In addition to regular maintenance of flood control channels and 40 dams and debris basins, the VCWPD performs storm-related maintenance on an as-needed basis. The four zones are described below and shown in Figure 7-2.

- **Zone 1: The Ventura River Watershed Zone.** This zone follows the boundaries of the Ventura River Watershed and coastal drainages in the western part of the county. The zone includes the cities and communities of Ojai, Ventura, Oak View, Casitas Springs, Live Oak Acres, and Meiners Oaks. The major waterways in this zone include the Ventura River, the San Antonio Creek, and the tributaries in the Ojai Valley.
- **Zone 2: The Santa Clara Watershed Zone.** This zone follows the boundaries of the Santa Clara River Watershed and the local coastal drainages in the cities of San Buenaventura and Oxnard and the drainages located in Lockwood Valley. The zone includes the cities and communities of Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Ventura, El Rio, Saticoy, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Nyeland Acres. The major waterways in this zone include the Santa Clara River and its tributaries, and various Oxnard Plain drains.
- **Zone 3: The Calleguas Creek Watershed Zone.** This zone follows the boundaries of the Calleguas Creek Watershed and its tributaries. The zone includes the cities and communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, and Somis. The major waterways in this zone include the Arroyo Conejo, Arroyo Simi, Santa Rosa Creek, Conejo Creek, Arroyo Las Posas, Calleguas Creek, and Revolon Slough.
- **Zone 4: The Malibu and Potrero Creeks and Cuyama River Watershed.** This zone includes parts of the northernmost and southernmost areas of the county; it includes a combination of the Malibu coastal drainages in the southern part of the county and the relatively undeveloped Cuyama River Watershed in the northern part of the county. The zone also includes Westlake Village. The major waterways in this zone include the Potrero Creek and Medea Creek.

All channels containing runoff with a peak flow rate of 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) or more during a 100-year storm come under the VCWPD's jurisdiction. These are "redline" channels and total 939.03 miles in length.



Ventura County
2040
GENERAL PLAN

**Figure 7-2:
Watershed Protection
District Zones**

Map Date: July 22, 2016
Source: Ventura County Watershed Protection District;
California Department of Transportation, 2007.

	Ventura County Boundary		Zone 1
	Cities		Zone 2
	Major Roadways		Zone 3
	Major Waterways		Zone 4

0 7.5 15 Miles

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Community Rating System for Flood Control

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The program offers financial incentives to cities and counties that voluntarily exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The three goals of the CRS are to (1) reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property; (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and (3) foster comprehensive flood plan management. The CRS includes multiple programs or “activities” in which communities can participate to earn CRS points. These include public outreach and education on flood prevention measures, preserving open space, maintaining special certifications for staff members as Certified Floodplain Managers, removing debris and sediment from flood control channels, and adoption of an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Each community receives a Class Rating based on the number of points earned; the number of points a community has earned determines if a discount is available to property owners on their flood insurance policies. As of 2016, five percent of all NFIP member communities participate in the CRS program, and fifteen percent of all NFIP California communities participate in the program.

CRS Classes are rated from 1 to 9, with Class 1 representing the highest (best) Class. On May 1, 2016, Ventura County received a Class 6 rating, and consequently, properties within a floodplain in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County are eligible for a 20 percent premium discount on flood insurance.

See Chapter 11, Section 3, for more information about flood hazards.

Stormwater Treatment

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) enforces the Federal Clean Water Act through regulating stormwater discharge from three potential pollutant sources: industrial, construction, and municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). These permits are designed to prevent pollutants from entering local surface waters through stormwater runoff. The permits ensure that any new development or redevelopment will use best management practices (BMPs) designed to control pollution at its source.

The State of California is authorized by the Federal government to implement the stormwater NPDES permitting program. In California, the State oversees the industrial and construction stormwater permits, and regional water quality control boards oversee the MS4 permits.

The industrial stormwater permit is required for industrial facilities, including manufacturing facilities, mining operations, transportation facilities, disposal sites, and recycling yards that meet the County’s applicability requirements. Construction stormwater permits are required for projects that disturb more than one acre of soil, or projects that disturb less than one acre but are included in a development which in total will disturb more than one acre; this permit requires the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to guide compliance with the Permit’s limits on levels of erosion, pollution, sediment, and requirements for site stabilization.

Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

The Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (VCSQMP) is intended to meet the requirements of the Ventura Countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit (Permit), issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Permittees under the Ventura County NPDES permit include all 10 cities in the county, the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. Together, these permittees developed the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (VCSQMP), which is managed through six subcommittees and a Management Committee. The subcommittees include Business Outreach and Illicit Discharge, Capital Improvement Projects, Construction, Land Development, Public Outreach, and Public Agency Activities. The 2010 Permit expired on July 8, 2015, but is currently (May 2016) on administrative extension until another permit is adopted.

The VCSQMP implements the Ventura Municipal Stormwater Permit Order No. R4-2010-0108, including enforcement of the Ventura County Ordinance Code No. 4450 relating to stormwater quality management for unincorporated areas of Ventura County and County facilities. The Program includes the following activities:

- Ongoing water quality monitoring;
- Inspecting and implementing best management practices (BMPs) at businesses, facilities, and in construction activities;
- Investigating suspicious or illegal discharges, connections, and dumping into the County storm drain systems and receiving waters, including maintaining and responding to the County Stormwater Hotline;
- Providing education to the public and County employees on stormwater pollution prevention through the Community for a Clean Watershed Program;
- Implementing Low Impact Development (LID) requirements, as identified in the Permit's Planning and Land Development Program.

Regulatory Setting

Federal

Clean Water Act (CWA)

In 1972, the CWA was amended to provide that the discharge of pollutants to water of the United States from any point source is unlawful unless the discharge is in compliance with an NPDES permit. The 1987 amendments to the CWA added Section 402(p), which establishes a framework for regulating municipal and industrial stormwater discharges, including discharges associated with construction activities, under the NPDES program.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

In 1990, the EPA published final regulations that establish stormwater permit application requirements. The regulations, also known as Phase I of the NPDES program, provide that discharges of stormwater to waters of the United States from construction projects that encompass five or more acres of soil disturbance are effectively prohibited unless the discharge complies with a NPDES permit. Phase II of the NPDES program expanded the requirements by requiring operators of municipal separate storm sewer

systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas and small construction sites to be covered under a NPDES permit, and to implement programs and practices to control polluted stormwater runoff. The Phase II Small MS4 General Permit was renewed and became effective on July 1, 2013.

Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA)

FEMA is the Federal agency that oversees floodplains and manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as adopted under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. FEMA's regulations govern the delineation of floodplains and establish requirements for floodplain management. FEMA prepares Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) that indicate the regulatory floodplain to assist communities such as Ventura County with land use and floodplain management decisions to meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA has prepared a DFIRM for all of Ventura County, effective January 20, 2010.

State

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

In California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the SWRCB through its nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs). The SWRCB has established a construction General Permit that can be applied to most construction activities in the State. Construction permittees may choose to obtain individual NPDES permits instead of obtaining coverage under the General Permit. In California, construction projects that will disturb more than one acre are required to obtain NPDES general permit coverage by submitting Permit Registration Documents (PRDs) including a Notice of Intent (NOI), a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and fees to be covered under the recently adopted SWRCB Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ (NPDES No. CAS000002). The new California General Permit now requires a risk level determination based on site and receiving water characteristics, a range of monitoring, sampling and discharge requirements based on defined risk level and post construction runoff reduction requirements that went into effect September 2012.

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers storm drainage and flood protection in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.6 includes goals, policies, and programs related to storm drainage and flood protection. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to storm drainage and flood protection:

- Coastal Area Plan;
- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan;
- Saticoy Area Plan;

- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for storm drainage and flood protection. These can be found in Sections 31a. Flood Control Facilities/Watercourses – Watershed Protection District and 31b. Flood Control Facilities/Watercourses – Other Facilities.

Ventura County Drainage Design Standards

The storm water drainage system for any proposed development within Ventura County deemed complete after October 11, 2011 must be designed in accordance with the 2010 Ventura Countywide Stormwater Municipal Permit (Order No. R4-2010-0108). New development deemed complete before October 11, 2011 must be designed in accordance with the 2000 Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Permit.

County of Ventura Ordinance No. 4450

Ventura County Ordinance Code No. 4450 relates to stormwater quality management, specifically in the unincorporated areas of the county. Ordinance No. 4450 prescribes regulations pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. It prohibits non-stormwater discharges from entering the County storm drain system, and requires that the amount of discharge of pollutants that enter stormwater be reduced to the maximum extent practicable.

County of Ventura Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 3841 (as Amended by Ordinance Nos. 3890, 3902, 3954, and 4465)

The Floodplain Management Ordinance is specific to the unincorporated area of Ventura County. This Ordinance aims to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in the 100-year floodplain through restrictions and regulations of land uses and activities in areas within and outside the floodplain that could alter natural flood controls, or other damages such as erosion or dredging that could ensure flood safety.

Key Terms

Basin. A hydrologic unit defined as a part of the surface of the earth covered by a drainage system consisting of a surface stream or body of impounded surface water plus all tributaries.

Best Management Practices (BMPs). Activities or structural improvements that help reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff. BMPs include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

Erosion. When land is diminished or worn away due to wind, water, or glacial ice. Often the eroded debris (silt or sediment) becomes a pollutant via stormwater runoff. Erosion occurs naturally, but can be intensified by land clearing activities such as farming, development, road building, and timber harvesting.

Flood. A temporary rise in flow or stage of any watercourse or stormwater conveyance system that results in stormwater runoff exceeding its normal flow boundaries and inundating adjacent, normally dry areas.

Flood Control. The specific regulations, facilities, and practices that reduce or prevent the damage caused by stormwater runoff.

Floodplain. Any land area susceptible to inundation by stormwater from any source.

Floodplain Management. The implementation policies and programs to protect floodplains and maintain their flood control function.

Low Impact Development (LID). Development that incorporates a combination of drainage design features and pollution reduction measures to reduce development impacts on hydrology (peak runoff flow rates) and water quality.

NPDES. “National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System” – the name of the surface water quality program authorized by Congress as part of the 1987 Clean Water Act.

Redline Channel. Any channel containing runoff with a peak flow rate of more than 500 cubic feet per second (FS) during a 100-year storm.

Runoff. Drainage or flood discharge that leaves an area as surface flow or as pipeline flow.

Stormwater. Precipitation that accumulates in natural and/or constructed storage and stormwater systems during and immediately following a storm event.

Stormwater Facilities. Systems such as watercourses, constructed channels, storm drains, culverts, and detention/retention facilities that are used for conveyance and/or storage of stormwater runoff.

Stormwater Management. Functions associated with planning, designing, constructing, maintaining, financing, and regulating the facilities (both constructed and natural) that collect, store, control and/or convey stormwater.

Surface Water. Water that remains on the surface of the ground, including rivers, lakes, reservoirs, streams, wetlands, impoundments, seas, and estuaries.

Watercourse. A lake, stream, creek, channel, stormwater conveyance system, or other topographic feature, over which stormwater flows at least periodically.

Watershed. That geographical area which drains to a specified point on a water course, usually a confluence of streams or rivers (also known as a drainage area, catchment or river basin).

Wetlands. Wetlands are those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

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SECTION 7.3 SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Introduction

This section describes the existing solid and hazardous waste disposal services, facilities, and recycling programs in Ventura County.

Major Findings

- During the fourth quarter of 2014 and the first three quarters of 2015, Ventura County as a whole had a solid waste diversion rate of 39 percent; the unincorporated area in Ventura County had a diversion rate of 58 percent.
- There are 117 facilities in Ventura County that collect and/or transfer hazardous wastes. These facilities collect different types and combinations of hazardous wastes, with 10 collecting household hazardous waste/e-waste, four collecting medications, and 25 collecting sharps. Seven are transfer stations, and 84 are used oil collection facilities.
- In 2014, 2,617,807 pounds of household hazardous waste were collected in Ventura County, or about 3.12 pounds per capita.
- The County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) calculated that landfills in Ventura County have a capacity greater than the targeted 15 years.

Existing Conditions

Solid Waste Collection

The Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division (IWMD) manages the collection and disposal of solid and hazardous waste in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. The County is focused on reducing waste, preventing pollution, and promoting sustainable management of waste materials. The IWMD is also responsible for ensuring Ventura County complies with the California Integrated Waste Management Act, and maintains a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP). The CIWMP provides an assessment of the County's goals and objectives, issues and problems identified in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, summary of waste management programs and infrastructure, existing and proposed solid waste infrastructure, and description of the steps that the County will take to achieve the outlined goals.

The IWMD administers five residential and 14 commercial contracts for solid waste collection in the unincorporated parts of the county. Residential solid waste collection services in the unincorporated area include receptacles for trash, recyclables, and green material (a.k.a. "yard waste"). Currently (May 2016), there are five companies that collect solid waste for approximately 24,800 households in the unincorporated areas of the county: E.J. Harrison & Sons and its subsidiaries, Santa Clara Valley Disposal Company and Newbury Disposal Company; Waste Management/G.I. Industries; and Mountainside Disposal, Inc. These residential contracts were renewed most recently in 2014 and will expire on December 31, 2023.

Table 7-3 describes the service areas of the companies contracted for residential solid waste in the unincorporated areas of the county; Figure 7-3 shows the service area boundaries. Bard Lake is shown in Figure 7-3, but is not included in Table 7-3. The County is responsible for the tonnage of solid waste produced in the Lake’s area because it is in the unincorporated county, however it is a special district and selects its own hauler and is located outside of the service area managed by the County.

TABLE 7-3 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AREAS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENTS Unincorporated Areas of Ventura County 2014		
Name	Service Areas	Service Area Location
E.J. Harrison and Sons, Inc.	1	Unincorporated Ojai & North County
	2	Rincon, La Conchita, Faria Beach, Solimar, Unincorporated Area, Ventura, and Saticoy
	3	Unincorporated Area Oxnard Plains and Unincorporated Area Camarillo
	4	Ventura River Valley (Casitas Springs, Oak view, Meiners Oaks and Mira Monte)
	5	Santa Rosa Valley
	Point Mugu Disposal Service Area, Channel Islands Beach CSD	
Santa Clara Valley Disposal Company	6	Piru, Unincorporated Area Santa Paula and Unincorporated Area Fillmore
Newbury Disposal Company	7	North Lockwood Valley (portion)
Mountainside Disposal, Inc.	8	North Lockwood Valley (portion)
Waste Management/G.I. Industries, Inc.	9	Lake Sherwood
	10	Lynn Ranch
	11	Unincorporated Area Moorpark, Home Acres and Lexington Hills
	12	Oak Park
	13	Santa Susana Knolls
	14	Unincorporated Area Simi Valley
	15	Yerba Buena (BCH/Tongareva)
	16	Yerba Buena (Mountain)
	Bell Canyon CSD	

Source: County of Ventura, Residential Service Areas for 2014 Solid Waste Collection Agreements, Published December 18, 2013.

Fourteen companies collect commercial solid waste in Ventura County, some serving both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, as well as residential and/or commercial locations. New commercial contracts were negotiated in 2014 and will expire on December 31, 2023. These companies include:

- American Resource Recovery, Inc.
- Anderson Rubbish Disposal
- E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc.
- G.I. Industries, Inc. (Waste Management)
- H. Cattle Company
- Hobbs & Sons, Inc.
- J & L Hauling & Disposal, Inc.
- J.T.’s Rubbish & Recycling
- JTZ, Inc. (dba Zaccaro Roll-Off)
- Marborg Industries
- Mountainside Disposal, Inc.
- Newbury Disposal Company
- Peach Hills Soils
- Santa Clara Valley Disposal Company

Solid Waste Facilities

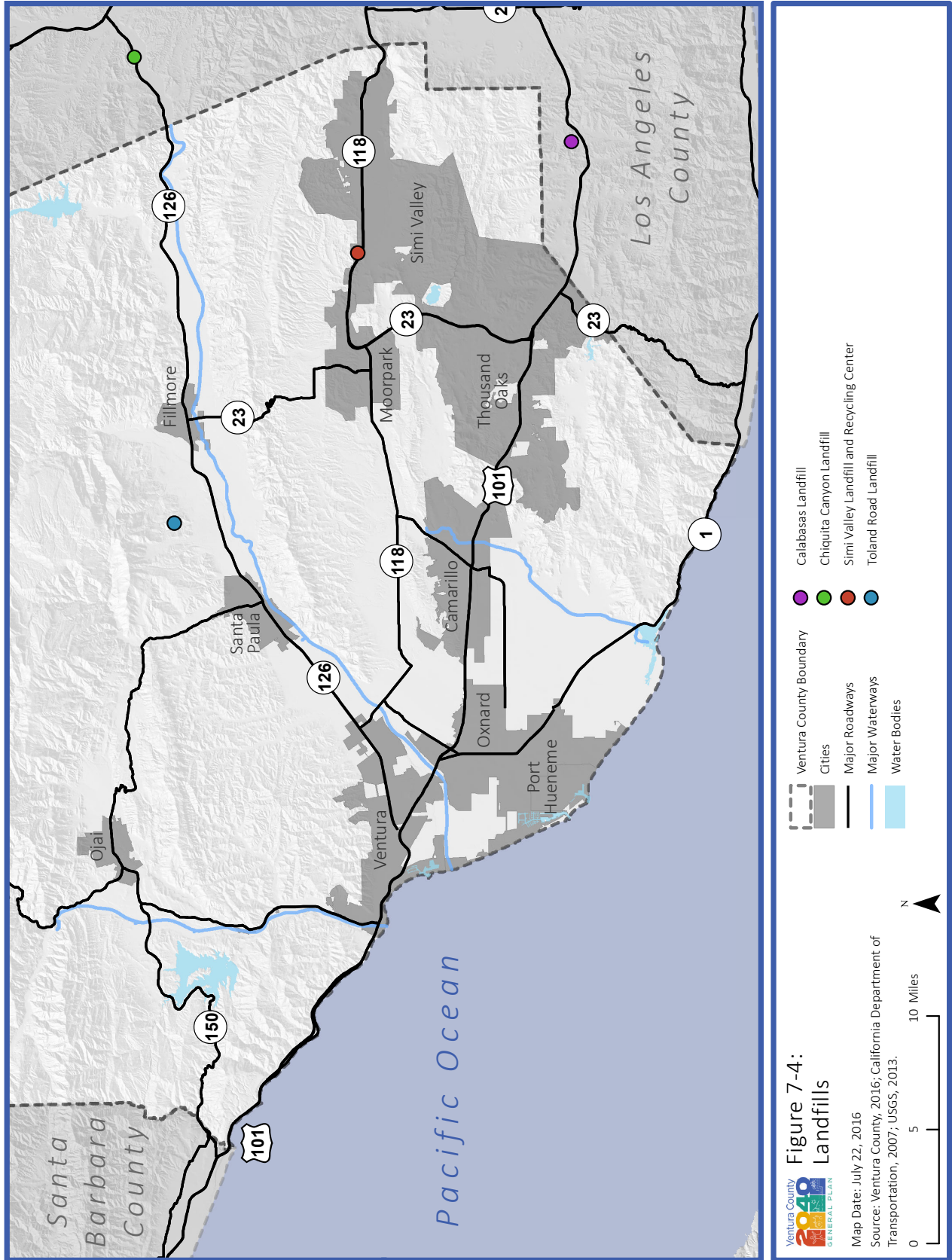
The Ventura County Environmental Health Division-Solid Waste Program is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for solid waste. The LEA’s responsibilities include ensuring safe handling and disposal of both residential and commercial solid waste. The County does this by overseeing the inspections, permitting, and monitoring or operations of solid waste facilities, including landfills, waste transfer processing stations, and composting operations. Landfill sites used by the County are shown in Table 7-4 and Figure 7-4. Waste transfer and processing stations and composting facilities are shown in Table 7-5 and Figure 7-5.

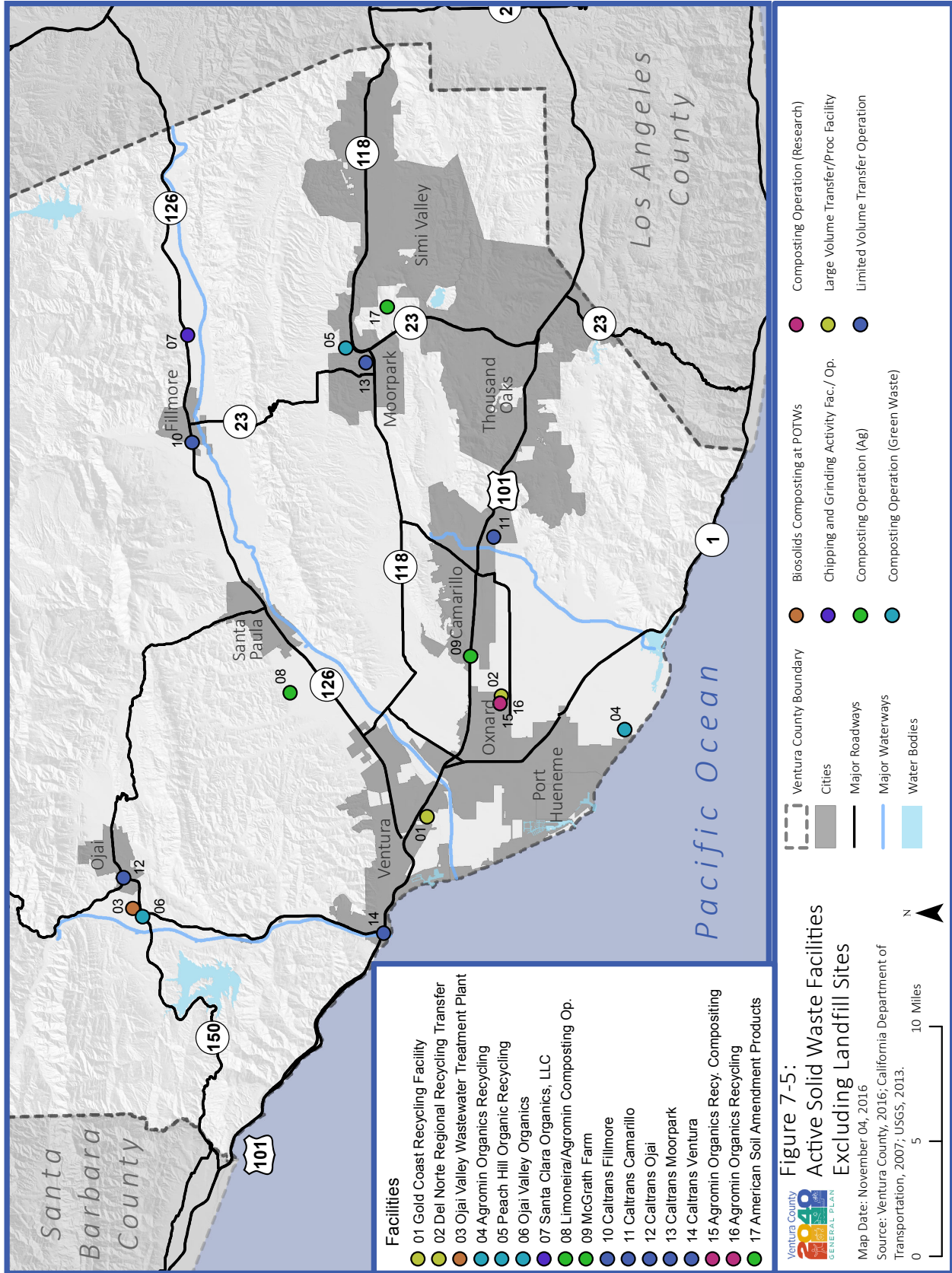
Landfills

There are two active solid waste disposal/landfill sites in Ventura County and two located outside of the county that accept waste from Ventura County (see Figure 7-4 and Table 7-4). There are also 38 waste disposal/landfill sites in Ventura County that have an operational status of “closed,” “closing,” or “inactive.” The four active solid waste facilities that serve areas of Ventura County are described below.

TABLE 7-4 LANDFILL SITES Serving Ventura County		
Landfill	Operator	Landfill Location
Toland Road Landfill	Ventura Regional Sanitation District	3500 North Toland Road, Santa Paula, Ventura County
Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center	Waste Management	2801 Madera Road, Simi Valley, Ventura County
Calabasas Landfill	County of Los Angeles	5300 Lost Hills Road, Agoura Hills, Los Angeles County
Chiquita Canyon Landfill	Waste Connections	29201 Henry Mayo Dr., Castaic, Los Angeles County

Source: Chiquita Canyon Landfill Website, July 2016; Calabasas Landfill, Los Angeles County Sanitation District Website, July 2016; Simi Valley Landfill, Waste Management Website, July 2016; Toland Road Sanitary Landfill, Ventura Regional Sanitation District Website, July 2016.





**TABLE 7-5
ACTIVE SOLID WASTE FACILITIES
(Excluding Landfill Sites)
Ventura County
2016**

Figure 7-5 Reference	SWIS Number	Name	Unit	Activity	Regulatory Status ¹	Operational Status
#1	56-AA-0123	Gold Coast Recycling Facility	1	Large Volume Transfer/Proc Facility	Permitted	Active
#2	56-AA-0128	Del Norte Regional Recycling Transfer	1	Large Volume Transfer/Proc Facility	Permitted	Active
#3	56-AA-0130	Ojai Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant	1	Biosolids Composting at POTWs	Notification	Active
#4	56-AA-0138	Agromin Organics Recycling	1	Composting Operation (Green Waste)	Notification	Active
#5	56-AA-0142	Peach Hill Organic Recycling	1	Composting Operation (Green Waste)	Notification	Active
#6	56-AA-0143	Ojai Valley Organics	1	Composting Operation (Green Waste)	Notification	Active
#7	56-AA-0145	Santa Clara Organics, LLC	1	Chipping and Grinding Activity Fac./ Op.	Notification	Active
#8	56-AA-0147	Limoneira / Agromin Ag. Composting Op.	1	Composting Operation (Ag)	Notification	Active
#9	56-AA-0156	McGrath Farm	1	Composting Operation (Ag)	Notification	Active
#10	56-AA-0160	Caltrans- Fillmore Maintenance Station	1	Limited Volume Transfer Operation	Notification	Active
#11	56-AA-0161	Caltrans- Camarillo Maintenance Station	1	Limited Volume Transfer Operation	Notification	Active
#12	56-AA-0162	Caltrans- Ojai Maintenance Station	1	Limited Volume Transfer Operation	Notification	Active
#13	56-AA-0163	Caltrans- Moorpark Maintenance Station	1	Limited Volume Transfer Operation	Notification	Active
#14	56-AA-0164	Caltrans- Ventura Maintenance Station	1	Limited Volume Transfer Operation	Notification	Active
#15	56-AA-0165	Agromin Organics Recy. Composting Fac.	1	Composting Operation (Research)	Notification	Active
#16	56-AA-0169	Agromin Organics Recycling (SmartFarm)	1	Composting Operation (Research)	Notification	Active
#17	56-AA-0171	American Soil Amendment Products	1	Composting Operation (Ag)	Notification	Active

¹Regulatory status refers to the permit status of the facility.

Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board, Solid Waste Information System (SWIS), Facility/Site Listing, www.calrecycle.ca.gov, accessed May 2016.

Toland Road Landfill

The Toland Road Landfill is in Santa Paula, and is exclusively open to residents of the Santa Clara Valley (for direct haul loads). Commercial loads that are processed through transfer stations or materials recycling facilities in Ventura County are also accepted at the landfill. The landfill and property are owned and managed by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, with oversight by the County Planning Division and County Environmental Health Division.

The landfill is a Class III landfill and accepts mixed municipal, construction/demolition, agricultural, industrial, and biosolid waste. Hazardous wastes are not accepted. Total capacity of the landfill is 30 million cubic yards, and has a remaining capacity of 10.4 million cubic yards (as of June 2016). The facility accepts a maximum of 1,500 tons per day. As of July 2014, the County of Ventura estimates that Toland Landfill has 14 years of disposal capacity remaining.

Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center

The Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) is in the unincorporated area northwest of the City of Simi Valley. The SVLRC has served Ventura County and the western San Fernando Valley since 1970. The landfill and the property is owned by Waste Management of California. The facility boundary encompasses approximately 887 acres, of which approximately 368 are permitted for waste disposal.

The landfill is a Class III landfill and accepts construction/demolition, industrial, mixed municipal, and sludge (biosolids) waste. Hazardous waste is not accepted. The landfill has a total capacity of 119.6 million cubic yards, and is permitted to accept a total of 9,250 tons of waste per day, including up to 6,000 tons per day of refuse and or recyclable material if the total remains at or below 9,250 tons per day. On average, the SVLRC recycles approximately 25 percent of all accepted waste, which is removed from the waste stream before the waste reaches the landfill. During 2015, SVLRC disposed of a total 862,528 tons of solid waste. Of the total waste, 75 percent originates in Ventura County. As of July 2016, the Landfill has about 67 years of disposal capacity remaining.

Regional Landfills

Two landfills close to Ventura County serve Ventura County businesses and residents.

Calabasas Landfill. The Calabasas Landfill is in Los Angeles County, close to Thousand Oaks. The landfill is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles. The landfill is a Class III landfill and accepts construction/demolition, industrial, mixed municipal, tires, and green material waste. The landfill has a total capacity of 69.3 million cubic yards, with a remaining capacity of 14.5 million cubic yards. The landfill disposes of approximately 950 tons of solid waste per day and has a remaining life of approximately 19.3 years.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The Chiquita Canyon Landfill is in Los Angeles County, approximately ten miles east of Piru in unincorporated Ventura County. The landfill is operated by Chiquita Canyon, Inc. The landfill is as a Class III landfill, and mixed municipal, green materials, construction/demolition, industrial, and inert waste. The landfill has a total capacity of 63.9 million cubic yards, with a remaining capacity of 48.6 million cubic yards (April 2016). In 1997, the landfill was given an expiration date of 2019; as of 2016, the landfill is nearing capacity. A Revised Master Plan for landfill expansion and a Draft EIR are currently being reviewed.

Transfer Stations and Processing Facilities

Transfer stations are facilities that receive, separate, convert, or otherwise process the materials in solid wastes or transfer the solid wastes directly from smaller to larger vehicles for transport and those facilities utilized for transformation. Solid waste can also be temporarily stored at a transfer station before its final disposal. Table 7-5 and Figure 7-5 show the permitted active recycle and transfer facilities in Ventura County, as well as other active solid waste facilities, excluding landfill sites. Two transfer stations in Ventura County serve the cities and the unincorporated area:

- **Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station.** Located at 111 S. Del Norte Avenue in Oxnard, the facility is owned and operated by the City of Oxnard and provides transfer and recycling services of up to 2,779 tons per day.
- **Gold Coast Recycling and Transfer Station.** Located at 5275 Cold Street in Ventura, the facility is owned by Gold Coast Recycling, Incorporated. The facility provides recycling and transfer services of up to 440 tons per day.

Recycling Programs

There are several recycling programs in Ventura County aimed at reducing the amount of waste disposed in landfills described in the following paragraphs.

Recycling Market Development Zone. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program, which supports recycling businesses in California through incentives including low-interest loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing. The County of Ventura is a designated Recycling Market Development Zone; this includes the incorporated cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, and the unincorporated county.

Residential Recycling Program. The Ventura County Public Works Agency maintains a list of residential recyclable items, pursuant to Ventura County Ordinance 4445, Section 4770-1.1. As part of this program the solid waste collectors in the unincorporated areas of the county typically collect mixed recyclables from a curbside recycling barrel, which collects items such as plastics, beverage containers, cartons, glass bottles, paper, and aluminum cans.

Construction, Demolition Debris Reuse and Recycling Program. State law and Ventura County Ordinance 4421 require construction and demolition projects in the unincorporated areas of the county to practice waste prevention. The Ventura County Public Works Agency Integrated Waste Management Division provides forms and instructions related to this program, including lists of authorized solid waste collectors, demolition debris recycling companies, and facilities.

Oil Collection/Recycling. There are over 85 Certified Used Oil Collection Centers in Ventura County; these centers incentivize oil recycling by paying \$0.40 per gallon. Recycling centers are designated for disposal of certain types of oil and/or filters. The different types of oil and filters include motor, agricultural, airport, boat, and re-refined oil.

Recycling Facilities. A number of recycling facilities located in and around the county are available to Ventura County residents. For disposal of miscellaneous recyclable items, such as appliances, refrigerators, tires, and ink and toner cartridges, the County maintains information on disposal locations. CalRecycle also provides information on locations of collection and recycling facilities.

Solid Waste Generation, Diversion, and Landfill Capacity

The current (2016) County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) calculated that landfills in Ventura County have a capacity greater than the targeted 15 years. According to the CIWMP, during the fourth quarter of 2014 and the first three quarters of 2015, 101,506 tons of solid waste were disposed and 65,047 tons were recycled for a diversion rate of 39 percent. According to the CIWMP 2014 Annual Report, the unincorporated area in Ventura County had a diversion rate of 58 percent. Cities and counties within California are currently required to divert 50 percent of all solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities.

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous wastes are materials that have the potential to threaten human health and/or the environment. These wastes may be flammable, toxic, or corrosive and should not be disposed of with non-hazardous solid waste. There are 117 facilities in Ventura County that collect and/or transfer hazardous wastes. These facilities collect different types and combinations of hazardous wastes, with 10 collecting household hazardous waste/electronic waste, four collecting medications, 25 collecting sharps, seven identified as transfer stations, and 84 identified as used oil collection facilities. These facilities are described in Table 7-6.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division administers the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program and the operation of the Pollution Prevention Center, a permanent HHW collection facility which specifically serves residents of the unincorporated area and from the cities of Ojai, Santa Paula, and Fillmore. The county maintains information on permitted household hazardous waste facilities for residents to find out where to drop off various types of household hazardous waste. These wastes may include latex paint, batteries, electronic waste, fluorescent lights, solvents, cleaners, oils, pool chemicals, medication, and more, depending on the location. In 2014, Ventura County collected 2,617,807 pounds of household hazardous waste, equating to 3.12 pounds per capita¹.

Business Hazardous Waste

Businesses are required to safely dispose of hazardous waste. Illegal disposal of hazardous waste, such as dumping in the trash, down storm drains, or abandoning it in alleyways, can result in serious legal ramifications for business owners such as fines and/or jail time. Legally disposing of hazardous wastes can be complicated and costly and business owners will often hire a contractor to dispose of the waste. Ventura County offers several options for certain businesses that make disposal of hazardous waste easier and/or less expensive.

Oil Field Waste

Oil field waste can be disposed of in a variety of ways, including through injection wells that dispose of salt water extracted during the production process. There is one commercial injection well operating in Ventura County, a Class II well located just east of the Oxnard city limits on Wooley Road. This facility is operated by Anterra, which also treats and disposes other oil field waste on the site. In addition to the Anterra commercial facility, there are over 400 privately-operated injection wells in Ventura County.

¹ 2014/2015 Household Hazardous Waste collection statistics were reported as a single joint total on Form 303 submittals for Los Angeles/Orange/Riverside/San Diego/Ventura counties. The individual county totals were estimated by dividing the reporting total by each county's respective percentage.

**TABLE 7-6
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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
1	AAMCO Transmission	531 E Ventura Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
2	AutoZone #2832	9459 Telephone Rd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
3	AutoZone #4167	1774 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
4	AutoZone #5712	658 W Ventura St	Fillmore	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
5	AutoZone #5714	2411 Saviers Rd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
6	AutoZone #5715	600 N Ventura Rd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
7	AutoZone #5716	159 E Harvard Blvd	Santa Paula	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
8	AutoZone #5717	2375 Sycamore Dr.	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
9	AutoZone #5718	2288 Tapo St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
10	AutoZone #5719	2610 E Main St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
11	AutoZone #6211	2291 Pickwick Dr Ste B	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
12	AutoZone #6391	2051 N Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
13	Camarillo Car Wash	4007 Adolfo Rd	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
14	Camarillo Patrol Station	3701 Las Posas Rd	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Medication Collection
15	Camarillo Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility	880 Verdulera St	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Sharps Collection
16	Camarillo Recycling	532 Dawson Dr Ste 2	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station
17	City of Camarillo	880 Verdulera St	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection
18	City of Santa Paula	903 Corporation Ave.	Santa Paula	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection
19	Conejo Valley 76	420 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
20	Conejo Valley Medical Family Group	125 W Thousand Oaks Blvd Ste 300	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
21	Dave's	1404 Anchors Way Dr	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
22	DCH Toyota of Oxnard	1631 Auto Center Dr	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
23	Del Norte Regional Recycling AND Transfer Station	111 S Del Norte Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Transfer

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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
					Station, Used Oil Collection
24	Dobs Brake and Auto	330 S Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
25	Fillmore Medical Plaza	852 W Ventura St	Fillmore	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
26	Fillmore Patrol Station	524 Sespe Ave	Fillmore	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
27	Firestone Store #67C5	321 S Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
28	Firestone Store #67E1	1256 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
29	Firestone Store #67E2	1100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
30	Firestone Store #67E4	200 S California St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
31	Firestone Store #67E7	261 Arneill Rd	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
32	Firestone Store #67T8	598 W Hillcrest Dr	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
33	Gabriels Imports	65 Baldwin Rd	Ojai	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
34	GI Rubbish	195 W Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station
35	Gold Coast Recycling Facility	5275 Colt St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station, Used Oil Collection
36	Hill's Automotive	1560 S Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
37	Honda of Oxnard	1500 E Ventura Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
38	Honda of Thousand Oaks	3925 Automotive Drive	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
39	Jiffy Lube #0681	2905 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
40	Jiffy Lube #1324	1098 E Thompson Blvd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
41	Jiffy Lube #1575	101 W Esplanade Dr	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
42	Jiffy Lube #2888	797 W Los Angeles Ave	Moorpark	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
43	Jiffy Lube #3098	611 S Rose Ave	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
44	Jiffy Lube #3264	55 W Daily Dr	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
45	Jiffy Lube #678	1515 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
46	Jiffy Lube, #3232	1695 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
47	Jiffy Lube-Fillmore	707 W Ventura St	Fillmore	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
48	Jim Sharp Auto Repair	5577 Saviers Rd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
49	Kemp Ford	Thousand Oaks Boulevard	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection

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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
50	Kirby Auto Group - Kia of Ventura	6424 Auto Center Dr	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
51	Kirby Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Simi Valley	2350 1st St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
52	Las Islas Family Medical Group	2400 South C St	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
53	Las Islas Urgent Care	325 W Channel Islands Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
54	Lister's Autocare	429 N Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
55	Los Robles Hospital	215 W Janss Rd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
56	Magnolia Family Medical Clinic	2240 E Gonzales Rd Ste #100	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
57	Meineke Car Care Econo Lube	4519 Telephone Rd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
58	Moorpark Family Care Clinic	612 Spring Rd # A	Moorpark	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
59	Moorpark Patrol Station	610 Spring Rd	Moorpark	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
60	Mountain View Tire/Goodyear-Camarillo	57 W Daily Dr	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
61	Mountain View Tire/Goodyear-Oxnard	2341 E Vineyard Ave	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
62	Mountain View Tire/Goodyear-Ventura	477 S Mills Rd Unit B	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
63	Nissan of Thousand Oaks	3755 Auto Mall Dr	Westlake Village	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
64	O'Reilly Auto Parts #1547	2780 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
65	O'Reilly Auto Parts #2685	147 W Main St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
66	O'Reilly Auto Parts #2737	151 E Gonzales Rd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
66	O'Reilly Auto Parts #2737	1941 N Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
67	O'Reilly Auto Parts #3056	2706 Saviers Rd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
68	O'Reilly Auto Parts #3129	275 W Harvard Blvd	Santa Paula	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
69	O'Reilly Auto Parts #3590	4225 E Main St Unit 1	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
70	O'Reilly Auto Parts #3616	1239 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
71	O'Reilly Auto Parts #3680	367 Carmen Dr	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection

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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
72	Oak View CTRs for Family Health	655 Ventura Ave	Oak View	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
73	Oil Stop-Camarillo	400 Las Posas Rd	Camarillo	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
74	Ojai Patrol Station	402 S Ventura St	Ojai	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
75	Ojai Valley Hospital	1306 Maricopa Hwy	Ojai	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
76	Oxnard Hyundai	1601 E Ventura Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
77	Oxnard Public Health	2500 S C St # B-1	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
78	Pep Boys #619	660 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
79	Pep Boys #650	939 S Oxnard Blvd	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
80	Pep Boys #692	4001 E Main St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
81	Pep Boys #739	2099 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
82	Pep Boys Store #1401	2705 E Thompson Blvd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
83	Rusnak Westlake Porsche	3839 Auto Mall Dr	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
84	Santa Clara River Valley Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility	743 Sespe Ave	Fillmore	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Sharps Collection
85	Santa Paula Chevrolet	101 West Harvard Blvd	Santa Paula	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
86	Santa Paula Clinic	1334 E Main St	Santa Paula	Collection/Transfer	Medication Collection, Sharps Collection
87	Scandinavian Service	2001 Donville Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
88	Shaver Automotive Group	3888 E Thousand Oaks Blvd	Westlake Village	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
89	Sierra Vista Family Medical CTR	1227 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
90	Silver Star A.G. Ltd	3905 Auto Mall Dr	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
91	Silver Star Cadillac, Land Rover, Lexus	3601 Auto Mall Dr	Westlake Village	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
92	Simi Lube Oil	1940 5th St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
93	Simi Quick Lube Oil	5956 E Los Angeles Ave Ste 7	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection

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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
94	Simi Valley Base Inc - Simi Valley	240 W Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station
95	Simi Valley HHW Facility	500 W Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Sharps Collection
96	Simi Valley Landfill/Recycling	2801 N Madera Rd	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station
97	Simi Valley Patrol Station	3901 Alamo St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
98	Simi Valley Public Health	1133 E Los Angeles Ave # B	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
99	Simi Valley Recycling	400 W Los Angeles Ave # A	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Transfer Station
100	Texaco Xpress Lube-Ventura	4624 Telephone Rd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
101	Thousand Oaks Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility	1993 Rancho Conejo Blvd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Sharps Collection
102	Thousand Oaks PHHWCF	2010 Conejo Center Dr	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection
103	Thousand Oaks Police Dept.	2101 E Olsen Rd	Thousand Oaks	Collection/Transfer	Medication Collection
104	Tito`s Automotive	1311 Commercial Ave	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
105	Ventura County Pollution Prevention CTR	5777 N Ventura Ave	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Used Oil Collection
106	Ventura Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility	5275 Colt St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	HHW/E-waste Collection, Medication Collection, Sharps Collection
107	Ventura Public Health	3147 Loma Vista Rd	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
108	Ventura Toyota	6360 Auto Center Dr	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
109	Ventura Volkswagen	3650 E Main St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
110	Victor`s Auto Electric	1210 Los Angeles Ave	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
111	Vista Ford of Oxnard	1501 Auto Center Dr	Oxnard	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
112	Vista Honda	6450 Auto Center Dr	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection

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No.	Facility Name	Address	City	Activity Category	Activities
113	West County Patrol Station (Headquarters)	800 S Victoria Ave	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
114	West Ventura Family Care Clinic	133 West Santa Clara St	Ventura	Collection/Transfer	Sharps Collection
115	Westlake Mazda/Volkswagen	3500 Auto Mall Dr	Westlake Village	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
116	WmL Morris Chevrolet	1001 Cochran St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
117	Xpress Lube Service Center	4560 E Los Angeles Ave	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection
117	Xpress Lube Service Center	2170 1st St	Simi Valley	Collection/Transfer	Used Oil Collection

Source: CalRecycle, Facility Information Toolbox (FacIT), Detailed Facility Search, <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/FacIT/Facility/Search.aspx#LIST>.

Key Terms

Electronic “E” Waste. Discarded electric appliances, including computers, computer monitors, TVs, printers and electronic parts which are prohibited from solid waste landfills.

Hazardous Waste. Discarded items with properties that make it dangerous or capable of having a harmful effect on human health or the environment; often designated hazardous due to the concentration of chemical content.

Household Hazardous Waste. Leftover household products that are corrosive, toxic, could catch fire, or explode under certain circumstances, including paints, cleaning chemicals, solvents, fluorescent light bulbs, non-commercial pesticides, insecticides, and motor oil.

Industrial Waste. Solid or liquid material that is discarded from industrial facilities.

Solid Waste. Any discarded material, solid or semisolid, nonsoluble material (including gases and liquids in containers) such as agricultural refuse, demolition waste, industrial waste, mining residues, municipal garbage, and sewage sludge.

Waste Generation Rates. The amount solid waste generated. These rates are used to assess the annual anticipated landfill volume used.

Regulatory Setting

State

California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 27 Sections 21600 through 21900, and Title 13 Sections 17850 to 17869

Title 27 Sections 21600 through 21900 regulate solid and hazardous waste transfer and disposal facilities in the County of Ventura and are regulated jointly by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (RWQCB) and CalRecycle. Title 13 Sections 17850 to 17869 regulate compost facilities in the County of Ventura and are also jointly regulated. Permit requests and reports of waste discharge and reports and disposal site information are submitted to the RWQCB and CalRecycle, respectively, and are used by the two agencies to review, permit, and monitor these facilities. Both the RWQCB and CalRecycle regulate facilities individually and through local enforcement agencies staffed by County of Ventura employees. In Ventura County, the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is the County Environmental Health Division Solid Waste Program. The Ventura County Public Works Agency and the Integrated Waste Management Division assist in supporting the solid waste landfill diversion goals and operate the solid waste landfills within the county.

AB 341, Chesbro (Chapter 476, Statutes of 2011)

Mandates commercial recycling and regulation, requiring businesses to recycle and jurisdictions to implement programs to regulate the recycling through education, outreach, and monitoring. The Statute sets a statewide goal of 75 percent disposal reduction by the year 2020; the requirement of disposal reduction for jurisdictions remains at 50 percent.

AB 1826 Chesbro (Chapter 727, Statutes of 2014)

Requires local jurisdictions throughout California to implement an organic waste recycling program for businesses to divert organic waste (organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste). The law will be phased in, with milestone dates between 2016 and 2021, detailing when jurisdictions must provide information about their organic waste recycling programs to CalRecycle for review.

AB 1594 Williams (Chapter 719, Statutes of 2014)

Mandates that jurisdictions can no longer include green material as alternative daily cover (ADC) when determining their diversion rate; instead, the green material will be considered disposal in terms of the jurisdiction's 50 percent per capita disposal rate. The Bill includes milestone dates between 2017 and 2024, outlining the various stages of reporting requirements.

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers solid and hazardous waste disposal and recycling in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.4 includes goals, policies, and programs related to solid and hazardous waste disposal and recycling. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to solid and hazardous waste disposal and recycling:

- Coastal Area Plan;
- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan; and
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for solid and hazardous waste disposal and recycling. These can be found in Sections 29c. Waste Treatment & Disposal Facilities – Solid Waste Management and 29d. Waste Treatment & Disposal Facilities – Solid Waste Facilities.

Ventura County Ordinances No. 4421, No. 4445, No. 4156, and No. 4423.

Regulate solid waste management in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Ventura County Environmental Health Division's Solid Waste Program is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for solid waste in the County. LEA staff serve Ventura County residents by ensuring the safe handling and proper disposal of residential and commercial solid waste. Staff inspect, permit, and monitor the operation of solid waste facilities such as landfills, waste transfer processing stations, composting operations, and

chipping/grinding operations. Staff respond to complaints of illegal solid waste disposal and perform related investigations.

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SECTION 7.4 UTILITIES

Introduction

This section provides information natural gas, electric services, and telecommunications utilities in Ventura County.

Major Findings

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) monitors mobile and wireline broadband throughout the county. Mobile phone service in Ventura County is considered underserved at best, and unserved in many unincorporated areas. Wireline service, including DSL and cable, is considered limited in many unincorporated areas, especially in the north half of the county.
- Utility electric generation accounts for over 50 percent of the natural gas used in Ventura County.

Existing Conditions

Electrical Services

Generation Facilities

Electricity in Ventura County is primarily produced by the Southern California Edison Company. The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Central Valley Project also provides some electricity to the agricultural water pump sector, as defined by the California Energy Commission. Table 7-7 shows the usage and sale of electricity in 2013 and 2014 in Ventura County by user type. All residential electricity was produced by Southern California Edison and averaged 6,580 kWh per account in 2013 and 6,491 kWh per account in 2014.

Table 7-8 shows the operational electrical power facilities generating more than 0.1 MW as of 2016, excluding USBR generation facilities, but including 27 Southern California Edison power plants in Ventura County. As of 2016, there are no new facilities planned for or under construction in the county.

In addition to the above, the expansion of renewable energy (e.g., photovoltaic [solar] electrical energy generation) is increasing in the county. In 2016, the County of Ventura completed a photovoltaic project in one of the parking lots at the Government Center in Ventura. The project is expected to reduce the amount of electricity used at the Government Center by 10 percent and will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Natural Gas

The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is the largest distributor of natural gas nationwide. SoCalGas provides service to all the cities and communities in Ventura County and owns natural gas transmission lines that run throughout Ventura County. According to the California Energy Commission, in 2015, residential natural gas sales in Ventura County totaled over 93 million therms, and total sales exceeded 350 million therms. Based on a countywide population of 840,000, this would equate to approximately 111 therms of natural gas used per person in 2015. In comparison, Santa Barbara County residential gas usage totaled 49 million therms, or 111 therms of natural gas per person, and Los Angeles County residential gas usage totaled 1,084 million therms, or 106 therms per person. Table 7-9 shows the natural gas sales in Ventura County for 2014 and 2015 by user type. Note that utility electric generation accounts for over 50 percent of the natural gas used in Ventura County.

**TABLE 7-7
ELECTRICAL END-USE CONSUMPTION (KWH TOTALS)
Ventura County
2013-2014**

Type of Use	Agency	2013			2014		
		Number of Accounts	Total Sales (KWH)	Percentage of Total Sales	Number of Accounts	Total Sales (KWH)	Percentage of Total Sales
Ag with Water Pump	Southern California Edison	3,155	285,812,899	5.6%	3,627	311,655,304	6.0%
Ag with Water Pump	USBR WAPA Central Valley Project	12	16,582,000	0.3%	12	10,313,000	0.2%
Commercial	Southern California Edison	30,187	1,762,557,019	34.7%	30,425	1,794,138,481	34.8%
Industrial	Southern California Edison	1,930	579,045,253	11.4%	1,942	596,529,172	11.6%
Mining	Southern California Edison	1,520	383,941,597	7.6%	1,540	401,988,362	7.8%
Residential	Southern California Edison	255,802	1,683,346,234	33.1%	256,555	1,665,304,869	32.3%
Street lighting	Southern California Edison	1,727	26,667,462	0.5%	1,669	24,621,697	0.5%
Transportation, Communication, and Utility	Southern California Edison	3,391	241,341,435	4.7%	3,384	239,860,223	4.6%
Unclassified	Southern California Edison	12,116	104,595,165	2.1%	13,677	114,540,066	2.2%
Total		309,840	5,083,899,064	100.0%	312,832	5,158,951,174	100.0%

Source: California Energy Commission, 2013-2014.

**TABLE 7-8
OPERATIONAL POWER FACILITIES
Ventura County, 2016**

Plant Name	Owner	Fuel Type	Net MW Reported
Camrosa Water District	Southern California Edison	Hydro	0.15
CI Power Cogeneration Plant (OLS Camarillo)	Southern California Edison	Gas	31.2
City of Ventura – Eastside WTR Renovation	Southern California Edison	Gas	0.548
Conejo	Southern California Edison	Hydro	0.55
County of Ventura, Government Center	County of Ventura	Solar	1
County of Ventura, Juvenile Justice Center	County of Ventura	Solar	1
County of Ventura, Moorpark Wastewater Treatment Plant	County of Ventura	Solar	1.1
County of Ventura, Todd Road Jail	County of Ventura	Solar	1
Doubletree Hotel	Southern California Edison	Gas	0.2
EF Oxnard Inc.	Southern California Edison	Gas	48.5
Houweling Nurseries	Southern California Edison	Gas	13.05
Mandalay Generating Station	Southern California Edison	Gas	573.33
McGrath Peaker	Southern California Edison	Gas	49
New-Indy Containerboard Ontario (formerly Oxnard Paper Mill)	Southern California Edison	Gas	29
One Miracle Property, LLC	Southern California Edison	Solar	0.75
Ormond Beach Generating Station	Southern California Edison	Gas	1612.8
Oxnard High School	Southern California Edison	Gas	0.12
Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Southern California Edison	Digester Gas	1.5
Procter & Gamble – Oxnard	Southern California Edison	Solar	1
Rincon Facility	Southern California Edison	Gas	3
Rockwell Intl.	Southern California Edison	Gas	28
Rockwell Intl. -Kalina	Southern California Edison	Gas	3.5
Santa Felicia	Southern California Edison	Hydro	1.42
Santa Rosa	Southern California Edison	Hydro	0.25
Simi Valley Landfill	Southern California Edison	Landfill Gas	2.7
Springville Reservoir	Southern California Edison	Hydro	1
Sune – Oxnard	Southern California Edison	Solar	2.7
The Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co.	Southern California Edison	Gas	69.8
Toland Road Landfill (Ventura)	Southern California Edison	Landfill Gas	2.25
US Government, Naval Engineering Command	Southern California Edison	Gas	0.8
Total Electricity Generated			2,478.22

Source: California Energy Commission, California Operational Power Plants, April 2016.

**TABLE 7-9
NATURAL GAS END-USE CONSUMPTION
Ventura County
2014-2015**

Type of Use	2014			2015		
	Number of Customers	Sales (Therms)	Percentage of Total Sales	Number of Customers	Sales (Therms)	Percentage of Total Sales
Ag with Water Pump	157	5,263,176	1.6%	153	4,997,558	1.4%
Commercial	8,077	29,010,346	8.8%	8,165	29,324,532	8.2%
Industrial	762	25,586,975	7.8%	756	27,271,557	7.6%
Mining	289	4,063,520	1.2%	285	2,774,000	0.8%
Residential	238,448	93,507,905	28.4%	239,499	94,002,203	26.3%
Transportation, Communication, and Utility	164	3,559,871	1.1%	156	3,707,114	1.0%
Utility Electric Generation ¹	16	168,201,148	51.0%	15	193,113,407	54.1%
Unclassified	53	516,155	0.2%	69	2,012,899	0.6%
Total	247,966	329,709,096	100.0%	249,096	357,203,270	100.0%

¹Includes gas sales and transportation for co-generation.

Source: California Energy Commission Data 2014-2015.

Telecommunications

The telecommunications and digital industries have experienced significant growth in the past two decades, both in the number of services provided and dependency upon those services. According to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), telecommunications services include basic phone; long distance; Internet, including broadband and wireless; enhanced specialized mobile radio (ESMR); personal communication services (PCS) (i.e., messaging and data transfer service such as paging).; and paging systems.

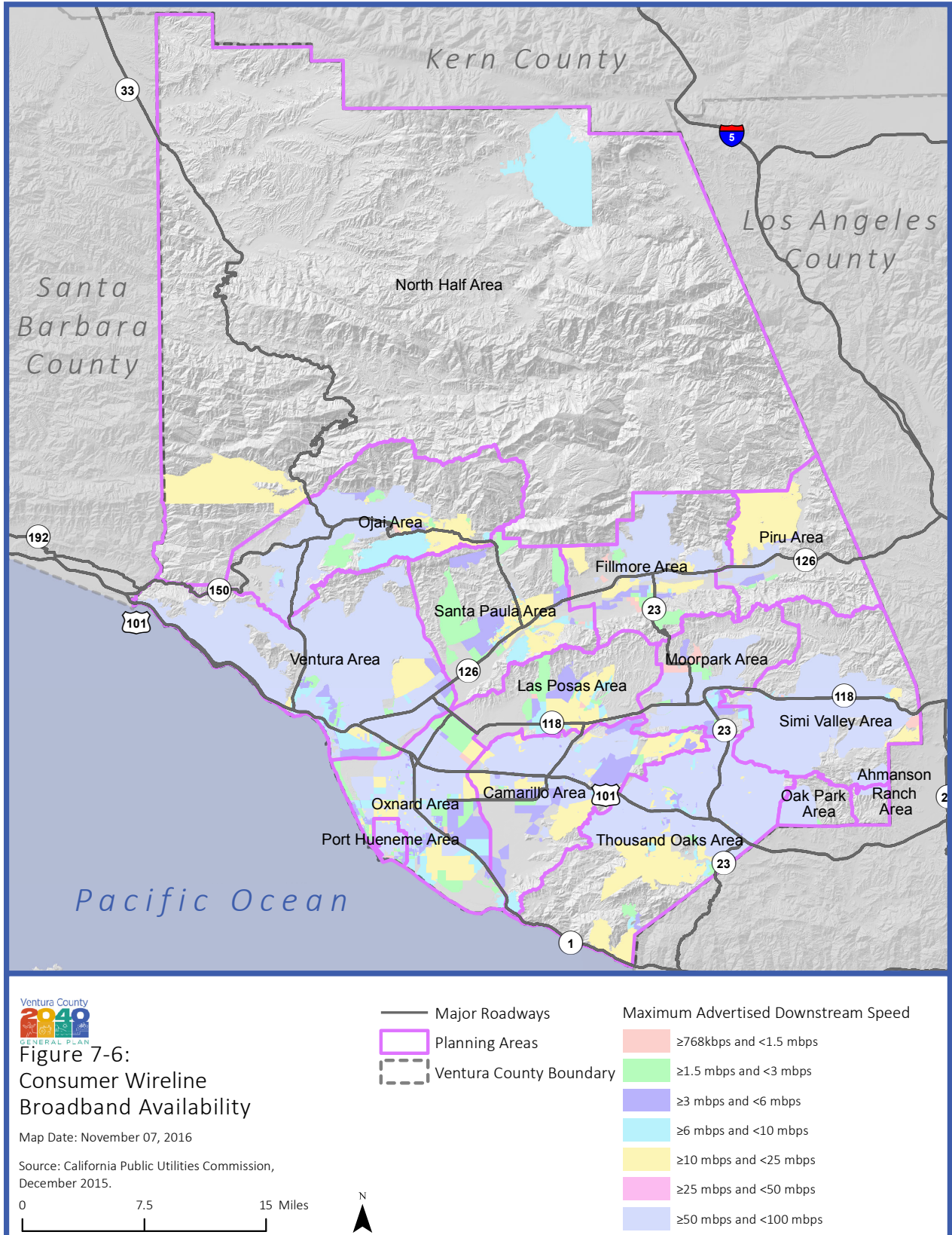
The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) maintains a Utility Contact System Database, which lists all certified telecommunication carriers. The CPUC also provides an Interactive Broadband Map, which shows coverage of broadband providers. The interactive map can be viewed at <http://www.broadbandmap.ca.gov/>.

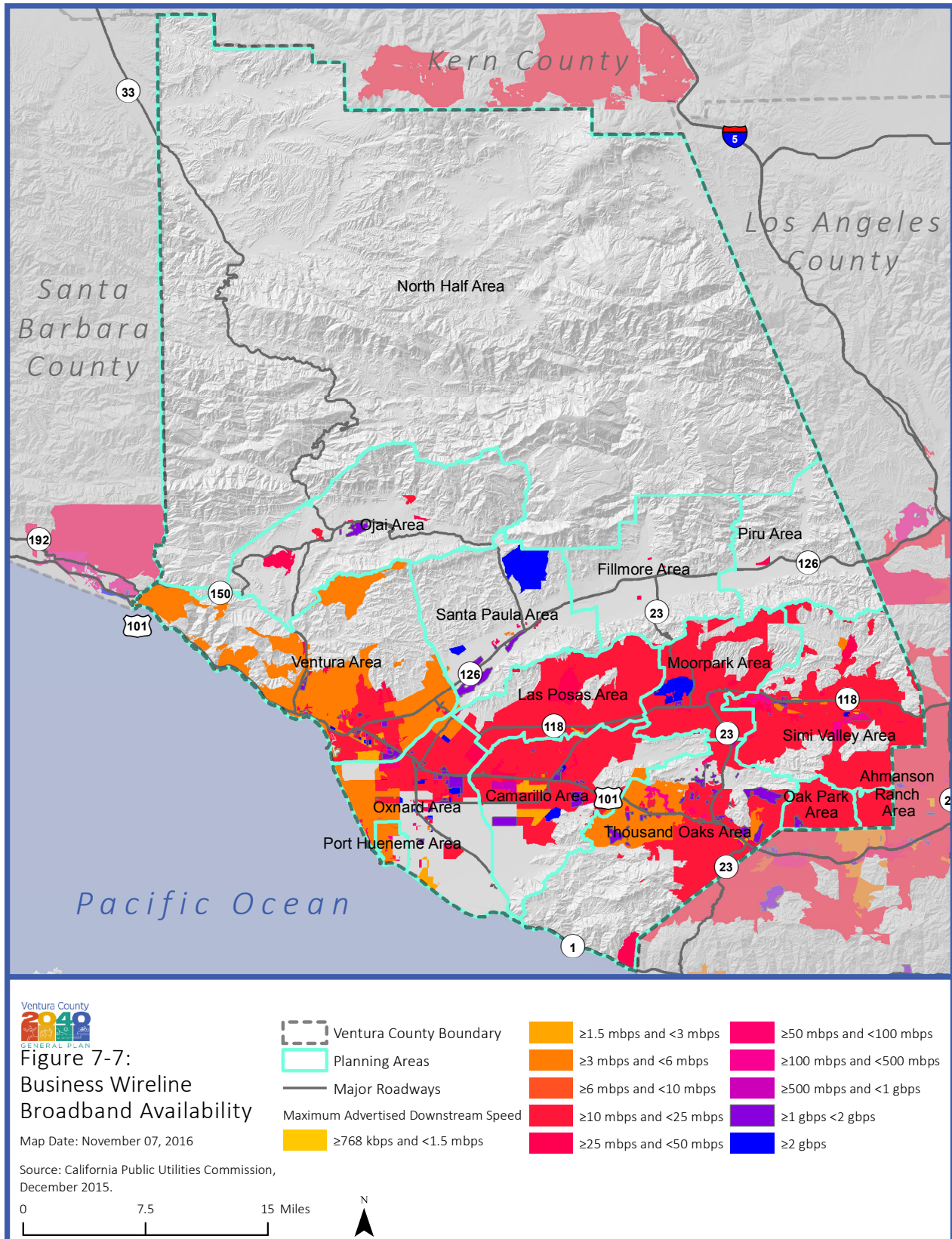
The Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast (BCPC) has also conducted analyses on broadband service in the county; one analysis was completed in April 2016, followed by an update in June 2016 that used additional information provided by certain jurisdictions, and minor updates and corrections to underlying broadband infrastructure database and a refinement of some calculations. All six companies that provide telecommunications services file regular availability, technology, and service level reports with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which is then provided to the CPUC. The BCPC uses the CPUC data and further supplements it with census data to measure coverage by county, and reported findings specific to commercial/industrial areas use an aggregate Star rating system for cities and census blocks. The BCPC looks at San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Ventura County as a region, and according to their findings, broadband availability and coverage claimed by telephone and cable companies are relatively higher in Ventura County than in the other two counties in the region.

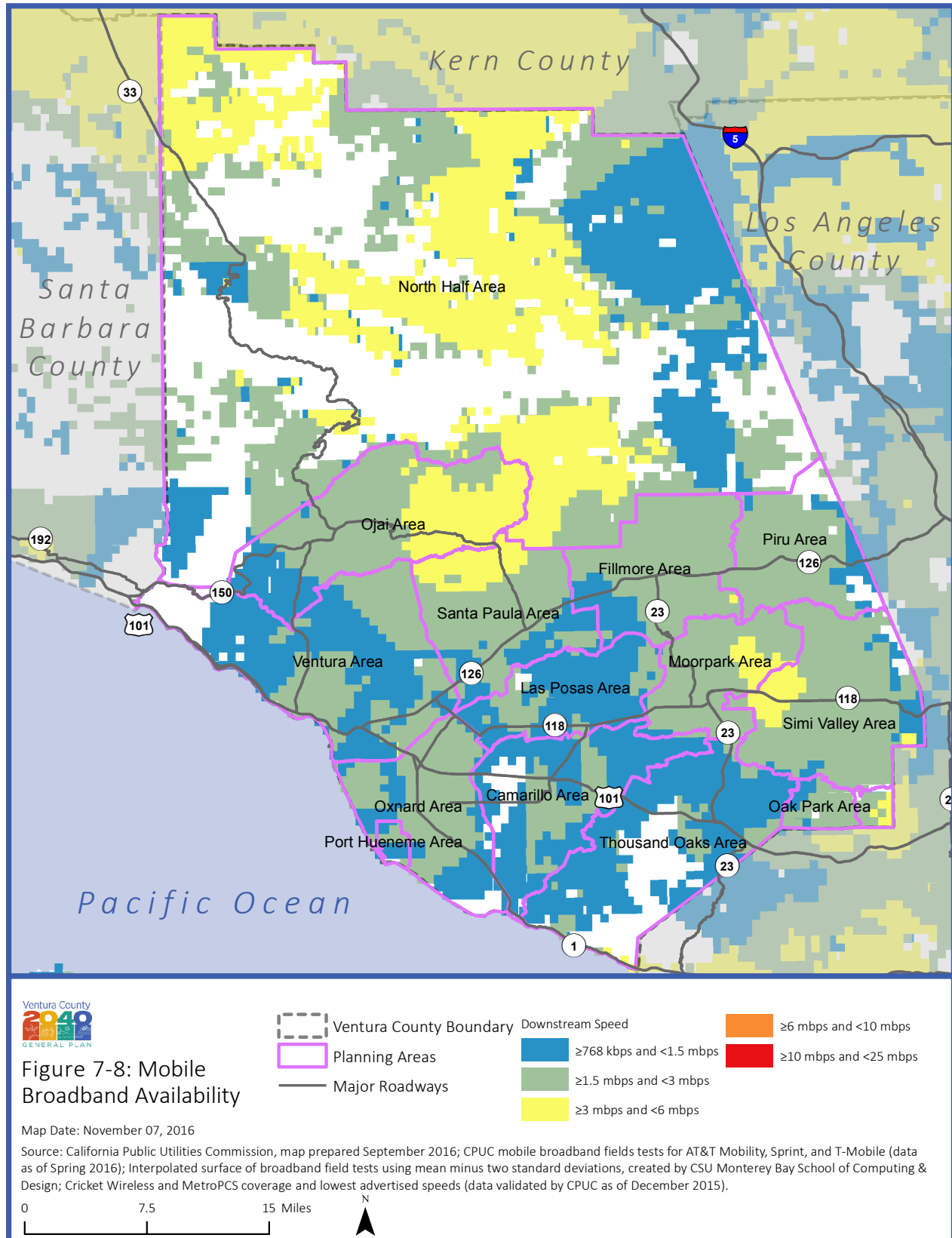
The CPUC defines broadband by the definition provided by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA); by this definition, broadband is a "two-way data transmission to and from the Internet with advertised speeds of at least 768 kilobits per second (kbps) downstream and at least 200 kbps upstream to end users." The CPUC provides two kinds of mapped data depicting broadband services: service availability and service status (areas where broadband is available, but where access is limited due to relatively slow download and upload speeds). Within these two categories, information is provided showing types of broadband services. These types include wireline (technology that uses wires or cables to physically connect the provider with the user, such as DSL, Cable Modem, or DSL), fixed wireless (which uses radio waves to connect providers and a fixed location, this is not available in Ventura County), and mobile (such as cell phone or other devices that are mobile and not used at a fixed location).

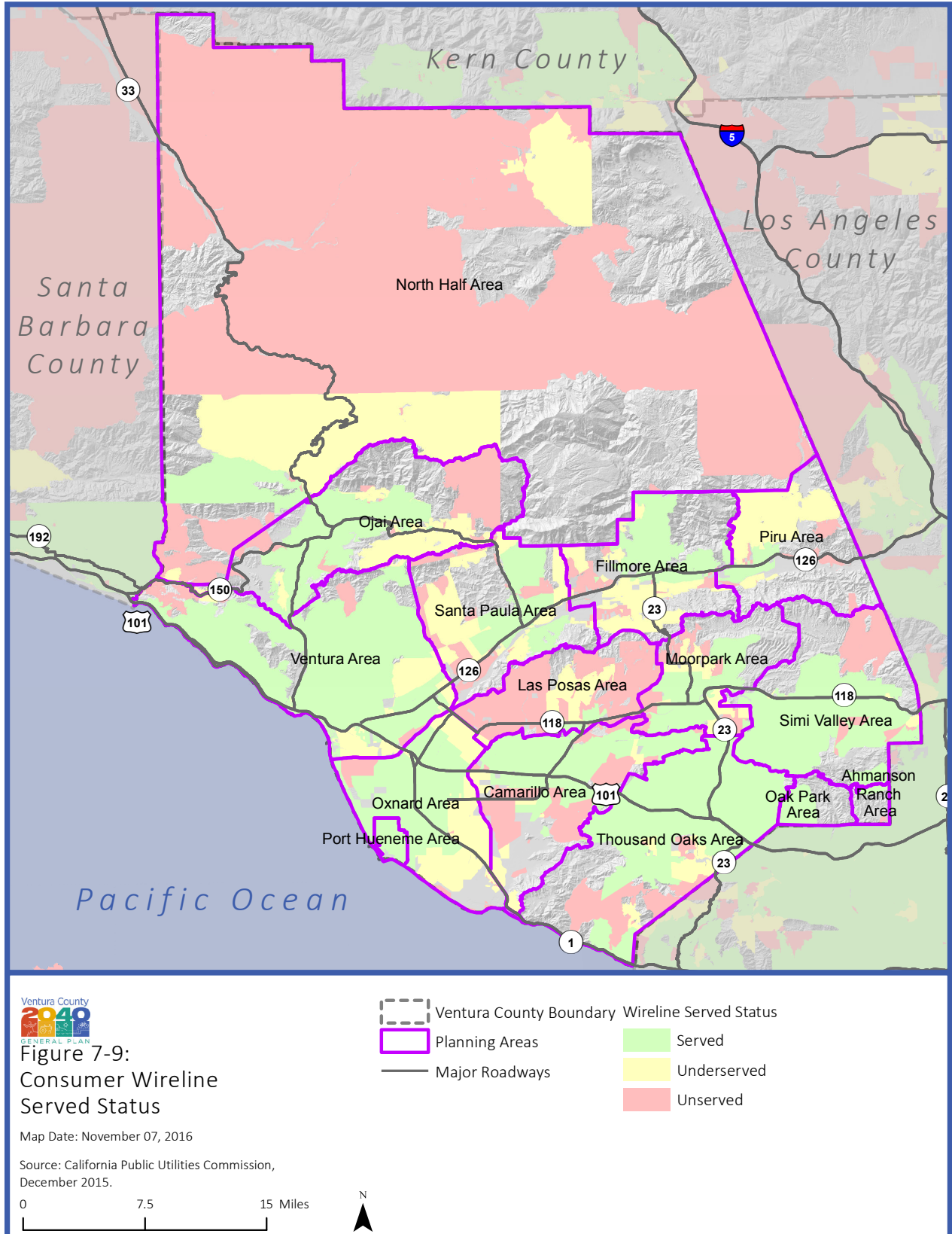
Availability

The availability and served-status for broadband throughout the county are shown in Figures 7-6 through 7-10. These figures, using data provided by CPUC from 2015 and 2016, illustrate areas in the county that may need improved access to services, especially wireline broadband in the northernmost areas of the county and other unincorporated areas.









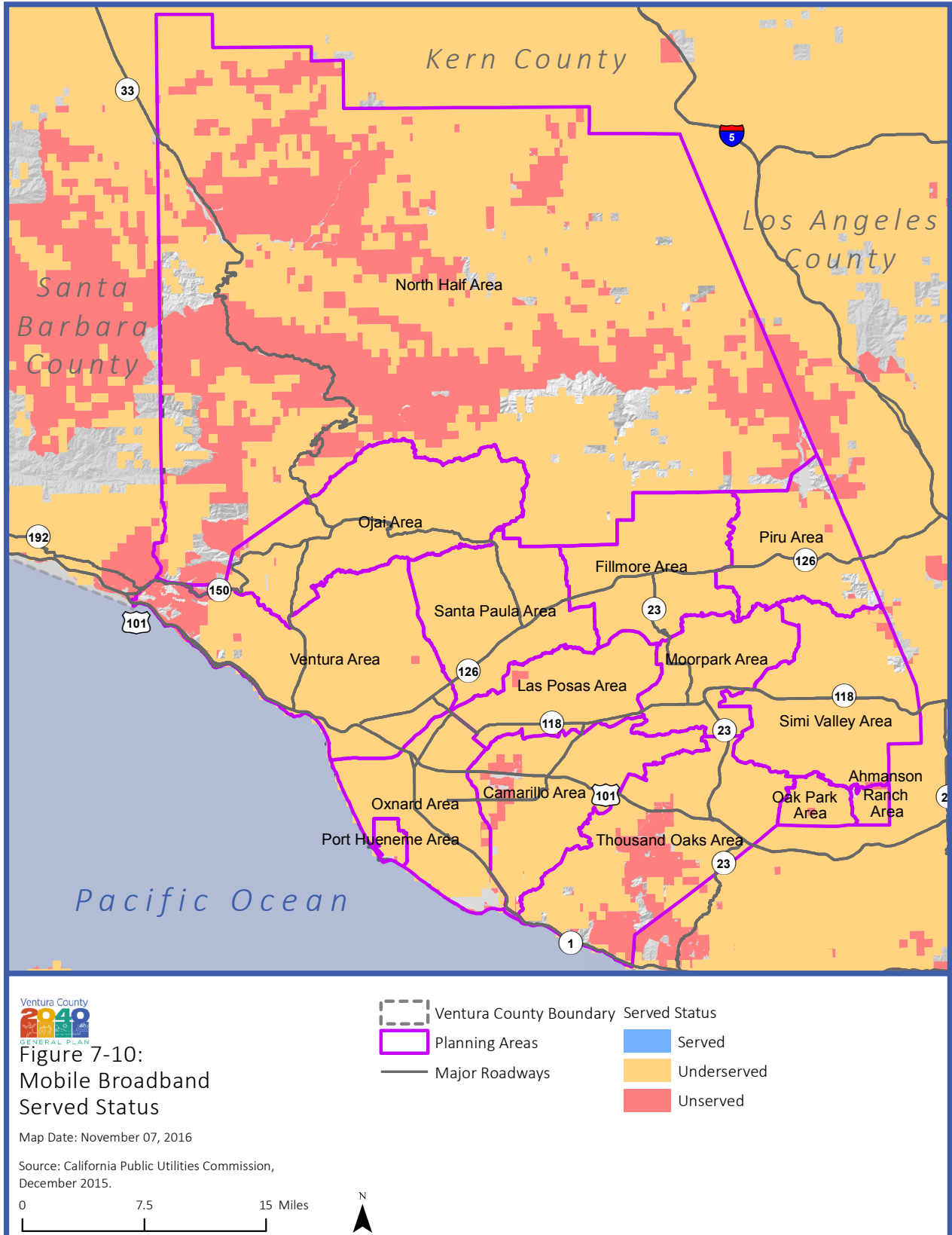


Figure 7-6 shows the availability of wireline to consumers, and Figure 7-7 shows availability of wireline to businesses. Wireline broadband is generally available in the southern part of the county, with limited access in the northern half to consumers and none to businesses in the northern half. Figure 7-8 shows the availability of mobile broadband in the county. Most of the county has mobile broadband availability, with exceptions of limited areas of the northern half of the county.

Figure 7-9 and Figure 7-10 define areas as served, underserved, unserved areas with households, or areas without households. A served area is defined by the CPUC as having downstream speeds of at least 6 megabits per second (mbps) and upstream speeds of at least 1.5 mbps. Underserved areas are defined by the CPUC as those where broadband is available, but advertised speeds are less than 6 mbps downstream and 1.5 mbps upstream. Areas defined by the CPUC as unserved are those with no service, or service slower than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream. Figure 7-9 shows the served-status of consumer wireline broadband; served status is largely available in the southern half of the county, with large unserved areas with households in the northern half of the county. Data on served-status of wireline for businesses is not provided. Figure 7-10 shows the served-status of mobile broadband. Nearly all the county is categorized as underserved, with some areas of the northern half and the southern border between Ventura and Los Angeles counties identified as unserved areas with households.

While Figures 7-6 through 7-10 show the geographic representation of broadband service as provided by the CPUC, the BCPC analysis provides figures for homes and businesses served. The BCPC estimated (2016) that nearly all homes in Ventura County have some level of broadband service, with 95 percent covered by a telephone company and 99 percent covered by a cable company; these rates are relatively higher than those in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

The BCPC uses two systems for rating broadband services. The first system uses letter grades, and assesses infrastructure and services relatively by census blocks, and the second uses an aggregate star rating system which builds on the first grading system and assesses broadband services in commercial and industrial areas.

The letter grading system for evaluation of statewide infrastructure and service uses the following rubric:

- A: Two competing providers, both advertising maximum download speeds of at least 25 Mbps and maximum download speeds of 6 Mbps, or 3 or more competing providers offering that standard of service in combination.
- B: Competing providers, both advertising maximum download speeds of at least 10 Mbps and maximum upload speeds of 6 Mbps.
- C: Competing providers, one advertising max down/up speeds of at least 10/6 Mbps and the remainder meeting CPUC's minimum 6 down/1.5 up standard.
- D: At least one provider advertising speeds that meet the CPUC's minimum standards of 6 Mbps down and 1.5 Mbps up.
- F: At least one provider offers service, but no service is available that meets the CPUC's minimum standard of 6 Mbps down and 1.5 Mbps up (meets CPUC's definition of underserved).
- F-: No broadband service available (meets CPUC's definition of unserved).

The grades “A” and “B” are given to areas with service that is superior to the California average. A “C” represents the most prevalent infrastructure and corresponding levels statewide, or the statewide average for broadband services and underlying infrastructure. A “D” meets minimum service standards set by the CPUC. An “F” indicates full or partial failure, which also indicates that the area is eligible for infrastructure construction subsidies from the CPUC. Each census block is given a grade, and then the grade points are tallied, weighted by population, and averaged to give grades to defined areas. Each city and unincorporated Census Designated Place (CDP) receives a grade, and the rest of the unincorporated county is given an aggregate grade defined as “Rest of Ventura County.” Table 7-10 shows the number of census blocks in each aggregate location and their grade; both incorporated and unincorporated locations are included for context. Overall, there is a wide range of grades for the different locations. Seven CDPs included census blocks that received “A’s,” and five blocks received “C’s”; however most of the unincorporated area received a grade “D” or lower. Outside of the CDPs, 71 percent of the census blocks in the unincorporated county, or “Rest of Ventura County,” received the lowest grade of “F-.”

The second rating system focuses on business-focused facilities and services. For this rating system, areas are defined by census blocks, using a centroid inside of commercial and/or industrial zones, since census blocks and zone boundaries do not coincide. Not all parcels within a census block necessarily have the same access to broadband services, but the basic infrastructure is present. The methodology for the BCPC star rating considered four categories of service types:

- Commercial grade commodity Internet service: sometimes referred to as “business class” packages, these services resemble retail services offered to residences in terms of upload and download speeds, but are typically more expensive and may meet higher quality of service standards. This service is delivered via primary infrastructure—telephone or cable systems.
- Enhanced commercial grade broadband service: any fiber-based service that supports a minimum upload speed of 10 Mbps. This service may be referred to as “megabit class fiber” service, and may include standard Internet access at the minimum speed or better, or provide a high bandwidth connection between two points without necessarily connecting to the Internet.
- Industrial grade broadband service: similar to the megabit class fiber service, but provides symmetrical connections at a minimum speed of 1 Gbps.
- Dark fiber: can support bi-directional speeds well above the 10 Terabit per second range. The customer rents the fiber optic strands between two points, and is responsible for providing the electronics and any other connectivity that is required, for example, Internet bandwidth.

The star rating system, as it relates to the grade rating system and above four categories, is explained as:

- Zero Stars: No fiber-to-the premise infrastructure is present and primary infrastructure grade is “F” or “D,” indicating there is either no business class service available at all or there is only one primary carrier offering service of any kind.
- 1 Star: Business class service is available from a primary carrier and a second primary carrier offers service that meets CPUC minimum standards (i.e., a primary infrastructure grade of at least “C”) or megabit class service is available and the primary infrastructure grade is “D.”
- 2 Stars: Primary infrastructure grade is at least a “C” and megabit class service is available or primary infrastructure grade is at least a “D” and gigabit class service is available.
- 3 Stars: Primary infrastructure grade is at least a “C” and gigabit class service is available or primary infrastructure grade is at least a “D” and megabit and gigabit class service is available.

- 4 Stars: the primary infrastructure grade is at least a “C” and both megabit and gigabit class service is available.
- 5 Stars: meets the criteria for 4 Stars and open access dark fiber is available on standardized and published terms.

TABLE 7-10 BROADBAND CONSORTIUM OF THE PACIFIC COAST, COMMUNITY GRADES Ventura County, 2016								
Location	Unincorporated	A	B	C	D	F	F-	Total
Bell Canyon CDP	Unincorporated			14	4		3	21
Camarillo, City of	City	590			326	16	44	976
Casa Conejo CDP	Unincorporated	32			12			47
Channel Islands Beach CDP	Unincorporated				52		2	54
El Rio CDP	Unincorporated	49			7		1	57
Fillmore, City of	City				239	1	6	246
Lake Sherwood CDP	Unincorporated					19	13	32
Meiners Oaks CDP	Unincorporated	3		25	51			79
Mira Monte CDP	Unincorporated	6		30	121			157
Moorpark, City of	City	18		198	188	6	62	466
Oak Park CDP	Unincorporated	13		94	13			120
Oak View CDP	Unincorporated	1			68			69
Ojai, City of	City	17		57	99		1	174
Oxnard, City of	City	1,331			1,074	28	69	2,502
Piru CDP	Unincorporated				47	4	28	79
Port Hueneme, City of	City	69			316	2	13	400
Ventura, City of	City	15		192	1,192	49	130	1,578
Santa Paula, City of	City				382	5	16	403
Santa Rosa Valley CDP	Unincorporated				54		28	82
Santa Susana CDP	Unincorporated	5		23	7			35
Saticoy CDP	Unincorporated				23	3		26
Simi Valley, City of	City	33		892	366	8	82	1,381
Thousand Oaks, City of	City	882		33	630	1	32	1,578
Rest of Ventura County	Unincorporated	129		64	719	320	3,013	4,245
Total	-	3,196		1,616	5,990	462	3,543	14,807

Source: Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, Broadband Analysis and Planning, Tellus Venture Associates, 11 April 2016.

The unincorporated communities of Ventura County overall received a rating of Zero Stars; however, the El Rio CDP received a rating of 2 Stars, and Mira Monte CDP and Santa Susana CDP both received ratings of 0.5 Stars. Table 7-11 shows the number of star ratings for each designated location, as assessed in the June 2016 update analysis; both incorporated and unincorporated locations are included for context. Five cities in Ventura County had 3-4 star ratings; however, all other cities and the unincorporated county only received star ratings from No Stars to 2 Stars.

Providers

Typically, each home in California is served by two providers: a telephone company with infrastructure that meets the CPUC's standard for service, and a cable company with infrastructure that meets the FCC's relatively higher standard for service. According to BCPC, telephone services in the county are provided by two companies: AT&T serves the western and eastern thirds of the county, and Verizon serves the central third. The most common type of infrastructure in the unincorporated areas is slow legacy DSL, with the exception of Oak Park and Santa Susana CDPs where 22 percent and 35 percent of census blocks, respectively, receiving upgraded VDSL-based services. All of Verizon's wireline systems in California were purchased by Frontier Communications as of April 2016. However, this report still references Verizon because the BCPC report was prepared using data submitted by Verizon. AT&T has upgraded approximately half of its territory to meet the CPUC's minimum standards of 6 Mbps download and 1.5 Mbps upload speeds. Verizon offers high speed fiber infrastructure to approximately 70 percent of its service area, which well exceeds the FCC's higher standard.

Time Warner, Charter Communications, Cox Communications, and Bright House Networks provide cable to various areas of Ventura County. Time Warner is the largest provider, serving the southern half of Ventura County, reporting download speeds of 300 Mbps and upload speeds of 20 Mbps, exceeding the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)'s standard. Charter Communications is the second-largest provider, and reported download speeds of 100 Mbps and upload speeds of 5 Mbps, meeting the FCC's standard. These rates of service should be viewed with skepticism, however, as they are self-reported for marketing purposes and consumers in rural areas often encounter lower rates of service. Small areas in the southwest of the county are served by Charter and Cox. Cox Communications serves a tiny area on the border with Santa Barbara County, which is a very minor extension of its system in Santa Barbara County. Bright House Networks has claimed the northwestern area in the county as part of its designated area, but has never built any systems there. Table 7-12 shows the percentage of homes in each location that are claimed by each of the broadband providers.

According to the CPUC, mobile broadband service in Ventura County is relatively faster and more widely available than in the neighboring counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Mobile broadband service in Ventura County is provided by the four major mobile carriers. According to the CPUC's data, Verizon service covers all of the southern part of the county, with a few dead spots in hilly areas, and provides 3-6 Mbps download speed, depending on the area. AT&T service is available throughout the southern half of the county, except for the southeast corner, with download speeds of 3 Mbps or less, except in certain incorporated cities. T-Mobile's service area is similar to AT&T, also with its fastest service available only in incorporated cities. Sprint service is more limited, with small pockets of service providing more than 3 Mbps download speed, and largely unavailable outside of incorporated cities.

While the BCPC report rates Ventura County better for broadband services than some other counties in the region and some unincorporated areas have good service, broadband access in rural parts of the county is very limited.

TABLE 7-11 BROADBAND CONSORTIUM OF THE PACIFIC COAST, COMMUNITY STAR RATINGS Ventura County, 2016								
Location	Unincorporated or City	No Stars	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total
Bell Canyon CDP	Unincorporated		1					1
Channel Islands Beach CDP	Unincorporated	9						9
El Rio CDP	Unincorporated	1		13				14
Meiners Oaks CDP	Unincorporated	6	11					17
Mira Monte CDP	Unincorporated	4	7					11
Oak Park CDP	Unincorporated		3					3
Oak View CDP	Unincorporated	10						10
Piru CDP	Unincorporated	14						14
Santa Susana CDP	Unincorporated	3	2					5
Saticoy CDP	Unincorporated	16						16
Rest of Uninc County	Unincorporated	74	3	5				82
Camarillo	City	15	12	77	1	4		109
Fillmore	City	63						63
Moorpark	City	18	30		2			50
Ojai	City	22	32					54
Oxnard	City	157	21	226	1			405
Port Hueneme	City	8		12				20
Ventura	City	342	62	5				409
Santa Paula	City	91						91
Simi Valley	City	56	91	4	4			155
Thousand Oaks	City	27	1	117		2		147
County Total		936	276	459	8	6		1,685

Source: Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, Broadband Analysis and Planning, Update, Tellus Venture Associates, 30 June 2016.

**TABLE 7-12
BROADBAND CONSORTIUM OF THE PACIFIC COAST, PROVIDERS
Ventura County, 2016**

Location	Unincorporated or City	AT&T	Charter	Cox	Time Warner	Verizon	Telco*	Cable
Bell Canyon CDP	Unincorporated	99%			100%		99%	100%
Casa Conejo CDP	Unincorporated				100%	100%	100%	100%
Channel Islands Beach CDP	Unincorporated				100%	89%	89%	100%
El Rio CDP	Unincorporated				100%	92%	92%	100%
Lake Sherwood CDP	Unincorporated				9%	100%	100%	9%
Meiners Oaks CDP	Unincorporated	95%			100%		95%	100%
Mira Monte CDP	Unincorporated	90%			100%		90%	100%
Oak Park CDP	Unincorporated	100%			100%		100%	100%
Oak View CDP	Unincorporated	100%			100%		100%	123%
Piru CDP	Unincorporated	99%			98%		99%	98%
Santa Rosa Valley CDP	Unincorporated				97%	93%	93%	97%
Santa Susana CDP	Unincorporated	99%			100%		99%	100%
Saticoy CDP	Unincorporated	100%			100%		100%	100%
Camarillo	City				100%	99%	99%	100%
Fillmore	City	93%			100%		93%	100%
Moorpark	City	90%			100%		90%	100%
Ojai	City	98%			100%		98%	100%
Oxnard	City				99%	98%	98%	99%
Port Hueneme	City				100%	94%	94%	100%
Santa Paula	City				100%	94%	94%	100%
Simi Valley	City	95%			100%		95%	100%
Ventura	City	97%	38%		66%		97%	105%

*Telco is an abbreviation for "telephone company."

Source: Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, *Broadband Analysis and Planning*, Tellus Venture Associates, 11 April 2016.

Regulatory Setting

Federal

Federal Communications Commission

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in the U.S. The FCC was founded through the Communications Act of 1934, and operates as an independent agency overseen by the U.S. Congress. The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 put in place a process for establishing, operating, overseeing, and terminating FCC advisory committees for specific aspects of communications. The FCC is made up of six separate bureaus: Consumer & Governmental Affairs, Enforcement, Media, Public Safety & Homeland Security, Wireless Telecommunications, and Wireline Competition. Together, these bureaus are responsible for adopting and modifying rules/regulations that govern business practices. These can include interpretive rules, policy statements, substantive legislative rules, and organizational/procedural rules.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is an independent agency that regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil. FERC also reviews proposals to build liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines, as well as licenses hydropower projects. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave FERC additional responsibilities, including: promoting the development of a strong energy infrastructure; open access transmission tariff reform; and preventing market manipulation.

State

AB 1890 (1996)

AB 1890 (1996) restructured California's electricity market to open the generation of electricity to competition (transmission and distribution systems remain a regulated monopoly). AB 1890 requires utilities to purchase electricity from the wholesale market. AB 1890 gives customers of investor-owned utilities the ability to choose who provides their electricity.

California Public Utilities Commission

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is a State agency created by constitutional amendment to regulate privately owned telecommunications, electric, natural gas, water, railroad, trail transit, passenger transportation, and in-State moving companies. The CPUC is responsible for assuring California utility customers have safe, reliable utility services at reasonable rates while protecting utility customers from fraud. The CPUC regulates the planning and approval for the physical construction of electric generation, transmission, or distribution facilities; and the local pipelines of natural gas (CPUC Decision 95-08-038). The CPUC also regulates rates and charges for basic telecommunication services, such as how much one pays for the ability to make and receive calls.

California Energy Commission

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is California's primary energy policy and planning agency. Created in 1974, it is charged with six major responsibilities:

- Energy forecasting;
- Promoting energy efficiency and conservation through the appliance and building efficiency standards;
- Financially supporting public interest energy research;
- Developing green energy resources and technologies for buildings, industry, and transportation;
- Licensing large thermal power plants; and
- Planning for State response to energy emergencies.

SB 350

Increases the State's Renewables Portfolio Standard to 50 percent by 2030 and doubles State energy efficiency standards. Supports April 2015 Executive Order, new goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers utilities in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.5 includes goals, policies, and programs related to utilities. The following Area Plans also contain goals and policies related to utilities:

- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for utilities. These can be found in Section 30, Utilities.

Key Terms

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL). Internet technology that uses existing 2-wire copper telephone wiring to deliver high-speed data services at speeds greater than basic Internet dial-up.

Electricity. A natural phenomenon, either through lightening or the attraction and repulsion of protons and electrons to create friction, that forms an electric current or power.

Generators. Entities that own, operate, and maintain generation assets to supply energy and ancillary services to the competitive market.

Internet. A network that links computer networks all over the world by satellite and telephone, connecting users with service networks such as e-mail and the World Wide Web.

Kilowatt-hours (kWh). A unit of measurement for electricity equal to one thousand watt hours.

Personal Communication Service (PCS) Provider. Wireless service that feature “number portability,” or the means to be contacted on a single number and that will be competitors in the future to cellular carriers.

Power Facility. A facility for the generation of electric power. Most power facilities contain one of more generators that convert mechanical power to electrical power.

Watt. An electrical unit of power equal to the rate of energy transfer produced in a circuit by one volt acting through a resistance of 1 ohm, a unit of measurement of resistance.

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SECTION 7.5 LAW ENFORCEMENT

Introduction

This section describes the general characteristics of law enforcement facilities and services provided within Ventura County. The section focuses on service provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the divisions for which it is responsible and the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Major Findings

- There are no major planning-related findings for this section.

Existing Conditions

Ventura County Sheriff's Office

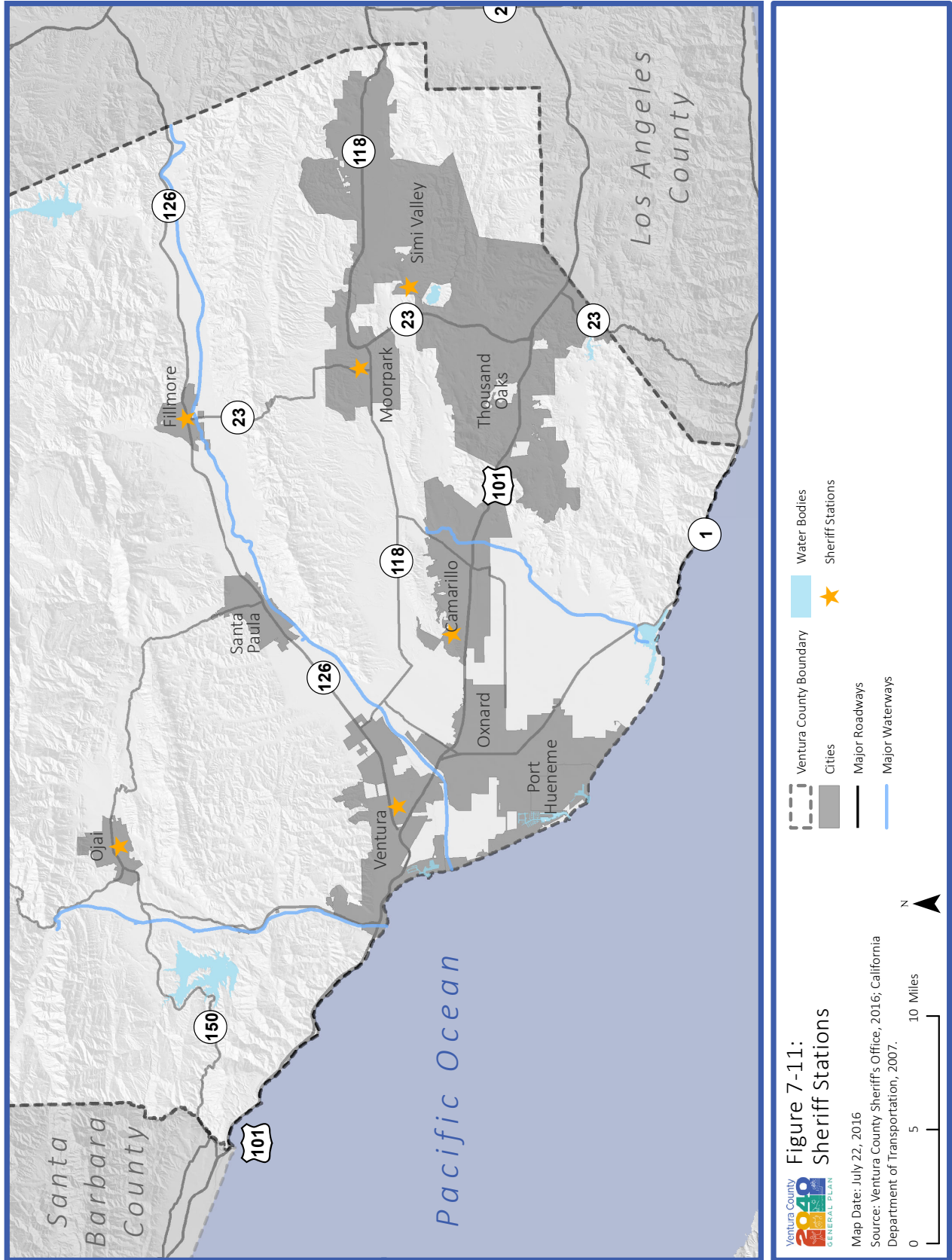
The Sheriff's Office has been responsible for the security and safety of Ventura County residents and their property since 1873. The Sheriff's Office oversees the county jail system and the investigation of all criminal activities occurring in the unincorporated areas. Beyond providing law enforcement services to the unincorporated county, the Sheriff's Office is also contracted to provide services to five of the county's ten incorporated cities (Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, Fillmore, and Ojai). The unincorporated county and these cities make up 95 percent of the county's land area and are home to nearly half of the county's population.

The Sheriff's Office employs 1,200 staff members, including more than 700 sworn positions. The Sheriff's Office is composed of four primary divisions: Patrol, Detention, Special Services, and Support Services.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division serves the unincorporated areas of Ventura County and five contract cities (Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, and Thousand Oaks). There are seven patrol stations, as shown on Figure 7-11 and listed below:

- Headquarters Station/West County Patrol Station: 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
- Camarillo Patrol Station: 3701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo
- East County Patrol Station: 2101 East Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks
- Fillmore Patrol Station: 524 Sespe Avenue, Fillmore
- Lockwood Valley Patrol Station: 15021 Lockwood Valley Road, Frazier Park
- Moorpark Patrol Station: 610 Spring Road, Moorpark
- Ojai Patrol Station: 402 South Ventura Street, Ojai



The Patrol Division also includes the Mounted Unit, Canine (K-9) Unit, Sheriff's Communication Center, the Office of Emergency Services, and a Tactical Response Team. The Mounted Unit includes privately owned horses, which are used in functions such as large crowd management and back country trail patrols. The K-9 Unit includes six German Shepherd patrol dog teams, all on call 24 hours a day, and one narcotics detection trained Labrador Retriever. The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) provides whole community emergency management services which include, disaster planning, emergency alert and warning, the implementation of emergency evacuation plans, the maintenance and operation of the County Emergency Operations Center, and leading recovery operations. OES services are described in more detail in Section 7.7 Emergency Services. The Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) handles all law enforcement calls for the unincorporated communities and five contracted cities in Ventura County by working with the Patrol Division to provide response services.

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the Sheriff's Office. As part of its responsibilities, the Patrol Division initiates regular community engagement focused on crime reduction and quality of life issues. This engagement is achieved through a variety of community policing programs including the Citizens Academy, Chaplain Program, Neighborhood Watch, Parent Project, Ride Along Program, and Beat Coordinators which operate in a variety of areas throughout the county. For example, deputies in Thousand Oaks partner with various community resources to provide Safe Passage, a social immersion program targeting at-risk youth susceptible to gang and drug influences. At all levels of the Patrol Division, Sheriff's Office staff members are engaged with the public through social media and community presentations/interaction.

The Patrol Division relies heavily on volunteerism to help provide a superior level of public service. As an example, in Thousand Oaks nearly 100 VIPs (Volunteers in Policing) augment the paid staff to accomplish administrative tasks, provide community education, and perform limited patrol functions. On average, VIPs in Thousand Oaks alone donate more than 6,000 hours annually. Other volunteer programs administered by the Patrol Division include three coordinated Search and Rescue Teams, the Explorer Program, and the Reserve Deputy to support its mission.

The Division's West County Patrol Station serves as the headquarters station and is located in Ventura. This station serves the unincorporated communities Saticoy, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Montalvo, Silver Strand Beach, Hollywood Beach and La Conchita Beach in addition to the cities of Oxnard and Ventura. This station is responsible for approximately 80.5 square miles of service area. This station includes both sworn and civilian personnel as well as volunteer staff members. This station has a liaison deputy who services all communities of the station's service areas to attend monthly community council, municipal advisory committee, and board meetings. This station also houses an active Explorer program which includes two deputies assigned to serve as youth advisors. The Sheriff Department's Gang Unit, located at headquarters, serves a number of communities in assisting with law enforcement and apprehension of gang members.

The Camarillo Patrol Station is home to sworn officers assigned to areas in and around the City of Camarillo including nearby unincorporated areas nearest to Camarillo. The Camarillo station includes sworn personnel responsible for responding to calls for service in 136 square miles of area ranging from Somis to Malibu. Additionally, the station hosts community policing programs and volunteer programs that contribute thousands of volunteer hours per year including the Citizen Patrol, Explorer Program, Disaster Assistance Response Team (D.A.R.T), and Project Hope. Of the provided programs, Camarillo deputies administer Project Hope, a collaborative approach to reducing homelessness through outreach and awareness of available services.

The East County Station was built in 1988 and the facility encompasses 58,000 square feet of space on 11 acres of land in the northeastern part of the City of Thousand Oaks. The City of Thousand Oaks has contracted with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for police services since 1964. In addition to the City of the Thousand Oaks, East County Patrol Station provides police services to the unincorporated areas including Lynn Ranch, Casa Conejo, Kelley Estates, Hidden Valley, Oak Park, and Bell Canyon. In addition to sworn and civilian personnel, this station relies on tremendous volunteer support through Volunteers in Policing (VIPs), Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), Search and Rescue, and Explorers who all donate their time, energy and expertise.

The Fillmore Patrol Station is responsible for serving approximately 450 square miles of unincorporated area in the Santa Clara Valley, including the unincorporated communities of Piru, Bardsdale, Rancho Sespe, and Upper Ojai. In addition to patrol beat cars, the Division maintains a School Resource Officer in collaboration with the Fillmore Unified School District. Volunteers make a large contribution to the station including Explorer and Citizen Patrol Units as well as the Fillmore Search and Rescue Unit. Additionally, the Fillmore Station utilizes community policing by teaming up with community organizations for early intervention, job training and counseling of at-risk youths in Fillmore. As part of community policing efforts, the station deploys Beat Coordinators who, aside from patrolling their regular beat, provide a citizen oriented policing approach.

The Moorpark Patrol Station provides law enforcement services to the City of Moorpark on a contract basis. In addition to the City of Moorpark, the station provides police services to unincorporated areas including Santa Rosa Valley, Moorpark Home Acres, Happy Camp, Fruitvale, Santa Susanna Knolls, Box Canyon, Tapo Canyon, Balcom Canyon, Bradley, Stockton, and Grimes Canyon. As collateral assignments to patrol responsibilities, the station hosts four deputies who serve as gang officers and three others assigned to bicycle patrol detail.

The Lockwood Valley Patrol Station is responsible for approximately 610 square miles in the northern portion of Ventura County. The station hosts two deputies and two additional personnel, with deputies working a 5/2 schedule and on call seven days a week. Deputies at this station work with a variety of agencies including Kern County Sheriff's Office, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, California State Parks, United States Forest Service, and California Highway Patrol. A high number of calls at the Lockwood Valley Patrol Station are search and rescue or medical calls. For this reason, deputies work closely with the Department's aviation unit and a helicopter landing pad is located next to the station.

The Ojai Patrol Station provides full-service policing to the approximately 30,000 residents residing in the Ojai Valley. Included in this population is the City of Ojai which contracts with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for police services. Personnel assigned to the Ojai Patrol Station are proactively engaged in community policing. A variety of unique policing strategies are utilized to prevent crime, apprehend offenders, and improve effective police-community partnerships and effective two-way communication. Deputies patrolling on bicycles, walking foot patrol, and talking with residents and merchants are a common sight in the City. The Ojai Patrol Station also keeps the community informed of crime trends, and other police information, through publication of its "City Watch" email newsletter, as well as using social media. Additionally, The Ojai Valley enjoys a high degree of volunteerism and the station utilizes a citizen volunteer program to do many jobs.

Detention Division

The Detention Division oversees inmate services, jail facilities, and court services. The County has three jail facilities: The Main Jail, the Todd Road Jail, and the East County Jail.

- The Main Jail (pre-detention facility), accepts arrestees from all law enforcement agencies. The Main Jail facility has capacity for approximately 890 sentenced and un-sentenced inmates, and processes over 29,000 bookings and releases every year. The facility is operated by over 250 sworn and non-sworn personnel.
- The Todd Road Jail has a capacity of 796 inmates and is staffed by 185 sworn and non-sworn personnel. The Todd Road Jail also houses Inmate Services for all three jail facilities, which is a program for inmates geared toward reducing rates of recidivism, including academic, vocational, re-entry planning, substance abuse and treatment, and religious programs. This facility also houses Food Services, the Laundry Department, as well as the Commissary, which serves all three jail facilities.
- The East County Jail (ECJ) Facility, located at the East County Patrol Station in Thousand Oaks, operates as both a booking and housing facility. The ECJ has a maximum capacity of 34 inmates.
- The Detention Division includes the Court Services Bureau, with 102 professional and sworn staff, deployed between three courthouses and providing transportation to and from all of the jails. The three courthouses in the Ventura Superior Court system are the East County Courthouse in Simi Valley, the Juvenile Justice Center, located in the unincorporated area north of Oxnard, and the Hall of Justice, located in the city of Ventura.

Special Services Division

- The Special Services Division is responsible for unique situations requiring specialized training and is managed by the Chief Deputy Sheriff. The Special Services Division includes approximately 200 sworn and non-sworn personnel. The Division oversees the following departments and teams: Crime Laboratory, Crime Scene Investigations Unit, Information Systems Bureau, Narcotics, Intelligence and Vice Investigations, Aviation Unit, Search and Rescue, Tactical Negotiations Team, Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), and the Sheriff's Bomb Squad.

Support Services Division

- The Support Services Division includes departments that serve the internal needs of the Sheriff's Office, including the Business Office, Human Resources, Internal Affairs, Records and Licensing, and the Training Academy. The Training Academy provides specialized training for officer trainees through a 22-week accredited program. The training includes physical and psychological exercises and requires a certain level of physical fitness to enter the program.

California Highway Patrol

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) handles all traffic enforcement and automobile accident investigations for the unincorporated parts of Ventura County. There are two CHP offices located in Ventura County. The first office is located at 4656 Valentine Road in the City of San Buenaventura (Ventura). The second office is located in Moorpark at 610 Springs Road. The Moorpark CHP Station shares its facilities with the Moorpark Police Services Center. The CHP Moorpark serves approximately 650 miles of freeways, State routes, and unincorporated county roads, and many unincorporated areas of the county, including Oak Park, Newbury Park, Lynn Ranch, Somis, and Piru.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is responsible for the operation of the California state prison and parole systems. CDCR operates 33 adult correctional institutions, 13 adult community correctional facilities, and 8 juvenile facilities in California. Together, these facilities house more than 165,000 adult offenders and nearly 3,200 juvenile offenders. The only CDCR facility in Ventura County is the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility (VYCF), which is located in Camarillo. It is a reception center-clinic and program facility that houses and provides diagnostic services for the female population. VYCF includes Mary B. Perry High School, which provides instruction in basic skills, high school courses, GED preparation, vocational training, and special education services. Qualified youths have an opportunity to earn college credits towards an Associate of Arts Degree through Ventura Community College. Special programs available for female youths include a residential substance abuse treatment program, an intensive treatment program, and a specialized counseling program.

Regulatory Setting

State

Section 24000 of the Government Code mandates the Office of Sheriff be established in each county in California.

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers law enforcement in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.7 includes goals, policies, and programs related to law enforcement. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to law enforcement:

- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan;
- Saticoy Area Plan;
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and

- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for law enforcement. These can be found in Section 32. Law Enforcement/Emergency Services.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

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SECTION 7.6 FIRE PROTECTION

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to describe fire protection services in Ventura County. The following evaluation describes the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD), colloquially referred to as the Fire Department.

Major Findings

- Ventura County encompasses 1,179,520 acres (1,843 square miles) of which 353,180 acres (552 square miles) are State Responsibility Area (SRA). The Ventura County Fire Department response area covers 542,720 acres (848 square miles). In 2015, VCFD responded to more than 40,000 incidents (an average of 102 calls each day).

Existing Conditions

The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) was created in 1928. Originally formed to serve the unincorporated county, it now provides fire protection services to the unincorporated areas of the county and 6 of the 10 incorporated cities: Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo, Port Hueneme, and Ojai. VCFD response area covers 848 square miles, out of the 1,843 total square miles that make up the county and serves a population of more than 480,000. In 2015, the VCFD responded to more than 40,000 incidents for an average of more than 110 calls each day. Following is a breakdown of the types of calls that VCFD responded to in 2015:

- Emergency Medical: 28,988
- Fires: 1,245
- Rescue: 2,742
- Public Service: 3,255
- Alarms: 3,152
- Hazardous Materials: 716

VCFD provides a range of programs and services aimed at protecting lives and property of the people of Ventura County from the adverse effects of fires, sudden medical emergencies, exposure to hazardous materials, or other dangerous conditions. These programs include fire protection planning, fire prevention education, fire law and code enforcement, fire suppression and recovery, first responder level emergency medical services, and assistance and support for other non-fire emergencies such as floods, earthquakes, and other disasters.

VCFD provides all-risk services including Fire Suppression, Rescue, Emergency Medical, Hazardous Materials, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), Water Rescue, Operational Training, Fire Prevention, Investigation, Community Education, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and Public Information. The Department provides a network of fire stations, personnel, and equipment. This network consists of 32 stations, 583 total personnel and a fleet of approximately 371 emergency and non-

emergency vehicles, including 31 first-run fire engines, 1 first-run Quint, 16 reserve fire engines, 11 wildland fire engines, 5 ladder trucks, 5 water rescue and fire boat craft, 2 paramedic squads, 15 command vehicles, 12 pieces of heavy equipment, and 33 other response vehicles.

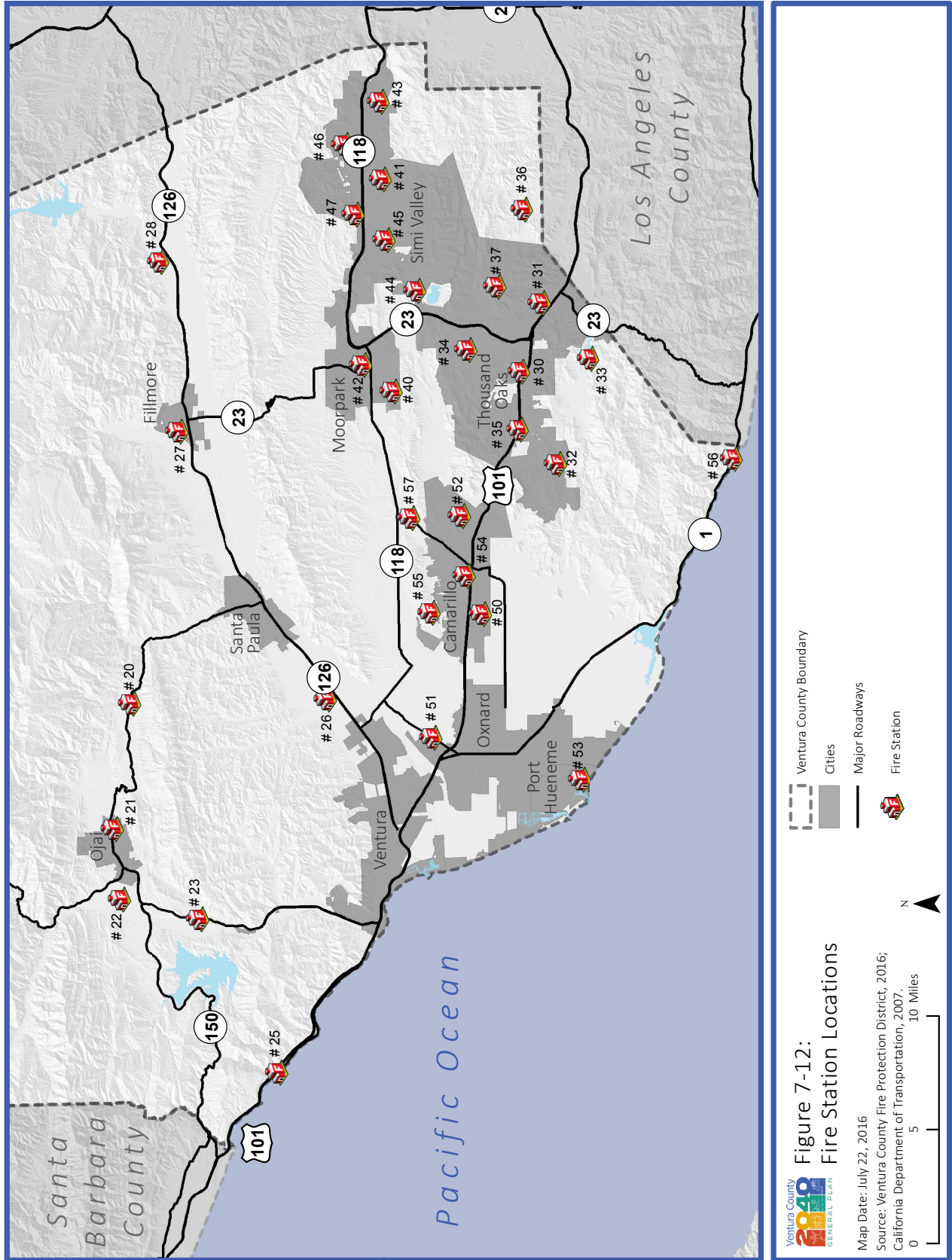
The County of Ventura Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for VCFD. The Fire Chief is appointed by the Supervisors. VCFD is divided into five bureaus: Administrative Services, Business Services, Support Services, Emergency Services, and Fire Prevention. VCFD includes five Battalions and several specialized units. The Battalions, their areas of service, and station numbers are listed below:

- Battalion 1 primarily serves the City of Camarillo and the surrounding area, and the Battalion's Stations include 50, 52, 54, 55, and 57. Battalion 1 is home to the Hazardous Materials, Crash/Recuse, Water Rescue, and Urban Search and Rescue special operations units.
- Battalion 2 serves the City of Ojai, District areas near the cities of Santa Paula and Ventura, and unincorporated areas in the northern part of the county. Battalion 2 is housed in Stations 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26.
- Battalion 3 serves the greater Conejo Valley and the City of Thousand Oaks. Battalion 3 is located at Stations 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.
- Battalion 4 primarily serves within the cities of Moorpark and Simi Valley. The Stations include 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47.
- Battalion 5 serves District areas along the Malibu coastline and Santa Clara River Valley, and the City of Port Hueneme. The Stations include 27, 28, 51, 53, and 56.

The locations of VCFD fire stations are shown in Figure 7-12. Each fire station has a staffed fire engine; strategic stations (Stations 30, 41 and 54) also have a staffed fire truck, with specific tools to perform responsibilities including forcible entry, search and rescue, clearing smoke and gas from a building, and turning off utility services. Three new fire stations are scheduled to replace the existing ones. Construction of a new Fire Station 27 is expected to begin in the fall of 2016, construction of a new Fire Station 35 is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017, and construction of a new Fire Station 20 is expected to begin in the winter of 2017.

VCFD specialized units include personnel trained for incidents involving special hazards or needs and they are available to all Battalions. These units include:

- Crash/Rescue Unit: responds to crashes involving flammable liquids.
- Hazardous Materials Unit: responds to incidents involving hazardous substances; they also perform decontamination of victims and emergency personnel.
- Urban Search & Rescue Unit: responds to technical rescue incidents such as those with collapsed structures or when entrapment exceeds the capabilities of regular rescue crews.
- Water Rescue Unit: responds to incidents that exceed the capabilities of land based units, in swift water, ocean, or lake rescue.
- Wildland/Aviation Unit: responds to wildfire with construction of fire control lines; the unit also works with the Sheriff's Aviation unit.



Beyond emergency fire response, VCFD also works with the community to prevent and prepare for fires. VCFD enforces fire codes and regulations; in 2015, VCFD inspected more than 5,700 residential and commercial occupancies, reviewed approximately 5,000 plans/applications, and issued 143 fire code permits and 500 film permits. The Fire Prevention Bureau manages the Fire Hazard Reduction Program (FHRP) that includes public education related to defensible space. Approximately 16,000 plus parcels are inspected annually by local fire stations and the FHRP unit. Parcels not in compliance can be abated by VCFD. The “Ready, Set, Go!” program, helps guide the residents through the process of making their homes resistant to wildfire, and their families ready to leave early and safely.

VCFD is funded through a combination of the Ventura County General Fund, CAL FIRE for services as a Contract County, and Fire Facilities Impact fee.

All calls for VCFD service are received through and dispatched from the Fire Communications Center (FCC), located in Camarillo. The FCC facility was completed in 2006 and uses state-of-the-art technology that is designed to ensure the most efficient response to calls; the technology allows dispatchers to see the locations of fire engines and ambulances with a Global Positioning System (GPS) to ensure the closest available emergency vehicles are dispatched to the areas of greatest need. The FCC facility is staffed with one supervising public safety dispatcher and seven professional public safety dispatchers. The FCC dispatches for all fire agencies in the county and all ambulance companies.

Regulatory Setting

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers fire protection in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.8 includes goals, policies, and programs related to fire protection. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to fire protection:

- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan;
- Saticoy Area Plan;
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for fire protection. These can be found in Sections 33a. Fire Protection Services – Distance and Response and 33b. Fire Protection Services – Personnel, Equipment, and Facilities.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

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SECTION 7.7 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Introduction

This section summarizes existing information on emergency services in unincorporated areas of Ventura County. These can include medical emergencies and response to natural, human caused or technological disasters. The following summary describes County programs and service providers that provide emergency services to residents of the county.

Major Findings

- The Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services leads, coordinates and supports countywide preparedness, response and recovery efforts to approximately a dozen large scale incidents or disasters per year.
- The Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services administers the largest annual homeland security and emergency management grant program in the county.
- The Ventura County Public Health Department Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) handles approximately 45,000 emergency medical calls each year, and is responsible for over 30,000 patient transports to local hospitals.
- The Ventura County Public Health Department Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) and the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) aid in medical emergency response. VCFD is the largest first responder in the county, and the EMS oversees ambulance services that provide transport.

Existing Conditions

This section discusses emergency services provided in Ventura County, including the State Office of Emergency Services, the County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, and County-provided emergency medical services.

State Office of Emergency Services

The California Office of Emergency Services (California OES) was established as part of the Governor's Office in 1950 as the State Office of Civil Defense. The agency became more involved in natural disaster operations, and the name was changed to the California Disaster Office in 1956. Adoption of the Emergency Services Act in 1970 changed the agency's name to the Office of Emergency Services.

The California OES serves as the lead State agency for emergency management in California. To ensure the most effective use of all resources for dealing with any emergency, California OES includes government agencies at all levels, businesses, community based organizations, and volunteers in their process.

The California OES mission is to ensure the State is ready and able to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of emergencies that threaten lives, property, and the environment. OES coordinates the activities of all State agencies relating to preparation and implementation of the State

Emergency Plan. California OES also coordinates the response efforts of State and local agencies to ensure maximum effect with minimal overlap and confusion. Additionally, California OES coordinates the integration of Federal resources into State and local response and recovery operations.

Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (County OES) is responsible for countywide all hazards disaster preparedness, planning, response and recovery. OES staff work with all County departments, ten cities, public and private organizations, community and civic groups to lead a whole community emergency management program. OES responsibilities include, emergency management preparedness, planning, emergency alert and warning, the implementation of emergency evacuation and shelter plans, the maintenance and operation of the County Emergency Operations Center and leading recovery operations. To prepare for potential emergencies, the OES maintains an Emergency Operations Plan that ensures that the County's Emergency Operations Center is in a constant state of readiness. OES also leads the development of maintains the Operational Area Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan and administers the largest homeland security and emergency management grant program in the county. The coverage of the OES encompasses all of Ventura County and involves the support of agencies of all levels of government, public and private organizations, and community and civic groups. On an annual basis, OES leads, coordinates and supports countywide preparedness, response and recovery efforts to approximately a dozen large scale incidents or disasters per year.

Emergency Medical Services

The Ventura County Public Health Department includes the Ventura County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency. This Agency provides oversight and guidance of the delivery of emergency medical services throughout Ventura County. The Agency handles approximately 45,000 emergency medical calls each year and is responsible for over 30,000 patient transports to local hospitals. In 2015, approximately 29,000 of these calls were in collaboration with VCFD.

Ambulance Service

There are three ambulance transport providers contracted with the Ventura County Emergency Medical Service Agency:

- Lifeline Medical Transport has 8 vehicles in their fleet, with an average of 6 in service daily
- Gold Coast Ambulance Services has 19 vehicles in their fleet, with 15 in service daily
- American Medical Response has 28 vehicles, with 19 in service daily

The Fire Communications Center (FCC) dispatches for all ambulance services in Ventura County. The county is divided into seven ambulance zones designating response areas based on population density. (Figure 7-13 shows the seven zones). Each of the ambulance transport providers are assigned to one or more of the designated zones, though the FCC can dispatch any ambulance from any provider (including other ambulance transport providers not contracted by the County) to any location in the county on an as-needed basis. Table 7-12 shows the number of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Paramedic staff with each of the providers contracted with Ventura County EMS Division.

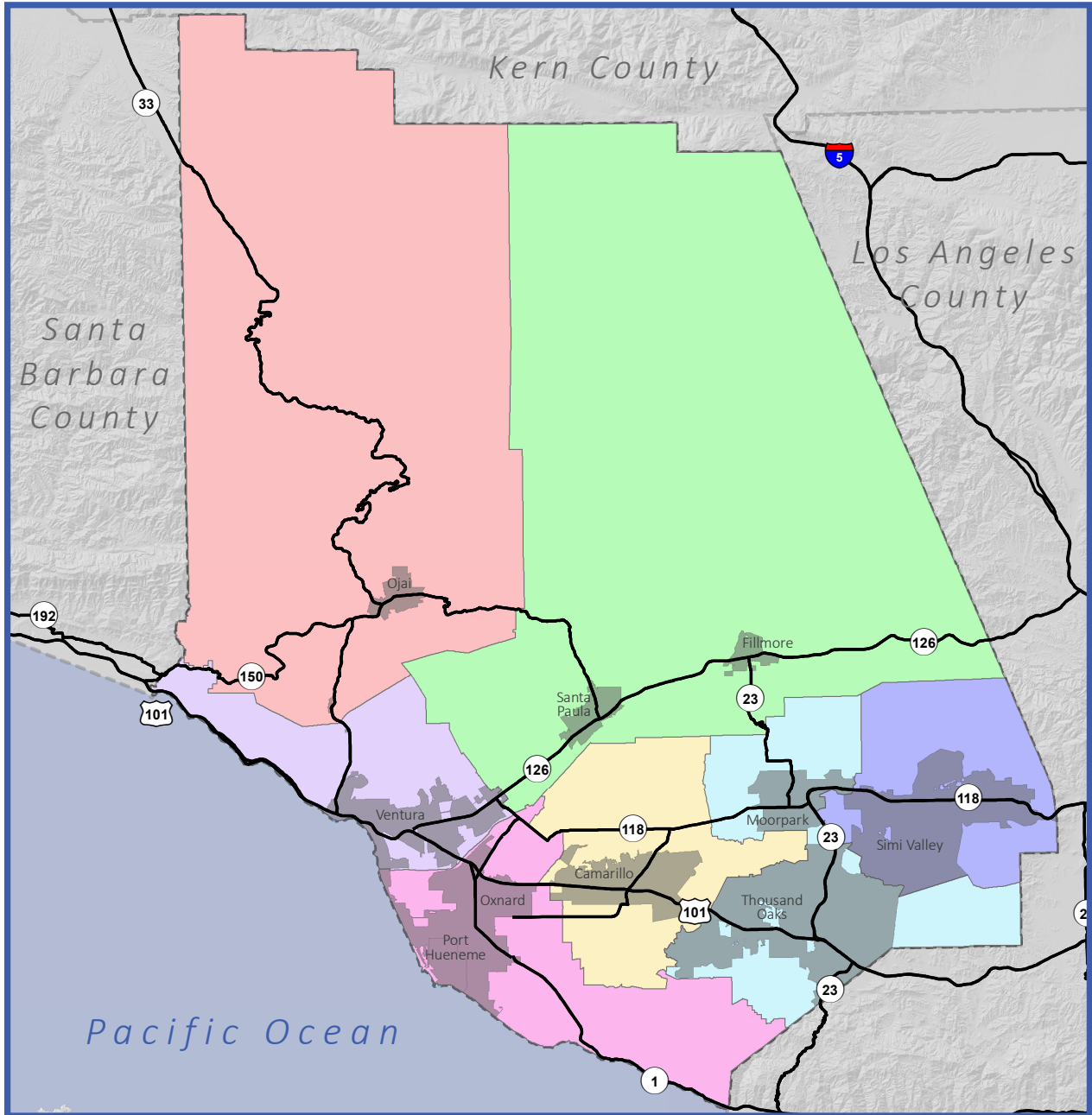


Figure 7-13:
Ambulance Zones

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Source: Ventura County Public Health Emergency Medical Services Agency, 2016; California Department of Transportation, 2007.

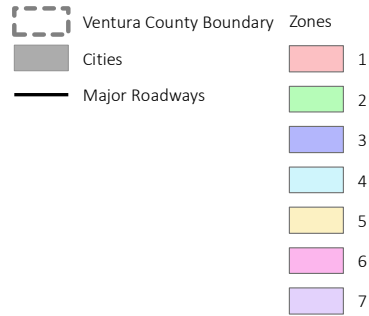
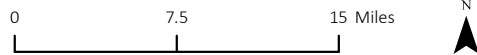


TABLE 7-12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDERS Ventura County		
Provider Name	EMT	Paramedic
Federal Fire Ventura County	68	0
Fillmore Fire Department	20	0
Oxnard Fire Department	109	0
Santa Paula Fire Department	30	0
Ventura City Fire Department	31	35
Ventura County Fire Department	326	49
American Medical Response	28	104
Gold Coast Ambulance	33	37
Lifeline Medical Transport	30	17
Total Providers	675	242

Source: Ventura County Emergency Medical Services, Steve Carroll, May 2016.

Ventura County's current contract with the ambulance service providers requires a level of service based on response times and compliance with expected response times no less than 90 percent of the time. Areas considered to be "metropolitan or urban" generally have an eight-minute response time; "suburban areas" require a 20-minute response time; areas designated as "semi-rural" require a 30-minute response time; and other very low-population or "wilderness areas" expect service as quickly as possible but without a defined time frame. Ambulance service providers undergo an annual review for compliance and a full-contract compliance review every two years. As of 2016, the ambulance service providers have met or exceeded the contract agreement every year since the current contract, which went into effect on January 1, 2005.

Ventura County Fire Department Emergency Medical Services

VCFD is the largest first responder in the county, with 122 firefighters in the field daily with either Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic certification. VCFD does not provide transport services, and instead works with ambulance services in the county, as needed, including Ventura County EMS.

Regulatory Setting

Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services – Ventura County Code of Ordinance Division 5 – Safety, Chapter 3 – Public Emergency

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers emergency services in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.7 includes goals, policies, and programs related to emergency services.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for emergency services. These can be found in Section 32. Law Enforcement/Emergency Services.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

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SECTION 7.8 HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Introduction

This section provides an overview of public health care services provided by Ventura County and hospitals and other medical facilities located in the county.

Major Findings

- The Ventura County Medical Center hospital has 180 beds; the Santa Paula Hospital has 49 beds, both serving all Ventura County residents.
- The Ventura County Health Care Agency’s Ambulatory Care System provided service to nearly 500,000 patients in 2015, equivalent to 2,000 visits per weekday. These services were provided at 19 primary care clinics, 26 specialty care clinics, and eight urgent care centers throughout the county.
- Ventura County Public Health Department (VCPH) was awarded a five-year national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. VCPH is one of 79 public health departments in the country and the first in California to have earned this distinction.
- The County Board of Supervisors approved the “Health in All Policies” Resolution 15-007, on January 27, 2015 that provides a framework for all County agencies and departments to consider community health in non-medical areas such as planning, housing, transportation, and safety.
- There are 13 hospitals located in Ventura County, two of which are managed by the County. There are also 25 long term care facilities, 22 primary care clinics, 15 specialty care clinics, and 115 home health agencies and hospice facilities.

Existing Conditions

Ventura County Health Care Agency Facilities and Services

The Ventura County Health Care Agency team of 3,000 employees provides health care services to all members of the Ventura County community, with an emphasis on serving the most vulnerable of the community. This section discusses the services provided by the County agency, including facilities, programs, and goals for service.

The Ventura County Health Care Agency operates two hospitals, a nationally-recognized family medicine residency program, 24 primary care medical clinics, 11 specialty care medical clinics, eight urgent care medical clinics, and 10 behavioral health clinics. Table 7-13 lists the Ventura County Health Care Agency hospitals and medical clinics, and others in the county, including their location, the number of primary care visits they provided in 2014-2015 and whether they provide urgent care services.

TABLE 7-13
VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY
HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS
 Ventura County
 2015

Facility	Location	Primary Care Visits 14-15	Urgent Care Provided
HOSPITALS			
Ventura County Medical Center	3291 Loma Vista Rd, Ventura, CA 93003	--	
Santa Paula Hospital	825 N 10th St, Santa Paula, CA 93060	--	
CLINICS			
<i>Camarillo</i>			
Las Posas Family Medical Group*	3801 Las Posas Rd #214, Camarillo, CA 93010	9,818	X
<i>Fillmore</i>			
Fillmore Family Medical Group*	828 W Ventura St # 100, Fillmore, CA 93015	11,220	X
<i>Moorpark</i>			
Moorpark Family Medical Clinic*	612 Spring Rd, Moorpark, CA 93021	20,559	
<i>Oxnard</i>			
John K. Flynn Community Clinic*	3100 N Rose Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036	2,518	
Las Islas Family Medical Group (North)*, and Las Islas Mobile Clinic	2400 S C St, Oxnard, CA 93033	67,994	
Las Islas Family Med Group (South)*	325 W Channel Islands Blvd, Oxnard, CA		X
Magnolia Family Medical Center* Magnolia Family West*	#120a, 2220 E Gonzales Rd, Oxnard, CA 93036	59,717	X
Mandalay Bay Women & Children's*	2000 Outlet Center Dr. #110, Oxnard, CA 93036	24,392	
<i>Piru</i>			
Piru Family Medical Center*	4061 Center St, Piru, CA 93040	173	
<i>Santa Paula</i>			
Santa Paula Hospital Clinic*	825 N 10th St, Santa Paula, CA 93060	9,654	
Santa Paula Medical Clinic*	1334 E Main St, Santa Paula, CA 93060	15,868	
Santa Paula West*	254 W Harvard Blvd, Santa Paula, CA 93060	15,107	
<i>Simi Valley</i>			
Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic*	1227 E Los Angeles Ave, Simi Valley, CA 93065	41,631	X
<i>Thousand Oaks</i>			
Conejo Valley Family Medical Group*	125 W Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360	35,678	X
<i>Ventura</i>			
Academic Family Medicine Center	3291 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, CA 93003	70,290	X
Anacapa Surgical Associates*	3291 Loma Vista Rd, Ventura, CA 93003	--	
West Ventura Medical Clinic*	133 W Santa Clara St, Ventura, CA 93001	42,883	X

*Affiliated with Ventura County Medical Center

Source: Ventura County Health Care Agency, 2015 Annual Report.

Ventura County Medical Center/Santa Paula Hospital

The Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) has 180 beds and is in the city of Ventura. The Santa Paula Hospital has 49 beds and is in the Santa Clara River Valley, in the city of Santa Paula. Both facilities serve all Ventura County residents. Both VCMC and Santa Paula Hospital offer a variety of services to patients including, a 24-hour Emergency Center, Pediatric Specialty Care, Medical and Surgical Specialty Care, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Observation Unit. Figure 7-14 shows the locations of these facilities in the county.

Ambulatory Care Medical Clinics

The Ventura County Health Care Agency operates ambulatory outpatient care, available to county residents. The ambulatory care system provided service to nearly 500,000 patients in 2015, equivalent to 2,000 visits per weekday. These services were provided at 19 primary care clinics, 26 specialty care clinics. To complement these clinics, eight urgent care centers operate within the Ambulatory Care system to provide for the immediate needs of patients. Ambulatory Care services are also provided through additional targeted services, including three mobile units to reach patients with unique needs, outreach to homeless individuals, pre- and post-surgical care for some surgeries, neurology, gastroenterology and rheumatology services, an LGBT clinic, and obstetrical care.

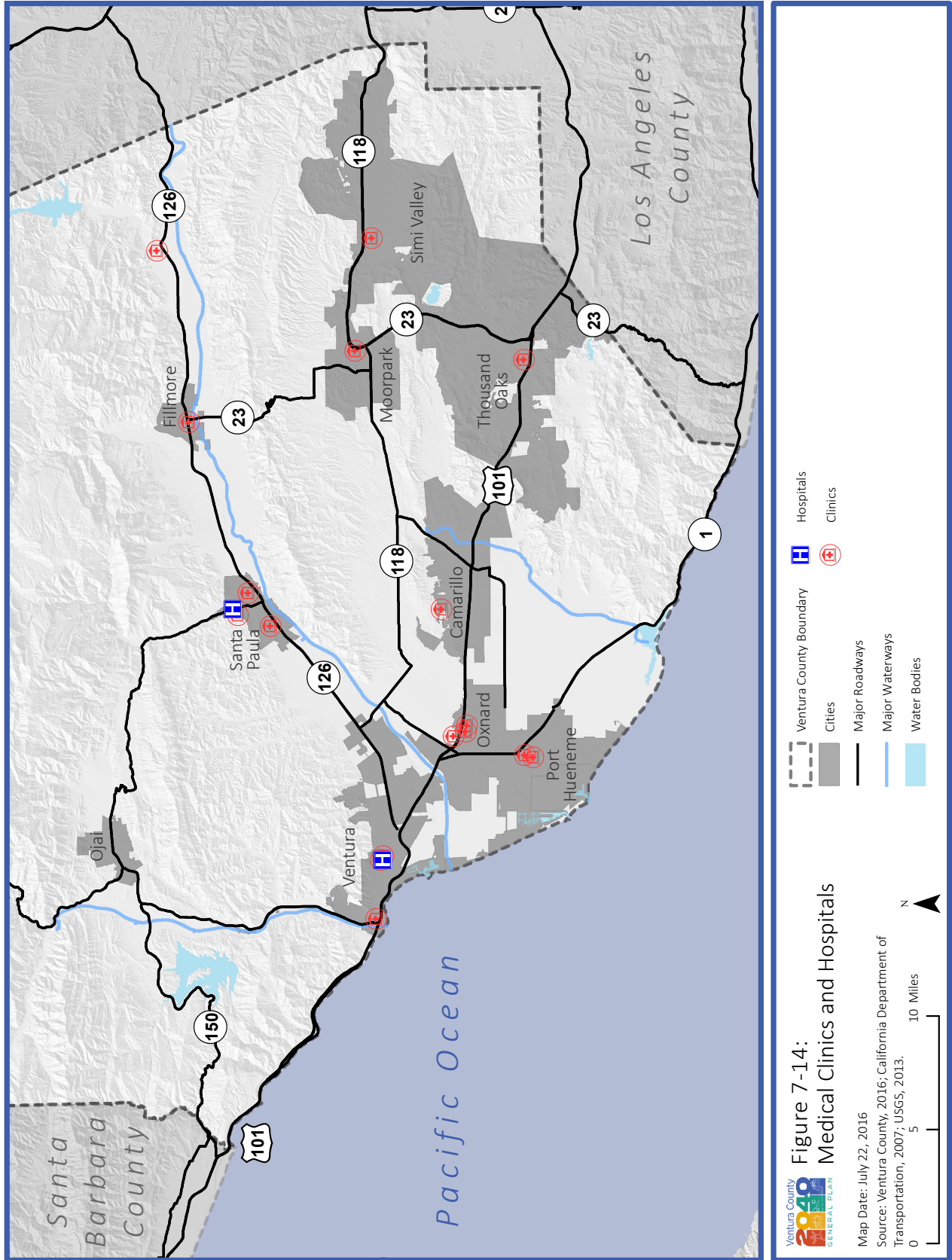
Behavioral Health

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Department (VCBH) provides a system of coordinated services to meet the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of Ventura County. VCBH provides services at regional clinics throughout the county and through programs and services at community locations. VCBH also works in collaboration with community-based public and private partners to ensure access to effective treatment for Ventura County community members. This includes a variety of alcohol and drug programs that operate collectively as “Ventura County Limits” (see www.venturacountylimits.org). This includes programs focused on marijuana abuse, prescription drug abuse, and drugged driving.

The Ventura Office of Education (VCOE) and Special Education Local Plan Area contract with VCBH for mental health services for Special Education students. These services provide support for students suffering from mental illness that impacts their ability to succeed academically. As of 2015, the service has grown most significantly in the underserved areas of Santa Paula, Fillmore, South Oxnard, and Ojai, and now serves approximately 800 students.

VCBH services were expanded in 2014 to add two new clinics providing Adult Services and Youth and Family Services. The facilities are open for extended hours and are focused on increasing accessibility to services for the county’s Hispanic population and to accommodate working families. Also in 2014, VCBH introduced the Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement (RISE) unit. RISE is aimed at serving people who are traditionally service-resistant (including homeless individuals), and providing crisis prevention and resolution services. During the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, RISE reached 1,501 clients and provided 4,474 documented services.

In addition to direct services provided, VCBH also conducts outreach programs including How High Ventura County.Org and an Anti-Stigma campaign. The “How High Ventura County.org” campaign launched in November 2014 and is designed to educate the community about unique effects of marijuana on the developing adolescent brain. The Anti-Stigma campaign, launched in late 2014, aims to increase access to mental health care prevention and treatment by removing the stigma around mental illness.



Public Health

The Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) Department aims to support the health of all Ventura County residents and prevent the spread of communicable diseases through strategic planning around a variety of goals and policies. In June 2014, VCPH was awarded a five-year national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. As of August 2015, VCPH is one of 79 public health departments in the country and the first in California to have earned this distinction. For more information related to public health in Ventura County, see Chapter 4, Health and Well-Being, of this Background Report.

In an effort to continue to improve health care, on January 27, 2015, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution and Policy Statement that incorporates a Health in All Policies Framework for all county agencies and departments. This effort addresses many non-health factors that can affect community health, such as planning, housing, transportation, and safety. Following is the Policy Statement adopted by the Board:

The County of Ventura believes that in order to build strong communities and a strong economy, it is necessary to commit to investing in health, equity, and sustainability. The Board also recognizes that providing County leaders and decision makers with tools to view all decisions through a health equity lens will benefit all entities. It is therefore the intent of the Board to support, promote, and maintain a Health in All Policies approach throughout all County Departments and Agencies.

In adopting this policy, the Board added the following commitments as a facilitator of the Health in All Policies Framework:

1. Encourage department and agency directors and other County leaders to consider both short- and long-term health impacts, costs, and benefits, where appropriate, when weighing the merits of proposed policies, programs, and plans.
2. Encourage department and agency directors and other County leaders to recognize that health is influenced by policies related to air and water quality, natural resources and agricultural land, affordable housing, infrastructure systems, public health, sustainable communities, and climate change, and that inter- and intra-agency collaboration on social and environmental factors that impact health is essential.
3. Direct all county departments, agencies, and offices to receive training and technical assistance in understanding the ways in which decisions about housing, employment, education, transportation, land use, etc. can create the conditions that promote or discourage health, especially for residents that are already marginalized.
4. Direct that County employees under their direct executive authority shall cooperate in the implementation of this resolution.

Ventura County Health Care Plan

The Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP) was established in 1993 to provide health care services to county employees and their dependents. The VCHCP offers access to quality health care by providing financial benefits and keeping rates as low as possible.

Emergency Medical Services

The Ventura County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is a division of the Public Health Department within the Ventura County Health Care Agency. County Emergency Medical Services are discussed in more detail in Section 7.7, Emergency Services, on page 78.

Medical Examiner

The Medical Examiner, an office within the County Health Care Agency, investigates deaths in the county and determines the cause of death in instances where the deceased died under suspicious circumstances, suspected trauma or unexplained causes. Some of these situations may include suspected homicides, accidents, work-related deaths, and suicides.

Other Medical Facilities

The California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development maintains facility listings of hospitals, long-term care facilities, primary care clinics, specialty care clinics, and home health agencies and hospice. These lists are updated semi-annually, on June 30th and December 31st.

In addition to the county facilities, the names and locations of other medical facilities and providers located in the county are listed in Table 7-13 through Table 7-17. There are 13 hospitals located in Ventura County, and 2 of these are managed by the County, as shown in Table 7-14. There are 25 long-term care facilities, shown in Table 7-15, and 22 primary care clinics are shown in Table 7-16. The 15 specialty care clinics are shown in Table 7-17, and 115 home health agencies and hospice facilities are shown in Table 7-18.

Regulatory Setting

There is no regulatory setting for this section.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

References

Ventura County Health Care Agency, 2015 Annual Report.

TABLE 7-14 HOSPITALS Ventura County				
Name of Hospital	Address, City	Beds	ER Service Level	License Category
Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital	801 Seneca Street, Ventura	87	--	Acute Psychiatric Hospital
Community Memorial Hospital	147 N. Brent Street, Ventura	242	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center	215 West Janss Road, Thousand Oaks	321	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center—East Campus	150 Via Merida, Westlake Village	20	--	General Acute Care Hospital
Ojai Manor Convalescent Hospital	1306 Maricopa Highway, Ojai	66	--	General Acute Care Hospital
Ojai Valley Community Hospital	1306 Maricopa Highway, Ojai	25	Emergency—Standby	General Acute Care Hospital
Pacific Shores Hospital	2130 N. Ventura Road, Oxnard	30	--	General Acute Care Hospital
Simi Valley Hospital and Health Care SVCS – Sycamore	2975 North Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley	144	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
St. John’s Pleasant Valley Hospital	2309 Antonio Avenue, Camarillo	155	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
St. John’s Regional Medical Center	1600 North Rose Avenue, Oxnard	265	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital, A Campus of Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center	401 Rolling Oaks Drive, Thousand Oaks	21	--	General Acute Care Hospital
Ventura County Medical Center (includes Hillmont Psychiatric Center)	3291 Loma Vista Road, Ventura	223	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
Ventura County Medical Center—Santa Paula Hospital	825 North 10 th Street, Santa Paula	49	Emergency—Basic	General Acute Care Hospital
Total Beds		1,648		

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Healthcare Information Division, Healthcare Information Resource Center, Facility Listing: Hospitals as of June 30, 2016.

TABLE 7-15 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES Ventura County			
Name of Facility	Address, City	Beds	License Category
Avenida Living Home, Inc.	2465 Avenida De Las Plantas, Thousand Oaks	8	Congregate Living Health Facility
Brookdale Camarillo	6000 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo	45	Skilled Nursing Facility
Camarillo Healthcare Center	205 Granada Street, Camarillo	114	Skilled Nursing Facility
Caremeridian - Oxnard	1540 Teal Club Road, Oxnard	10	Congregate Living Health Facility
Costal View Healthcare Center	4904 Telegraph Road, Ventura	96	Skilled Nursing Facility
Cochran Congregate Living, Inc.	1378 Cochran Street, Simi Valley	6	Congregate Living Health Facility
Glenwood Care Center	1300 North C Street, Oxnard	99	Skilled Nursing Facility
Greenfield Care Center of Fillmore, LLC	118 B Street, Fillmore	99	Skilled Nursing Facility
La Ventana Treatment Programs	913 Bruce Circle, Thousand Oaks	6	Congregate Living Health Facility
La Ventana Treatment Programs	597 Kalinda Pl., Thousand Oaks	6	Congregate Living Health Facility
Mary Health of the Sick CVLT and NRSB Hospital	2929 Theresa Drive, Newbury Park	61	Skilled Nursing Facility
Maywood Acres Healthcare	2641 South C Street, Oxnard	98	Skilled Nursing Facility
Moorpark Healthcare Center	4762 Maureen Lane, Moorpark	10	Congregate Living Health Facility
Oakview Skilled Nursing	3557 Campus Drive, Thousand Oaks	48	Skilled Nursing Facility
Oxnard Manor Healthcare Center	1400 West Gonzales Road, Oxnard	82	Skilled Nursing Facility
Providence Ojai	601 North Montgomery Street, Ojai	74	Skilled Nursing Facility
Shoreline Care Center	5225 South J Street, Oxnard	193	Skilled Nursing Facility
Simi Valley Care Center	5270 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley	99	Skilled Nursing Facility
Simi Valley Care Home, Inc.	1544 Elvado Drive, Simi Valley	6	Congregate Living Health Facility
The Bella Passione – CLHF	488 Oakhampton Street, Thousand Oaks	6	Congregate Living Health Facility
Thousand Oaks Healthcare Center	93 West Avenida De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks	6	Skilled Nursing Facility
Ventura Convalescent Hospital	4020 Loma Vista Road, Ventura	71	Skilled Nursing Facility
Victoria Care Center	5445 Everglades Street, Ventura	188	Skilled Nursing Facility
Vista Cove Care Center at Santa Paula	250 March Street, Santa Paula	99	Skilled Nursing Facility
Windsor Terrance of Westlake Village	250 Fairview Road, Thousand Oaks	99	Skilled Nursing Facility
Total Beds		1,746	

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Long Term Care Listing: Hospitals as of June 30, 2016.

TABLE 7-16 PRIMARY CARE CLINICS Ventura County		
Name of Hospital	Address, City	License Category
Casa Pacifica Health Clinic	1722 Lewis Rd., Camarillo	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc. Fillmore	355 Central Ave., Fillmore	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc. Maravilla	450 Clara St., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., North Oxnard	1300 N. Ventura Rd., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., Oceanview	4400 Olds Rd., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., Santa Paula	500 E. Main St., Santa Paula	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., Ventura	200 S. Wells Rd., Ventura	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., East Simi Valley	4370 Eve Road, Simi Valley	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real Inc., Moorpark	4279 Tierra Rejada Rd., Moorpark	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real, Inc., Simi Valley	1424 Madera Rd., Simi Valley	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real, Inc., Newbury Park	1000 Newbury Rd., Newbury Park	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real, Inc., El Rio	221 E. Ventura Blvd., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Clinicas Del Camino Real, Inc., Oxnard	650 Meta St., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Community Pregnancy Clinic	2045 Royal Ave., Simi Valley	Community Clinic
Conejo Free Clinic	80 E. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks	Free Clinic
Conejo Valley Women’s Resource Center	80 E. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks	Community Clinic
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	2060 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Free Clinic
Life Centers of Ventura County	600 N. A St., Oxnard	Community Clinic
Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic of Ojai Valley	1320 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai	Community Clinic
Ojai Valley Community Health Center	1200 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai	Community Clinic
Planned Parenthood of Ventura	5400 Ralston St., Ventura	Community Clinic
Salvation Army Free Medical Clinic	622 W. Wooley Rd., Oxnard	Free Clinic

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Facility Listing: Hospitals as of June 30, 2016.

TABLE 7-17
SPECIALTY CARE CLINICS—CHRONIC
Ventura County

Name of Specialty Care Clinic	Address, City	License Category
Camarillo Dialysis	2438 N. Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Camarillo Dialysis Center	3801 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Moorpark Dialysis	388 Patriot Dr., Moorpark	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
BMA Oxnard	1801 Holser Walk	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Channel Islands Dialysis	3541 W. 5 th St., Oxnard	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
FMC Dialysis Services Channel Islands	2679 Saviers Rd., Oxnard	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Oxnard Dialysis	1900 Outlet Center Dr., Oxnard	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
BMA Santa Paula	242 E. Harvard Blvd., Santa Paula	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Santa Paula Dialysis	253 March St., Santa Paula	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Simi Dialysis Center, LLC.	1407 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Simi Valley Dialysis	2950 Sycamore Dr., Simi Valley	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Conejo Valley Renal Center	277 W. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Thousand Oaks Dialysis	375 Rolling Oaks Dr., Thousand Oaks	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Dialysis Centers of Ventura County	4567 Telephone Rd., Ventura	Chronic Dialysis Clinic
Ventura Dialysis	2705 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura	Chronic Dialysis Clinic

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Facility Listing: Hospitals as of June 30, 2016.

**TABLE 7-18
HOME HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPICE
Ventura County**

Name of Specialty Care Clinic	Address, City	License Category
24-7 Quality Hospice Care, Inc	2659 Townsgate Road, Westlake Village,	Hospice
24-7 Quality Infusion & Home Health, Inc.	2659 Townsgate Rd, Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
A and C Health Care Unlimited, LLC	1687 Erringer Rd., Simi Valley	Hospice
A Flying Eagle Home Health	5775 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
A-1 Home Health Services Inc	1407 Kuehner Dr., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
AAA Home Health Care, Inc.	995 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
ACA Home Health Care Inc	223 E Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Access Home Health Care, LLC	600 Hampshire Rd., Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
Adventist Health/Home Care Services	2650 Jones Way., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
All Heart Home Health of Camarillo, LLC	400 Mobil Ave., Camarillo	Home Health Agency
Alleviation Healthcare Services Inc	1429 E Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Allied Healthcare Professionals, Inc.	61 Long Ct., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Angel of God Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc	266 Mobil Ave., Camarillo	Hospice
Assisted Health Care Services - Branch	468 Pennsfield Place, Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Assisted Healthcare Services	4450 Westinghouse St., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Assisted Home Care	4450 Westinghouse St., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Assisted Home Care - Branch	468 Pennsfield Pl., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Assisted Home Hospice - Parent	4450 Westinghouse Street, Ventura	Hospice
Assisted Home Hospice-Branch	468 Pennsfield Pl., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Braewood Home Health, Inc.	816 Camarillo Springs Rd., Camarillo	Home Health Agency
Bright Way Care Hospice, Inc.	2650 Jones Way, Simi Valley	Hospice
Brightstar Care Conejo Valley	516 Pennsfield Pl., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Brightstar Of Ventura	3110 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Buena Ventura Home Health Agency	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Buena Vista Hospice	143 Triunfo Canyon Rd., Westlake Village	Hospice
Buena Vista Palliative Care & Home Health, Inc.	1732 Palma Dr., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Camarillo Skilled Home Health, LLC	450 Rosewood Ave., Camarillo	Home Health Agency
Care Link Home Health Services, Inc	2112 Eastman Ave., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Carelink Home Health, Inc.	187 E Wilbur Rd., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Carelink Hospice, Inc	187 E Wilbur Rd., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Caremax Home Health	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency

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Name of Specialty Care Clinic	Address, City	License Category
Carewise Hospice, Inc.	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Central Coast Healthcare Services, Inc.	915 Greenwich Dr., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Certified Home Health Care, Inc.	585 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
City of Dreams Home Health Care, Inc.	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Comfort Care Hospice Providers	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Comforting Care Hospice, Inc.	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Community Care and Hospice LLC	2941 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura	Hospice
Companion Hospice and Palliative Care, LLC	3605 Alamo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Compassionate Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	905 Greenwich Dr., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Comprehensive Hospice	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
D'mission Home Health Services, Inc.	4220 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Darancare Health Corporation	4820 Adohr Ln., Camarillo	Home Health Agency
Dependable Home Care Services Inc	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Divine Care Home Health Services, Inc.	1985 Yosemite Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Elysium Hospice Care, Inc.	4225 Valley Fair St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Exceptional Home Health Services, Inc.	2315 Kuehner Dr., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Fidelity Home Health Care, Inc.	4195 Valley Fair St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Fidelity Hospice, Inc.	4225 Valley Fair St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Florence Home Health Care	2521 E Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Florence Hospice LLC	100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Generation Care, Inc.	516 Pennsfield Place, Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Genesis Home Health, Inc	1687 Erringer Rd., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Gibraltar Hospice, Inc.	1791 Erringer Rd., Simi Valley	Hospice
Graceful Care Hospice, Inc	2082 Newbury Rd., Newbury Park	Hospice
Guardian Angel Home Care, Inc.	5450 Ralston St., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Guardian Angel Home Health Agency Inc.	2513 Tapo Street, Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
H & A Hospice, Inc.	4511 Alamo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Healthwise Home Care Solutions Inc.	1100 N Ventura Rd., Oxnard	Home Health Agency
Hearten Home Health, Inc	1720 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Heavenly Gates Hospice, Inc.	1720 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Help Unlimited Homecare	1767 Goodyear Ave., Ventura	Home Health Agency

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Name of Specialty Care Clinic	Address, City	License Category
Home Health Connect, Inc.	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Horizon Health Care Systems Inc	2488 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Hospice and Home Care, Inc.	599 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Hospice Care of The Valley, Inc.	1176 Roadrunner Way, Simi Valley	Hospice
Hospice of St. Mary	1985 Yosemite Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Infinite Home Health, Inc.	875 S Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
Innerjoy Home Health Services, Inc	1965 Yosemite Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Innerjoy Hospice Care, Inc.	1965 Yosemite Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Integrated Home Health	701 E Santa Clara St., Ventura	Home Health Agency
JMT Hospice, Inc.	2082 Newbury Rd., Newbury Park	Hospice
Jubilee Home Health Care Inc	4195 Valley Fair St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Las Posas Home Health Services	1601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo	Home Health Agency
Life Springs Hospice Care	2660 E Main St., Ventura	Hospice
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Assn - Branch	325 E Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Assn - Parent	1996 Eastman Ave., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Assoc - Hospice	1996 Eastman Ave., Ventura	Hospice
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association	202 Canada St., Ojai	Home Health Agency
Los Robles Homecare Services, Inc.	68 Long Ct., Thousand Oaks	Home Health Agency
Loyal Home Health Care, Inc.	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Magnificent Healthcare Systems Inc	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Maxim Healthcare Services Inc	500 E Esplanade Dr., Oxnard	Home Health Agency
Neighbor Care Home Health	2955 E Hillcrest Dr., Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
Neighbor Care Hospice	2955 E Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Nexus Home Health, Inc.	141 S A St., Oxnard	Home Health Agency
Nursecore If Ventura	1500 Palma Dr., Ventura	Home Health Agency
Oakhurst Hospice	860 Hampshire Rd., Westlake Village	Hospice
Prime Home Healthcare Inc	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Prime Hospice Care, LLC	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Procare Hospice	1700 Lombard St., Oxnard	Hospice
Professional Care Home Health Services Inc	1720 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Rainbow Hospice Corp.	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Hospice

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Name of Specialty Care Clinic	Address, City	License Category
Royal Home Care, Inc.	870 Hampshire Rd., Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
Roze Room Hospice of Ventura	5675 Ralston St., Ventura	Hospice
Sebastian Hospice Care, Inc.	1720 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Serenity Hospice Care Provider, Inc.	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Serenity Point Hospice Care, Inc.	1420 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Silverado Hospice - Ventura County	4520 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	Hospice
Starbright Home Health Services, Inc.	1633 Erringer Rd., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Summit Home Health, Inc.	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Tender Loving Care Home Hospice	5400 Atlantis Court, Moorpark	Hospice
Ultimate Care Hospice	2315 Kuehner Dr., Simi Valley	Hospice
Ultimate Great Care Hospice Inc.	1174 Amazon Way, Simi Valley	Hospice
United Hearts Hospice Health Services Inc	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Hospice
United Hospice Care, Inc.	5924 E Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley	Hospice
Universal Preventive Home Health Care, Inc.	2139 Tapo St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency
Valley Hospice Services, LLC	3355 Cochran St., Simi Valley	Hospice
Vitas Healthcare Corporation of California - Branch	333 Lantana St., Camarillo	Hospice
Walgreens Infusion Services, Inc. D/B/A Option Care	4867 Colt St., Ventura	Home Health Agency
West Coast Nursing Ventura, Inc.	2955 E. Hillcrest Drive, Westlake Village	Home Health Agency
Westlake Hospice Care, Inc.	660 Hampshire Rd., Westlake Village	Hospice
Westlake Village Hospice, Inc.	2659 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village	Hospice
Wicare Home Health LLC	4615 Industrial St., Simi Valley	Home Health Agency

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Facility Listing: Hospitals as of June 30, 2016.

SECTION 7.9 SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Introduction

This section describes the general characteristics of school facilities and child care operations in Ventura County.

Major Findings

- An estimated 40 percent of students in K-12 education in Ventura County come from homes where English is not the primary language. Levels of proficiency in English among students from non-English speaking homes can be as low as 60 percent among kindergarteners, but these numbers grow to an estimated 90 percent among all 12th graders.

Existing Conditions

The Ventura County public schools serve approximately 142,000 students in 21 school districts. Of the 21 districts, 12 are “unified,” indicating that they serve K-12. The remaining nine consist of seven elementary school districts and two high school districts. Table 7-19 lists school districts in the County, including the approximate enrollment of students during the 2014-2015 school year. Figure 7-15 depicts the school districts, all of which comprise Ventura County’s K-12 public education system.

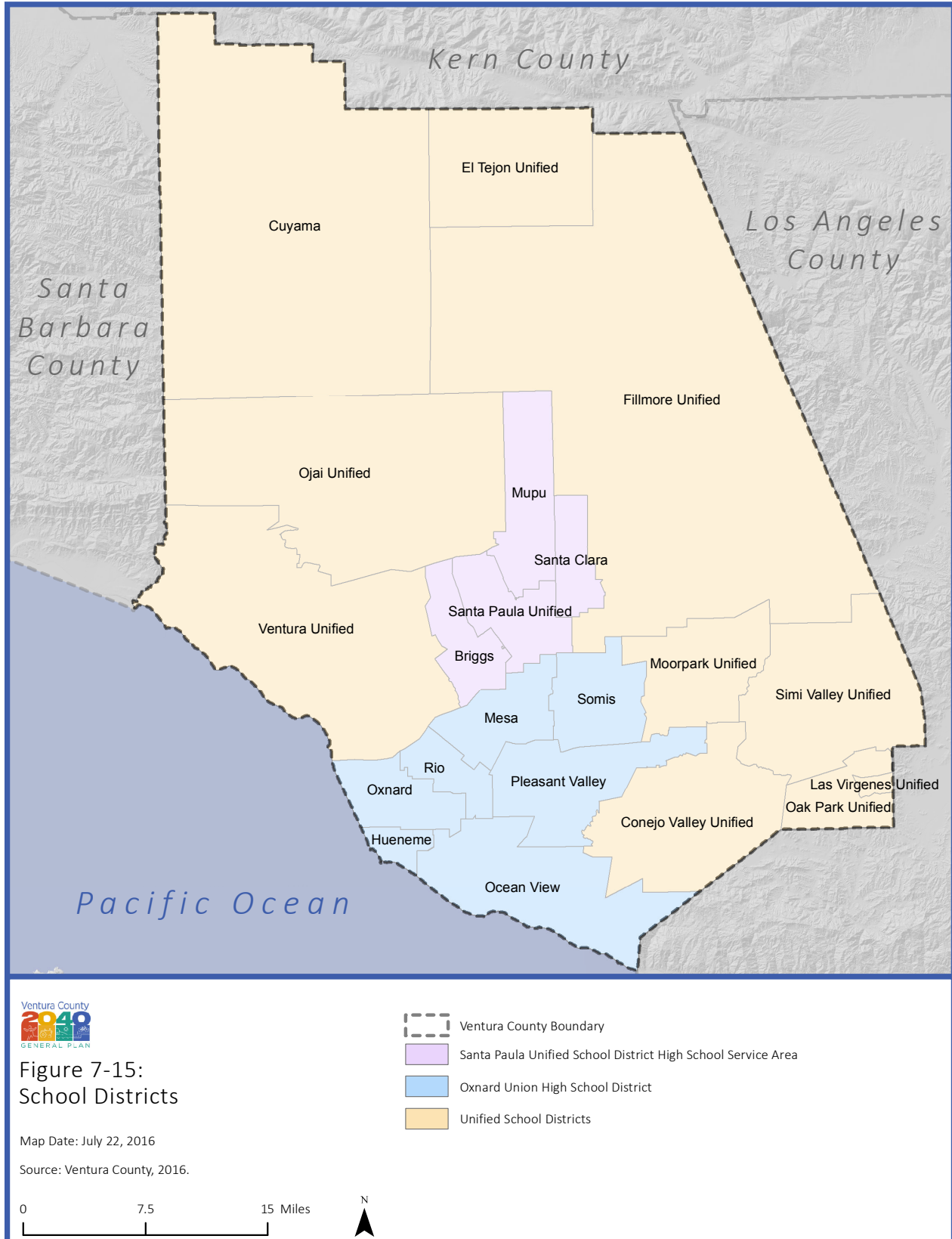
Public education in the County is overseen by the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE). The VCOE is a regional agency whose mission is to provide quality services and support for life-long learning opportunities. The VCOE also acts as an intermediary agency between the California Department of Education and the school districts in Ventura County.

An estimated 57,300 (40 percent) of the county’s K-12 students come from homes where English is not the primary spoken language. The Department of Education estimates that over 33,000 (approximately 24 percent) students do not speak English at a level adequate to be successful in their grade level. The numbers are highest in the earlier grades, with almost 40 percent of all kindergarteners considered not proficient in English, compared to 10 percent of all 12th graders considered to not be proficient in English. A majority, 50,700 (88 percent) of students who do not speak English at home speak Spanish.

Total school enrollment in Ventura County increased from 140,156 to 141,899 during a 15-year span from 2000-2015. Between the 2000-2001 school year and the 2003-2004 school year there was steady growth, from 140,156 to 145,316 total student enrollment (with an average annual growth rate of 0.9 percent). However, between the 2003-2004 school year and the 2014-2015 school year there has been a decline in total enrollment, with an average annual change rate of -0.2 percent. In contrast, some districts have been experiencing significant growth. In recent years there have been a number of successful ballot measures to fund school renovations and expansions.

TABLE 7-19 K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ENROLLMENT Ventura County		
School District	Number of Schools	Enrollment
Briggs Elementary	2	561
Conejo Valley Unified	28	19,727
Fillmore Unified	9	3,774
Hueneme Elementary	12	8,396
Mesa Union Elementary	3	1,385
Moorpark Unified	12	6,703
Mupu Elementary	3	917
Oak Park Unified	8	4,693
Ocean View	5	2,682
Ojai Unified	12	2,680
Oxnard Elementary	21	16,916
Oxnard Union High	11	17,148
Pleasant Valley Elementary	15	7,401
Rio Elementary	8	4,946
Santa Clara Elementary	1	56
Santa Paula Unified	10	5,459
Simi Valley Unified	31	17,821
Somis Union	1	237
Ventura County Office of Education	9	3,031
Ventura Unified	27	17,366
County Total	231	141,899

Source: California Department of Education, Data Quest 2014-2015 school year, <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.



Ventura County School Districts

Each of the Ventura County school districts and facilities are described below.

Briggs Elementary School District

The Briggs Elementary School District has two schools and serves a region in the central part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 561. Briggs Elementary School District schools are listed below.

- Briggs Elementary (grades 5-8)
- Oliveland Elementary (grades K-4)

Conejo Valley Unified School District

The Conejo Valley Unified School District has 26 schools and serves a region in the southeastern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 19,727. Conejo Valley Unified School District schools are listed below.

- Acacia Elementary (grades K-5)
- Aspen Elementary (grades K-5)
- Banyan Elementary (grades K-5)
- Century Academy (grades 9-12)
- Colina Middle (grades 6-8)
- Conejo Elementary (grades K-5)
- Conejo Valley High (Continuation) (grades 9-12)
- Cypress Elementary (grades K-5)
- Environmental Academy of Research Technology and Earth Sciences (grades K-5)
- Glenwood Elementary (grades K-5)
- Ladera Elementary (grades K-5)
- Lang Ranch (grades K-5)
- Los Cerritos Middle (grades 6-8)
- Madrona Elementary (grades K-5)
- Maple Elementary (grades K-5)
- Newbury Park High (grades 9-12)
- Redwood Middle (grades 6-8)
- Sequoia Middle (grades 6-8)
- Sycamore Canyon (grades K-8)
- Thousand Oaks High (grades 9-12)
- Walnut Elementary (grades K-5)
- Weathersfield Elementary (grades K-5)
- Westlake Elementary (grades K-5)
- Westlake High (grades 9-12)
- Westlake Hills Elementary (grades K-5)
- Wildwood Elementary (grades K-5)

Fillmore Unified School District

The Fillmore Unified School District has eight schools and serves a region in the eastern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 3,774. The Fillmore Unified School District schools are listed below.

- Fillmore Middle (grades 6-8)
- Fillmore Senior High (grades 9-12)
- Heritage Valley Independent Study (grades 9-12)
- Mountain Vista (grades K-5)
- Piru Elementary (grades K-5)
- Rio Vista Elementary (grades K-5)
- San Cayetano Elementary (grades K-5)
- Sierra High (grades 11-12)

Hueneme Elementary School District

The Hueneme Elementary School District has 11 schools and serves a region in the southwestern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 8,396. The Hueneme Elementary School District schools are listed below.

- Ansgar Larsen Elementary (grades K-6)
- Art Haycox Elementary (grades K-5)
- Charles Blackstock Junior High (grades 6-8)
- E.O. Green Junior High (grades 6-8)
- Fred L. Williams Elementary (grades K-5)
- Hollywood Beach Elementary (grades K-6)
- Hueneme Elementary (grades K-6)
- Julien Hathaway Elementary (grades K-5)
- Parkview Elementary (grades K-6)
- Richard Bard Elementary (grades K-6)
- Sunkist Elementary (grades K-6)

Mesa Union Elementary School District

The Mesa Union Elementary School District has two schools and serves a region in the southern central part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 1,385. The Mesa Union Elementary School District schools are listed below.

- Golden Valley Charter (grades K-12)
- Mesa Elementary (grades K-8)

Moorpark Unified School District

The Moorpark Unified School District has 12 schools and serves a region in the southeastern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 6,703. The Moorpark Unified School District Schools are listed below.

- Arroyo West Elementary (grades K-5)
- Campus Canyon Elementary (grades K-8)
- Chaparral Middle (grades 6-8)
- Community High (grades 11-12)
- Flory Academy of Sciences and Technology (grades K-5)
- Ivy Tech Charter (grades 7-12)
- Mesa Verde Middle (grades 6-8)
- Moorpark High (grades 9-12)
- Mountain Meadows Elementary (grades K-5)
- Peach Hill Academy (grades K-5)
- The High School at Moorpark College (grades 11-12)
- Walnut Canyon Elementary (grades K-5)

Mupu Elementary School District

The Mupu Elementary School District has three schools and serves a region in the central part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 917. The Mupu Elementary School District Schools are listed below.

- Academy of Arts and Sciences: Oxnard and Ventura (grades K-12)
- Academy of Arts and Sciences: Thousand Oaks and Simi (grades K-12)
- Mupu Elementary (grades K-8)

Oak Park Unified School District

The Oak Park Unified School District has seven schools and serves a region in the southeastern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 4,693. The Oak Park Unified School District Schools are listed below.

- Brookside Elementary (grades K-5)
- Medea Creek Middle (grades 6-8)
- Oak Hills Elementary (grades K-5)
- Oak Park High (grades 9-12)
- Oak Park Independent (grades K-12)
- Oak View High (grades 9-12)
- Red Oak Elementary (grades K-5)

Ocean View School District

The Ocean View School District has four schools and serves a region in the southernmost part of Ventura County. Enrollment in 2014-2015 was 2,682. The Ocean View School District schools are listed below.

- Laguna Vista Elementary (grades K-5)
- Mar Vista Elementary (grades K-5)
- Ocean View Junior High (grades 6-8)
- Tierra Vista Elementary (grades K-5)

Ojai Unified School District

The Ojai Unified School District has nine schools and serves a region in the western part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 2,680. The district's schools are listed below.

- Chaparral High (grades 11-12)
- Matilija Junior High (grades 7-8)
- Meiners Oaks Elementary (grades K-6)
- Mira Monte Elementary (grades K-6)
- Nordhoff High (grades 9-12)
- San Antonio Elementary (grades K-6)
- Summit Elementary (grades 1-6)
- Topa Topa Elementary (grades K-6)
- Valley Oak Charter (grades K-12)

Oxnard School District

The Oxnard School District has 20 schools and serves a region in the southwestern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 16,916. The district's schools are listed below.

- Cesar E. Chavez Elementary (grades K-7)
- Christa McAuliffe Elementary (grades K-5)
- Curren Elementary (grades K-8)
- Driffill Elementary (grades K-8)
- Elm Street Elementary (grades K-5)
- Emilie Ritchen Elementary (grades K-5)
- Fremont Middle (grades 6-8)
- Harrington Elementary (grades K-5)
- Juan Lagunas Soria Elementary (grades K-8)
- Kamala Elementary (grades K-8)
- Lemonwood Elementary (grades K-7)
- Marina West Elementary (grades K-5)
- McKinna Elementary (grades K-5)
- Norman R. Brekke Elementary (grades K-5)

- Ramona Elementary (grades K-5)
- Richard B. Haydock Middle (grades 6-8)
- Robert J. Frank Middle (grades 6-8)
- Rose Avenue Elementary (grades K-5)
- Sierra Linda Elementary (grades K-5)
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary (grades K-5)

Oxnard Union High School District

The Oxnard Union High School District has 10 schools and serves a large region in the southwestern part of Ventura County, overlapping with the Somis, Mesa, Rio, Oxnard, Hueneme, Ocean View, and Pleasant Valley School District regions. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 17,148. The Oxnard Union High School District schools are listed below.

- Adolfo Camarillo High (grades 9-12)
- Architecture, Construction and Engineering Charter High (grades 9-12)
- Camarillo Academy of Progressive Education (grades K-8)
- Channel Islands High (grades 9-12)
- Condor High (grades 9-12)
- Frontier High (grades 10-12)
- Hueneme High (grades 9-12)
- Oxnard High (grades 9-12)
- Pacifica High (grades 9-12)
- Rio Mesa High (grades 9-12)

Pleasant Valley School District

The Pleasant Valley School District has 13 schools and serves a region in the southern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 7,401. The district's schools are listed below.

- Camarillo Heights Elementary (grades K-5)
- Dos Caminos Elementary (grades K-5)
- El Descanso Elementary (grades K-6)
- La Mariposa (grades K-5)
- Las Colinas Middle (grades 6-8)
- Las Posas Elementary (grades K-5)
- Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts (grades K-8)
- Monte Vista Middle (grades 6-8)
- Rancho Rosal Elementary (grades K-5)
- Santa Rosa Technology Magnet (grades K-8)
- Tierra Linda Elementary (grades K-5)
- University Charter Middle School at CSU Channel Islands (grades 6-8)
- University Preparation School at CSU Channel Islands (grades K-5)

Rio Elementary School District

The Rio Elementary School District has eight schools and serves a region in the southwestern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 4,946. The Rio Elementary School District schools are listed below.

- Rio Del Mar (grades K-5)
- Rio Del Norte (grades K-5)
- Rio Del Valle Middle (grades 6-8)
- Rio Lindo Elementary (grades K-5)
- Rio Plaza Elementary (grades K-5)
- Rio Real Elementary (grades K-7)
- Rio Rosales (grades K-5)
- Rio Vista Middle (grades 6-8)

Santa Clara School District

The Santa Clara School District has one school, Santa Clara Elementary, and serves a region in the central part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2015-2015 was 56.

Santa Paula School District

The Santa Paula School District has nine schools and serves a region in the central part of Ventura County, overlapping with the Mupu, Santa Clara, Santa Paula, and Briggs School District regions. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 5,459. The Santa Paula School District schools are listed below.

- Barbara Webster Elementary (grades K-5)
- Blanchard Elementary (grades K-5)
- Glen City Elementary (grades K-5)
- Grace S. Thille Elementary (grades K-5)
- Isbell Middle (grades 6-8)
- McKeveatt Elementary (grades K-5)
- Renaissance High (grades 11-12)
- Santa Paula High (grades 9-12)
- Thelma B. Bedell Elementary (grades K-5)

Simi Valley Unified School District

The Simi Valley Unified School District has 29 schools and serves a region in the southeastern part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 17,821. The Simi Valley Unified School District schools are listed below.

- Apollo High (grades 10-12)
- Arroyo Elementary (grades K-6)
- Atherwood Elementary (grades K-6)

- Berylwood Elementary (grades K-6)
- Big Springs Elementary (grades K-6)
- Crestview Elementary (grades K-6)
- Garden Grove Elementary (grades K-6)
- Hillside Middle (grades 6-8)
- Hollow Hills Elementary (grades K-6)
- Justin Elementary (grades K-6)
- Katherine Elementary (grades K-6)
- Knolls Elementary (grades K-6)
- Lincoln Elementary (grades K-6)
- Madera Elementary (grades K-6)
- Monte Vista (grades 3-12)
- Mountain View Elementary (grades K-6)
- Park View Elementary (grades K-6)
- Royal High (grades 9-12)
- Santa Susana Elementary (grades K-6)
- Santa Susana High (grades 9-12)
- Simi Elementary (grades K-6)
- Simi Valley High (grades 9-12)
- Sinaloa Middle (grades 6-8)
- Sycamore Elementary (grades K-6)
- Township Elementary (grades K-6)
- Valley View Middle (grades 6-8)
- Vista Elementary (grades K-6)
- White Oak Elementary (grades K-6)
- Wood Ranch Elementary (grades K-6)

Somis Union School District

The Somis Union School District has one school, Somis Elementary, and serves a region in the central part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 237.

Ventura Unified School District

The Ventura Unified School District has 27 schools and serves a region in the western part of Ventura County. Student enrollment in 2014-2015 was 17,366.

- Academy of Technology and Leadership at Saticoy (grades K-5)
- Anacapa Middle (grades 6-8)
- Balboa Middle (grade 6-8)
- Blanche Reynolds Elementary (grades K-8)
- Buena High (grades 9-12)
- Cabrillo Middle (grades 6-8)

- Citrus Glen Elementary (grades K-5)
- De Anza Academy of Technology of the Arts (grades 6-8)
- E.P. Foster Elementary (grades K-5)
- El Camino High (grades 9-12)
- Elmhurst Elementary (grades K-5)
- Foothill Technology High (grades 9-12)
- Homestead (Alternative) (grades K-8)
- Juanamaria Elementary (grades K-5)
- Junipero Serra Elementary (grades K-5)
- Lincoln Elementary (grades K-5)
- Loma Vista Elementary (grades K-5)
- Montalvo Elementary (grades K-5)
- Mound Elementary (grades K-5)
- Pacific High (grades 10-12)
- Piermont Elementary (grades K-5)
- Poinsettia Elementary (grades K-5)
- Portola Elementary (grades K-5)
- Sheridan Way Elementary (grades K-5)
- Sunset Elementary (grades K-8)
- Ventura High (grades 9-12)
- Will Rogers Elementary (grades K-5)

Northwestern Ventura County

The northwestern area of Ventura County does not have a designated school district. Students from this rural area attend schools in a variety of districts, including:

- Cuyama Joint Union District (grades K-12): a major portion of this district is in Santa Barbara County. Average enrollment is 240 students.
- El Tejon Unified School District: in Kern County, including Frazier Park Elementary School, El Tejon Middle School.

The Las Virgenes Unified School District, located in Los Angeles County, on the eastern border of Ventura County. This District serves students from Ventura County and is included in Figure 7-15, but is excluded from the detailed discussion of schools because it is not located in Ventura County.

Ventura County Office of Education

The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) is governed by a County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools. The VCOE oversees three branches of departments and schools, consisting of Student Services, Educational Services, and Fiscal and Administrative Services. The VCOE provides fiscal, training, and technology support services to school districts. The Student Services Branch includes CalSAFE, Career Education Center, Charter Schools, Court and Community Schools, Homeless and Foster Youth Programs, Migrant Education, Special Education, and Student Competitions. The Educational Services Branch includes a broad array of resources and training for educators in the county,

as well as programs such as health and prevention programs, and hearing conservation. Below are some of the specialized programs and schools overseen by the VCOE.

Career Education Center

The Career Education Center (CEC) provides students with skill-based training. The center is located next to the Camarillo Airport. Courses are available to high school juniors and seniors at no cost, and also for adults for a fee. High school students receive elective credit for participating in the courses and on-the-job experience that is aimed at preparing students for successful employment.

Special Education

The VCOE Special Education Department currently (April 2016) provides services to 86 classes in 22 different schools throughout the county. Services include specialized academic instruction in self-contained classes for students with moderate to severe disabilities, and/or severe social-emotional and behavioral needs, and highly specialized program for students on the autism spectrum. The VCOE also provides transportation for over 900 students.

Gateway Community School

The Gateway Community School is operated by the Ventura County Office of Education and serves students in grades 6-12 who have been referred, expelled, and truant. The school provides academic education as well as rehabilitation services.

Providence School

Providence School provides education services to minors within the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facility. The school includes a Detention School Program, serving youth going through the court process, and a Commitment School Program, serving incarcerated youth. As part of the Commitment School Program, students in the 11th and 12th grades have the opportunity to participate in VCOE's Career Education Center (CEC) where they can develop technical skills, as described above.

Charter Schools

There are 14 charter schools in Ventura County, 5 of which are authorized by the Ventura County Office of Education. The other nine charter schools are authorized by school districts described above. Below is a list of the charter schools in Ventura County, their location, and their authorizers:

- Bridges Charter School, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County Office of Education
- Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (MATES), Thousand Oaks, Ventura County Office of Education
- River Oaks Academy, Westlake Village, Ventura County Office of Education
- Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education, Ventura, Ventura County Office of Education
- Vista Real Charter High School, Oxnard, Ventura County Office of Education
- Academy of Arts and Sciences, Oxnard & Ventura, Mupu School District
- Academy of Arts and Sciences, Thousand Oaks & Simi Valley, Mupu School District

- Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Charter High School, Camarillo, Oxnard Union High School District
- Camarillo Academy of Progressive Education (CAPE), Camarillo, Oxnard Union High School District
- Golden Valley Charter School, Ventura, Mesa Union School District
- Ivy Tech Charter School, Moorpark, Moorpark Unified School District
- Valley Oak Charter School, Ojai, Ojai Unified School District
- University Charter Middle School, Camarillo, Pleasant Valley School District
- University Prep at CSUCI, Camarillo, Pleasant Valley School District

Private Elementary and High Schools

The California Department of Education, Educator Excellence Office, maintains a list of private schools in California. Table 7-20 shows private schools in Ventura County for the 2015-2016 school year.

**TABLE 7-20
PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Ventura County**

School	Address	Grades	Total Enrollment
Adat Y'shua Academy	2891 Fairbanks Avenue, Simi Valley	2-11	6
Ascension Lutheran	1600 East Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks	K-8	167
Assistance League School	1310 Fremont Way, Oxnard	K	10
Beacon Hill Classical Academy	2304 Antonio Avenue, Camarillo	K-9	192
Besant Hill School of Happy Valley	8585 Ojai Santa Paula Road, Ojai	9-12	97
Bethany Christian School	200 West Bethany Court, Thousand Oaks	K-6	142
Bright Stars Academy	1777 Statham Boulevard, Oxnard	K-1	13
Calvary Christian School	936 West Fifth Street, Oxnard	9-12	38
Camarillo Progressive Montessori School	4451 Las Posas Road, Camarillo	K	9
Canopy Academy	3273 Canopy Drive, Camarillo	1-12	9
Carden Conejo School	975 Evenstar Avenue, Westlake Village	K-5	131
Chaffin Christian Academy	10455 Hugo Court, Ventura	K-12	13
Channel Islands Academy	1209 Entrada Drive, Oxnard	K-12	6
Children "R" Us	1045 South Saticoy Avenue, Ventura	K-6	38
Children "R" Us Child Development Center	1083 Scandia Avenue, Ventura	K-6	27
College Heights Christian School	6360 Telephone Road, Ventura	K-8	153
Community SchoolHouse	5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park	K-12	7
Conejo Adventist Elementary School	1250 Academy Drive, Newbury Park	K-8	115
Cornerstone Christian	1777 Arneill Road, Camarillo	K-8	178
El Shaddai Academy	716 North Ventura, Road, Oxnard	1-12	12
Evanwood School	12770 Tree Ranch Road, Ojai	1-12	7
Faith Academy	403 Talbert Avenue, Simi Valley	1-12	8
Faith Academy Homeschool	3059 Evelyn Avenue, Simi Valley	K-12	16
Fillmore Christian Academy	461 Central Avenue, Fillmore	K-8	73
First Baptist Accelerated Academy	1250 Erbes Road, Thousand Oaks	K-12	34
Global Village School	207 North Ventura Street, Ojai	K-12	86
Goldenwest Montessori Schools, Inc.	1239 East Main Street, Ventura	K-4	7
Good Shepherd Lutheran	2949 Alamo Street, Simi Valley	K-8	55
Grace Academy, The	1350 Cherry Avenue, Simi Valley	K-12	159
Grace Brethren Elementary	1717 Arcane Street, Simi Valley	K-6	350
Grace Brethren Junior–Senior High School	1350 Cherry Avenue, Simi Valley	7-12	415
Grace Christian Academy	12039 Hertz Street, Moorpark	1-12	6
Halstrom Academy - Westlake Village	30700 Russell Ranch Road, Westlake Vill	6-12	32
Heritage Christian Academy of Simi Valley	390 Quiet Court, Simi Valley	K-12	256
Hillcrest Christian	384 Erbes Road, Thousand Oaks	K-12	259
Holy Cross School	211 East Main Street, Ventura	K-8	144
Hope Academy	400 East Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks	K-12	6

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Ventura County**

School	Address	Grades	Total Enrollment
Hueneme Christian School	312 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme	K-8	130
International Virtual Learning Academy	2828 Cochran Street, Simi Valley	K-12	203
La Reina High School	106 West Janss Road, Thousand Oaks	6-12	573
Lamplighters Jewish Academy	2222 East Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo	K-8	35
Laurel Springs	302 West El Paseo, Ojai	K-12	2953
Liberty Christian Academy	1626 Valley High Avenue, Thousand Oaks	K-12	17
Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School	5050 Perry Way, Oxnard	K-8	63
Malibu Cove Private	860 Hampshire Road, Westlake Village	K-12	53
Monica Ros School	783 McNell Road, Ojai	K-3	49
Montessori One	620 Triunfo Canyon Road, Westlake Vill.	K	14
Montessori School of Ojai	806 West Baldwin Road, Ojai	K-8	56
Moorpark KinderCare	3987 Spring Road, Moorpark	K	12
Mother of Divine Grace	407 Bryant Circle, Suite B1, Ojai	K-12	483
New Harvest Christian School	723 South D Street, Oxnard	K-8	115
Newbury Park Adventist Academy	180 Academy Drive, Newbury Park	9-12	114
Oak Crest Academy	5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park	K-12	27
Oak Grove	220 West Lomita Avenue, Ojai	K-12	189
Ojai Valley School	723 El Paseo Road, Ojai	K-12	286
Our Lady of Guadalupe Elementary	530 North Juanita Avenue, Oxnard	K-8	239
Our Lady of the Assumption	3169 Telegraph Road, Ventura	K-8	262
ePassageway	1153 Lawrence Drive, Newbury Park	K-12	39
Peppermint Junction	2150 East Gonzales, Oxnard	K-8	65
Phoenix Ranch School	1845 Oak Road, Simi Valley	K-8	210
Pinecrest Schools - Moorpark	14100 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark	K-5	89
Pinecrest Schools - Simi Valley	4974 Cochran Avenue, Simi Valley	K-8	115
Pleasant Valley Christian	1101 East Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo	K-8	217
Prado Learning Academy	4342 Avenida Prado, Thousand Oaks	1-12	6
Revo Academy	1080 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks	K-8	23
Sacred Heart	10770 Henderson Road, Ventura	K-8	221
Saint Bonaventure High School	3167 Telegraph Road, Ventura	9-12	535
Santa Clara Elementary	324 South E Street, Oxnard	K-8	220
Santa Clara High School	2121 Saviers Road, Oxnard	9-12	236
School of Science Technology Engineering and Math	3327 Michael Drive, Newbury Park	K-12	38
Simi Valley Adventist School	1636 Sinaloa, Simi Valley	K-8	32
Solimar Academy	1147 East Main Street, Ventura	1-12	41
St. Anne's Academy	3391 Los Nogales Road, Simi Valley	1-12	11
St. Anthony's Elementary	2421 South C Street, Oxnard	K-8	196
St. Augustine Academy	130 South Wells Road, Ventura	K-12	156

TABLE 7-20 PRIVATE SCHOOLS Ventura County			
School	Address	Grades	Total Enrollment
St. John's Lutheran	1500 North C Street, Oxnard	K-8	128
St. Mary Magdalen	2534 Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo	K-8	259
St. Michael's Academy in the Mountains	1463 Larkspur Street, Santa Paula	K-6	6
St. Paschal Baylon Elementary	154 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks	K-8	320
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School	1 Church Road, Thousand Oaks	K-6	130
St. Peter Claver Preschool & Kindergarten	5670 Cochran Street, Simi Valley	K	15
St. Rose of Lima Elementary	1325 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley	K-8	290
St. Sebastian	325 East Santa Barbara Street, Santa Paula	K-8	99
Stoneridge Preparatory	1625 Tierra Rejada Road, Simi Valley	6-12	11
The Thacher School	5025 Thacher Road, Ojai	9-12	250
Trinity Pacific Christian School	3389 Camino Calandria, Thousand Oaks	K-12	372
Valley Bible Academy	4910 Cochran Street, Simi Valley	1-12	18
Ventura Christian Academy	1000 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura	K-12	14
Ventura Missionary Christian	500 High Point Drive, Ventura	K-8	391
Villanova Preparatory School	12096 North Ventura Avenue, Ojai	9-12	265
Weil Tennis Academy and College Preparatory School	428 Bryant Circle, Ojai	7-12	49
Westlake Montessori School	228 South Skyline Drive, Thousand Oaks	K-1	13

Source: California Department of Education, Private Schools, School Identification, 2016.

Public Colleges

Ventura County Community College District

The Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) is a public community college district that includes three colleges: Moorpark College, Oxnard College, and Ventura College. The VCCCD offers programs for students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities; students can also obtain an Associate Degree, technical training, certifications, and basic skills instruction. As of 2016, VCCCD serves over 36,000 students each semester.

Of the three community colleges, Ventura College is the oldest and was initially started as a junior college department added to the Ventura High School in 1925. In 1955 the college moved to its current location in eastern Ventura, on a 112-acre campus. As of 2016, the college had an enrollment of 14,500 students. The demographics of the campus are diverse, with 45 percent Hispanic students, and 55 percent female. Ventura College offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees in 33 majors, certificates of completion in 35 career and technical education fields, and proficiency awards in 26 fields. The College also has a Community Education program which offers hundreds of not-for-credit classes in topics including music, dance, writing, cooking, financial planning, language, and more.

Moorpark College was founded in 1967. The college began with 2,500 students and, as of September 2016, has since expanded to serve approximately 15,000 students. Moorpark College offers associates degrees, transfer preparation, and certificates in certain fields. Specifically, the college is known for programs including nursing, radiation technology, biotechnology, and exotic animal training.

Oxnard College is in Oxnard and was founded in 1975. The campus includes 118 acres and is undergoing major reconstruction. In 2002, voters passed Measure S to fund campus expansion. Additions included the Performing Arts Center (opened in 2011), the new Learning Resource Center/Library (opened in 2012), and the new Dental Hygiene building, (opened in 2013). The College offers 37 Associates degrees, 17 Associate degrees for transfer, vocational education, and other noncredit courses for the community in over 60 disciplines. Total enrollment in September 2016 was 7,126.

The three colleges within the Ventura County Community College District are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a body of institutional accreditation recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

California State University, Channel Islands

California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI, CSU Channel Islands) is the only four-year public university in Ventura County. The campus is in the unincorporated part of the county, west of Camarillo and north of Thousand Oaks. CSU Channel Islands opened in 2002 as the 23rd campus in the California State University system. As of fall 2015, CSU Channel Islands had a total enrollment of over 6,000 students and offers 24 majors and 26 minors. The faculty/student ratio is 13:1. About 1,600 students live on campus. University enrollment is projected to grow to an enrollment of 11,500 by 2025, and corresponding short-term and long-term physical development of the campus is addressed by the campus master plan.

Private Colleges

The several private colleges in Ventura County are described below.

California Lutheran University

California Lutheran University (CAL Lutheran) is a private, liberal arts university located in Thousand Oaks. The school was founded in 1959 and has an enrollment of 4,125, as of 2015. The college offers a total of 36 majors and 35 minors, as well as master's degrees in information technology, public policy, education, psychology, theology, and business and economics. On campus housing is guaranteed for all full-time undergraduate students, and all Freshman through Junior year students are required to live on campus. The most recent Strategic Plan for the University outlined goals and steps to be taken between 2012-2017, including modernization of facilities and increasing enrollment numbers.

Thomas Aquinas College

Thomas Aquinas College is a private, liberal arts college located in the unincorporated area north of Santa Paula. It was founded in 1971 and has an enrollment of 378 students. The College offers education in the liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities. Classes average 20 students and are typically taught in a seminar format. The College does not offer majors, minors, electives or specializations. Instead, the four-year interdisciplinary course of study relies on the Great Books, the original writings of great philosophers, historians, mathematicians, poets, scientists, and theologians of the West. Instruction does not rely on text books and lectures. Instead, the curriculum is in the form of tutorials, seminars, and laboratories guided by tutors who assist students in the work of reading, analyzing, and evaluating the great books. All students live in on-campus housing, except for married students.

St. John's Seminary College

Founded in 1939, St. John's Seminary is a private graduate institution located in Camarillo. Academic programs include a pre-theology program, masters of divinity, masters of arts, and masters of arts in pastoral ministry. The Seminary has an enrollment of 89. Housing is provided for all students, in three recently remodeled dormitories.

Private University Satellite Campuses

A number of private universities maintain satellite campuses in Ventura County, including: Pepperdine University (2829 Townsgate Road #180, Westlake Village) and University of La Verne (500 Esplanade Drive, Suite 1000, Oxnard).

Vocational and Trade Schools

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides training services in partnership with other State and local agencies through America's Job Center of California. Through these efforts, the EDD maintains a list of Training Providers and their locations. See Table 7-21 for vocational and trade schools located in Ventura County.

VC Innovates

The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) received grant funding from the California Department of Education Career Pathways Trust Program to establish the VC Innovates Program. VC Innovates is a collaborative effort to expand technical education programs at colleges, high schools, and middle schools. The goal of the program is to give students training so that they will graduate with skills to be employable in the information technology, health sciences, energy, and agricultural sectors.

TABLE 7-21 TRADE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS Ventura County, and in Area		
Provider Name	Provider Type	Location
A2Z Health. Net, Inc. - Thousand Oaks	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Thous Oaks
Academy Education Services Inc	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard
Academy of Somatics & Massage	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Alvarez Studio	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
American Red Cross - Ventura	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Bail Resource Center & Career Academy	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Camarillo
California State University, Channel Islands	University or College (four-year school)	Camarillo
California Vocational College	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Center for Employment Training	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Certifications Plus Learning Centre	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard
Channel Islands Aviation, Inc.	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Camarillo
Charter College - Oxnard	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Christian Pacific Bible College	Other (incl. religious schools and seminaries)	Thous Oaks
Clinical Care Institute	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Port Hueneme
Clinical Training Institute	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
College of Automotive Management - Oxnard	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Computer Idiot Training & Technology Services	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Conejo Valley Adult Education	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Thous Oaks
Contractors State License Services - Ventura	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Dollar Driving School of Ventura	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Energy Conservation Institute	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Ventura
FLS International - Oxnard College Campus	University or College (four-year school)	Oxnard
Golden Grain Bible College & Seminary	Other (incl. religious schools and seminaries)	Ventura
Goodwill Industries of Ventura & Santa Barbara	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard
H & R Block Income Tax School - Oxnard	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Kali Institute for Massage & Somatic Therapies	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Laubach Literacy of Ventura County	Other (incl. religious schools and seminaries)	Oxnard
Leslie Hammett & Associates	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Lu Ross Academy	Community Colleges (two-year school)	Ventura
Lynda.Com, Inc.	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ojai
Massage Center	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Thous Oaks
Modern Beauty Academy	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Modern Institute of Technology	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Moorpark College	Community Colleges (two-year school)	Moorpark
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Ojai School of Massage	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ojai
Oxnard Adult School	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard

**TABLE 7-21
TRADE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
Ventura County, and in Area**

Provider Name	Provider Type	Location
Oxnard College	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Oxnard
Pacific Coast Trade School	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard
Pacific Seatec	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Professional Driver Training Schools, Inc.	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Oxnard
Professional Medical Careers Institute	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Thous Oaks
Santa Barbara Business College - Ventura	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Santa Paula Adult School	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Santa Paula
Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship Commit	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Simi Valley Adult School & Career Institute	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Simi Valley
Southern California Institute of Law	University or College (four-year school)	Ventura
Technology Development Center	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
University of La Verne	University or College (four-year school)	Oxnard
University of Laverne Residence Center	University or College (four-year school)	Port Hueneme
Ventura College	Community Colleges (two-year school)	Ventura
Ventura College East Campus	Community Colleges (two-year school)	Santa Paula
Ventura College of Law	Apprenticeship, Business, Career, & Tech	Ventura
Ventura County Regional Occupational Program	Schools with Occupational Programs (ROP)	Camarillo
World University of America, Ojai	University or College (four-year school)	Ojai

Source: State of California Employment Development Department, *Training Providers in Area in Ventura County, 2016*.

Regulatory Setting

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers education facilities and services in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.9 includes goals, policies, and programs related to education facilities and services. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to schools and childcare:

- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan;
- Saticoy Area Plan;
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for schools and childcare. These can be found in Section 34a, Education – Schools.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

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SECTION 7.10 LIBRARY SERVICES

Introduction

This section describes the general characteristics of the library facilities and services in Ventura County.

Major Findings

- The Ventura County Library System consists of 11 library branches, a museum research library, an administration office facility, and a Virtual Library or e-Library that can be accessed 24/7 online.
- Library funding, while stable, is also stagnant and not increasing as costs increase. Since 2000, state funding for the Ventura County Library System went from \$1.2 million to zero.
- Per capita spending for FY 15-16 for the Ventura County Library System was \$32.52, with a service population of 252,656 and a total operating budget of \$8,215,860 (not including \$1,212,327 for Fixed Assets). The average per capita spending for California public libraries in FY 14-15 was \$49.89.
- There were 65.63 FTE and 88 authorized positions at the Ventura County Library System in FY 2015-16.
- The Ventura County Library System celebrated 100 years of operation in 2016.

Existing Conditions

Ventura County Public Library System

The Ventura County Library System (VCLS) is a County agency governed by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. County libraries are organized under the County Free Library Law. The County Service Area (CSA) Law allows for the creation of a separate legal entity for library services, or a mechanism to provide financing flexibility within an existing county library system.

VCLS is a Dedicated Property Tax Library. A separate property tax for libraries was imposed before Proposition 13 (1978). This property tax rate still generates revenues, all of which are dedicated to county library services. Library funding, while stable, is also stagnant and not increasing as costs increase. Moreover, since 2000, state funding for the VCLS has gone from \$1.2 million to zero. VCLS is using technology and reorganization to maintain services in this climate. Any increases to property tax revenue, which is Ventura County Library System's main revenue source, will be used to improve the library collections, children and adult programming, and technology.

The Ventura County Library System charges fines and fees for materials that are lost or returned late. Some of the branch libraries also engage in more entrepreneurial activity such as renting out meeting rooms. The Ventura County Library Foundation was formed in 2012. Some of the Library System's branch libraries also seek and receive donations from various Friends of the Library groups, citizens, patrons, and businesses.

The Ventura County Library System provides services to all Ventura County residents, and serves unincorporated areas and cities, or areas within cities, which are neither served by a city library nor within the boundaries of independent library districts. The agency mission is to be the community's information center, where people can connect and explore a universe of knowledge and ideas offering diverse viewpoints. The Library System belongs to the Southern California Library Cooperative.

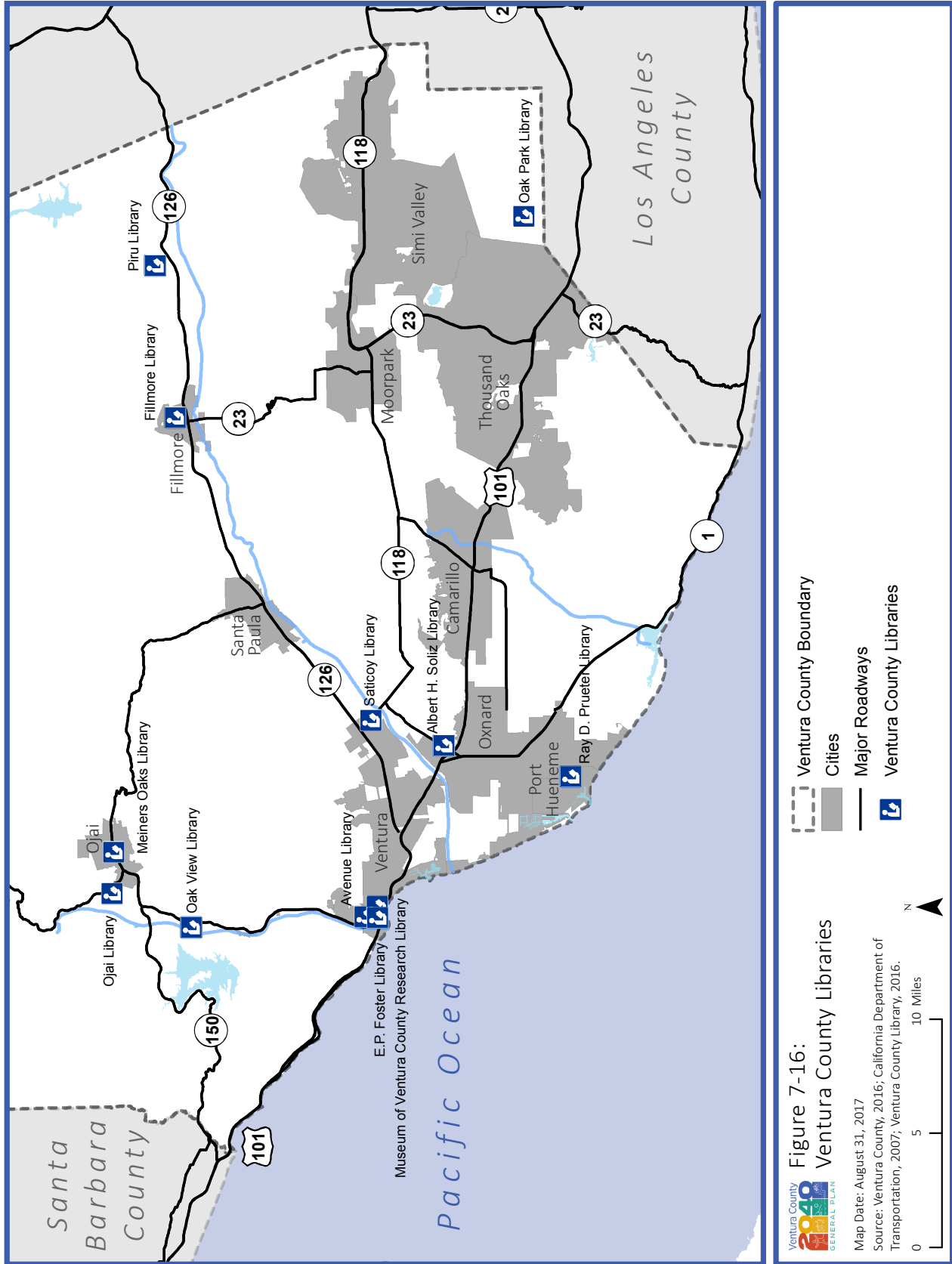
The VCLS operates an Administrative Office in Ventura and branch libraries throughout the county. Table 7-22 lists the branch locations, number of weekly open hours of each library, and square footage of each facility, and Figure 7-16 shows their locations.

Facility	Address	Hours Open Per Week	Square Feet
Albert H. Soliz Library	2820 Jourdan Street, Oxnard, CA 93036	24	3,030
Fillmore Library	502 2 nd Street, Fillmore, CA 93015	32*	3,030
Piru Library	3811 Center Street, Piru, CA 93040	24*	1,960
Oak Park Library	899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377	44**	9,100
Meiners Oaks Library	114 North Padre Juan, Ojai, CA 93023	24	1,609
Oak View Library	555 Mahoney Avenue, Oak View, CA 93022	24*	2,400
Ojai Library	111 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023	55**	5,106
Ray D. Prueter Library	510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA 93041	40*	15,064
Avenue Library	606 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001	31*	3,000
E.P. Foster Library	651 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001	54**	31,000
Saticoy Library	1292 Los Angeles Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004	24*	5,000
Museum of VC Research Library	100 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001	24	--
Total			80,299

Note: *Indicates that the library is open on Saturdays. **Indicates that the library is open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Source: Ventura County Library Website, <http://www.vencolibrary.org/locations>, accessed July 2016; Nancy Schram, Ventura County Library, Deputy Director, September 2016.

The Ventura County Library System offers free access to books, audiobooks, magazines, comic books, music, and movies for checkout and in streaming or electronic format. The Library System also offers programs and services beyond providing media access, including events for patrons of different age groups, an Adult Literacy program, computers for public use, Homework and tutoring centers, ongoing Early Literacy Classes, and annual Summer Reading Program, Makerspaces featuring 3-D printing and other STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) related hands-on equipment and activities, computer coding clubs, access to more than 45 databases, meeting rooms, free Wi-Fi within library facilities, and the checkout of laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots at some branch locations.



The VCLS 2015-2016 Annual Report provides information on the frequency that patrons used library services. During this time, over 679,000 people used the VCLS libraries, with over 302,000 patrons holding library cards. Among the 12 library locations, the VCLS collection includes over 412,000 print books, 152 e-books, and 57 online resources. Technological resources provided are estimated to total 70,200 computer sessions, 280,200 Wi-Fi sessions, and 586,000 website visits. Approximately 3,500 public events held by the VCLS and were attended by 63,000 patrons. The adult literacy reading program included 98 volunteers and 135 participants, and 692 early literacy classes were attended by 18,385 learners. The summer reading program had 4,503 participants and totaled 22,515 hours of reading.

The Library System has numerous community partners and offers many collaborative programs and services at locations other than the branch libraries throughout Ventura County. In 2016, the Library System acquired a Mobile Education Center library van equipped with books and materials to create “pop up” library services as needed at various locations throughout Ventura County.

The Virtual Library or e-Library can be accessed online through the Ventura County Library Website or through the Ventura County Library mobile app acquired by the Library System in 2016.

To evaluate the VCLS branches and determine if they are considered adequate for the populations they serve, VCLS has referred to a former State standard regarding library facilities that states 0.5 per capita for facility square footage for public libraries. The population served by VCLS in 2015-16 as determined by the California State Library was 252,588. With a total combined square footage of eleven library branch facilities of 80,299 sq. ft. and per capita of 0.32, using the 0.5 per capita standard the VCLS facilities would be deemed inadequate for population served. To break down this figure by branch, the per capita figure by branch facility points to inadequate size in Ventura (0.3), El Rio (.4), Fillmore (.2) and Meiners Oaks (.4). Based upon this ratio or standard, there is an existing, unmet demand for public library facilities in these areas. However, residents of the Meiners Oaks area can be considered part of the Ojai Valley population, and therefore have access to both the Oak View and Ojai branch libraries.

Regulatory Setting

Local

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers library services in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.9 includes goals, policies, and programs related to library facilities and services. The El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan also contains library-related goals and policies.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for library services. These can be found in Section 34b. Education – Public Libraries.

Key Terms

There are no key terms for this section.

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SECTION 7.11 PARKS AND RECREATION

Introduction

According to the State’s General Plan Guidelines, specific types of open space must be addressed to the extent that they are locally relevant. This includes open space for outdoor recreation, which includes parks and areas of scenic and cultural value, stream banks, trails and other links between open spaces. In Ventura County, a large portion of open space lands are accessible to the public and provide a number of recreational resources like trails, playgrounds, scenic vistas, and campgrounds. Open spaces accessible to the public and providing recreation resources are important to maintaining a high quality of life.

This section describes the existing conditions and regulatory framework related to recreation opportunities in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Most recreation opportunities, such as wildlife areas, hiking trails, and parks occur on lands designated as Open Space in the General Plan. However, it is important to note that lands designated Open Space are not exclusively devoted to recreation uses, nor are they all publicly accessible, as noted in the definition of Open Space (see Chapter 3, Land Use).

Major Findings

- There are approximately 640,000 acres of open space in Ventura County that are managed by federal, state, county, special district, local, and non-profit agencies. A portion of these open spaces are accessible to the public, and offer a variety of recreational opportunities in different settings.
- The United States Forest Service (USFS) manages 87 percent, or 561,000 acres, of open space lands in Ventura County, which makes up almost all of north Ventura County. However, access to USFS lands is limited in part due to the wildlife conservation areas for the California condor and the existence of private lands near the southern forest boundary, which often do not have easements for public access.
- Non-USFS lands in Ventura County (other federal, state, and local lands) totaling approximately 79,000 acres, are mostly clustered near Ventura County’s southeastern border. Although Ventura County residents have a wide array of open space and recreational opportunities, distance to open space, and access, varies substantially throughout the county. Thus, some Ventura County residents do not have access to open space/park resources within walking distance, or a half mile of their residence.
- Ventura County owns 5,321 acres of parks, open spaces, and golf courses as well as 23.25 miles of trails. A variety of recreational opportunities are also provided through special districts like the Conejo, Pleasant Valley, and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts.

Existing Conditions

Open space lands occupy more than half of the land area in Ventura County. Table 7-23 summarizes open space lands by ownership type, and Table 7-24 lists individual open space areas by level of access (i.e., open, limited, none, unknown), ownership, and size. Figure 7-17 shows recreation and open space areas by ownership type. The United States Forest Service (USFS) owns the largest share of open space land in Ventura County: the portion of the Los Padres National Forest in the county encompasses 561,488 acres and covers most of north Ventura County. There are more than 307 unique open space lands, from small municipal neighborhood parks under an acre to large federally managed parks like the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (in both Los Angeles and Ventura counties), at more than 150,000 acres.

A wide variety of recreation opportunities exist in the unincorporated areas of the County including, but not limited to, mountain hiking trails, bicycle paths, beach parks, golf courses, camp sites, equestrian facilities, access to the off-shore Channel Islands, and lakes. Recreational resources are managed by the county, state, and federal agencies and are summarized below. Recreational resources managed by cities within the county are not included in this discussion.

Local Park and Recreation Agencies

Several local public agencies manage parks and/or provide recreational program services within the county. This section first describes the resources managed and maintained by the Ventura County Parks Department and then describes resources managed by the other local agencies. Other local agencies include three park and recreation special districts, three cemetery districts, four conservation agencies, and two independent water districts. These agencies provide recreation opportunities like boating, camping, fishing, hiking, skating, horse riding, and more. Municipal park and recreation departments and school districts are not discussed in this section.

Table 7-23 provides an inventory of open space lands that are owned by public or quasi-public entities. Not included in this inventory are properties which are privately owned and provide varying amounts of public access to open space. Such organizations include, but are not limited to, the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, Rancho San Buenaventura Conservation Trust, and The Nature Conservancy.

**TABLE 7-23
SUMMARY OF OPEN SPACE LAND AREA BY ORGANIZATION
Ventura County
2016**

Organization Name	Type of Organization	Size (acres)
United States Bureau of Land Management	Federal Agency	2,717
United States Bureau of Reclamation	Federal Agency	4,724
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal Agency	2,509
United States Forest Service	Federal Agency	561,489
United States National Park Service	Federal Agency	10,894
SUBTOTAL		582,333
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency	84
California Department of Parks and Recreation	State Agency	20,916
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	State Agency	5,561
SUBTOTAL		26,561
Bardsdale Cemetery District	Special District	14
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	Special District	7,609
Conejo Recreation and Park District	Special District	2,160
Conejo Valley Unified School District	Special District	30
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Special District	4,852
Piru Cemetery District	Special District	3
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	Special District	232
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	Special District	3,841
El Rancho Simi Cemetery District	Special District	5
SUBTOTAL		18,747
Casitas Municipal Water District	Local Agency	211
Fillmore, City of	Local Agency	17
Moorpark, City of	Local Agency	154
Ojai, City of	Local Agency	132
Oxnard, City of	Local Agency	454
Port Hueneme, City of	Local Agency	132
Santa Paula, City of	Local Agency	42
Thousand Oaks, City of	Local Agency	2,024
United Water Conservation District	Local Agency	974
Ventura, City of	Local Agency	997
Ventura, County of	Local Agency	5,321
SUBTOTAL		10,458
TOTAL		638,099

Source: Ventura County Planning Division, RMA/GIS, and MIG, 2016

TABLE 7-24
OPEN SPACE LANDS, RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES, AND SIZE
Ventura County
2016

Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Open Access		
Adolfo Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	2.7
Arneill Ranch Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	5.0
Arroyo Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2.0
Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	9.1
Arroyo Verde Park	Ventura, City of	129.2
Arroyo Vista Community Park	Moorpark, City of	77.0
Arroyostow Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2.0
Arundell Linear Park	Ventura, City of	3.4
Atherwood Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	6.0
Banyan Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	6.9
Bardsdale Cemetery	Bardsdale Cemetery District	14.3
Barranca Vista Park	Ventura, City of	4.8
Beck Park	Oxnard, City of	9.9
Berylwood Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	4.8
Beyer Park	Conejo Valley Unified School District	5.1
Big Sky Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	10.1
Birchview Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	0.4
Blanche Reynolds Park	Ventura, City of	5.4
BLM	United States Bureau of Land Management	2,716.9
Boat Launch Ramp and Park	Oxnard, City of	15.7
Bob Kildee Community Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	34.2
Bolker Park	Port Hueneme, City of	3.9
Borchard Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	27.3
Brittel Park	Oxnard, City of	3.1
Broome Ranch ¹	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and NPS	1,094.2
Cabrillo Park	Oxnard, City of	5.1
California Botanic Garden	Conejo Recreation and Park District	32.6
California Street Mini-Park	Ventura, City of	0.3
Calleguas Creek Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	3.2
Camarillo Oak Grove County Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	26.1
Camarillo Regional Park	State of California CSUCI	354.82
Camino Real Park	Ventura, City of	40.9
Camp Comfort Park	Ventura, County of	37.39
Campus Canyon Park	Moorpark, City of	6.0
Campus Park	Moorpark, City of	2.7
Canada Park	Conejo Valley Unified School District	9.1
Canilla Corp.	United States National Park Service	3.5
Carmenita Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	1.8
Central Park	Fillmore, City of	5.7
Challenger Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	141.8
Chaparral Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	4.7
Chumash Park ¹	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and City of Ventura	109.1
Citrus Grove Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.2

**TABLE 7-24
OPEN SPACE LANDS, RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES, AND SIZE
Ventura County
2016**

Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
College Estates Park	Oxnard, City of	6.5
College Park	Oxnard, City of	74.9
College View Park	Moorpark, City of	4.3
Colonia Park	Oxnard, City of	9.0
Community Center Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	11.6
Community Center Park East	Oxnard, City of	16.5
Community Center Park West	Oxnard, City of	9.9
Conejo Canyons (includes Adventist Hill Open Space and Rancho Conejo Open Space) ¹	City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	1,157.4
Conejo Community Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	48.8
Conejo Creek Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	149.7
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	3.5
Conejo Recreation and Park District	Conejo Recreation and Park District	14.8
Conejo Ridge ¹	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, City of Thousand Oaks, and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	384.2
Constitution Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	2.9
Corriganville Park	Rancho Simi Open Space Conservation Agency	178.5
Country Trail Park	Moorpark, City of	0.7
Coyote Hills Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	8.9
Crestview Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	3.0
Cypress Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	8.9
Daly Ranch Park	Ojai, City of	47.4
Darrah Volunteer Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	7.5
Deer Creek - Denman	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	9.2
Deer Ridge Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	112.1
Deerhill Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	12.2
Del Sol Park	Oxnard, City of	16.0
Dennison Park	Ventura, County of	33.86
Dewar Park	Port Hueneme, City of	3.3
Dick Clark Open Space	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	57.0
Dizdar Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	1.4
Dos Vientos Community and Neighborhood Park, Playfield, and Open Space ¹	Conejo Recreation and Park District, Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, City of Thousand Oaks, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	329.2
Durley Park	Oxnard, City of	11.7
Eagle View Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	4.4
Eastwood Memorial Park	Oxnard, City of	15.1
Eastwood Park	Ventura, City of	0.9
Ebell Park	Santa Paula, City of	1.2
El Parque de la Paz	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.6
El Rancho Simi Pioneer Cemetery	El Rancho Simi Cemetery District	5.4
Emma Wood State Beach	California Department of Parks and Recreation	109.3

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OPEN SPACE LANDS, RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES, AND SIZE
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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Encanto Park - PVRPD	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	3.2
Estella Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	1.6
Evenstar Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.1
Faria Beach Park	Ventura, County of	1.76
Feraud Park	Ventura, County of	1.4
Figueroa Street Plaza	Ventura, City of	0.6
Fillmore Fish Hatchery	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	24.1
Fiore Playfield	Thousand Oaks, City of	10.5
Fireworks Hill Open Space	Thousand Oaks, City of	31.4
Foothill Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2.0
Foster Park	Ventura, County of	204.6
Freedom Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	34.4
Fremont Park	Oxnard, City of	25.3
Fritz Huntsinger Youth Complex	Ventura, City of	18.3
Frontier Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2.6
Garden City Acres Park	Oxnard, City of	6.0
Glenwood Park ¹	City of Moorpark of and Conejo Recreation and Park District	9.3
Glider Hill Open Space ¹	Thousand Oaks, City of	95.4
Goebel Senior Adult Center	Thousand Oaks, City of	10.2
Grant Park	Ventura, City of	91.2
Happy Camp Canyon Park	Ventura, County of	3,238.65
Harding Park	Santa Paula, City of	16.3
Harry A. Lyon Park	Ventura, City of	8.4
Heritage Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	8.9
Hickory Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.5
Hillcrest Center	Thousand Oaks, City of	5.8
Hobert Park	Ventura, City of	7.1
Hobson Beach Park	Ventura, County of	1.7
Hope Nature Preserve	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	359.4
Houghton-Schreiber Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	8.9
Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area	California Department of Parks and Recreation	6,279.9
Indian Springs Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	8.5
Johnson Creek Park	Oxnard, City of	29.2
Juanamaria Park	Ventura, City of	5.0
Junipero Serra Park	Ventura, City of	2.6
Kenney Grove Park	Ventura, County of	15.40
Kimber Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	8.3
Knoll Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	20.8
Knolls Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2.3
La Jolla Open Space	Thousand Oaks, City of	14.3
Lake Casitas Recreation Area ^{1,2}	Casitas Muni Water District and US Bureau of Reclamation	4,935.3
Lake Piru ²	United Water Conservation District	973.9
Lake Eleanor Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	523.0

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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Lang Ranch Community Park and Open Space (includes Jordan Ranch, Lang Creek Open Space, Lang Ranch Open Space, and Montgomery Ranch Open Space) ¹	City of Thousand Oaks, Conejo Recreation and Park District, Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and NPS	1,557.5
Las Piedras Park	Santa Paula, City of	5.9
Lathrop Park	Oxnard, City of	3.0
Laurelwood Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	1.5
Lemonwood Park	Oxnard, City of	9.4
Leo Carrillo State Park ¹	California Department of Parks and Recreation and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	183.9
Libbey Park	Ojai, City of	7.8
Lincoln Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.5
Los Padres National Forest ¹ (includes 53,000-acre Sespe Condor Sanctuary, which has restricted access)	United States Forest Service	561,488.8
Los Padres Open Space	City of Thousand Oaks/Conejo Open Space Conserv Agency	168.0
Los Robles Golf Course	Thousand Oaks, City of	133.2
Los Robles Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	351.8
Los Vientos Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	28.0
Lynn Oaks Park	Conejo Valley Unified School District	15.7
Lynnmere Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	120.3
Mae Boyar Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.8
Main Street Park	Fillmore, City of	2.6
Mammoth Highlands Park	Moorpark, City of	7.1
Mandalay County Park	Ventura, County of	2.4
Mandalay State Beach	California Department of Parks and Recreation	88.6
Marina Park	Ventura, City of	20.4
Marina West Park	Oxnard, City of	17.1
Marion Cannon Park	Ventura, City of	5.0
Mayfair Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.0
McGrath State Beach ²	California Department of Parks and Recreation	343.5
Memorial Park	Ventura, City of	7.1
Midblock Park	Ventura, City of	0.4
Mill Park	Santa Paula, City of	3.2
Miller Park	Moorpark, City of	8.2
Mission Oaks Community Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	53.0
Mission Park	Ventura, City of	2.3
Montalvo Neighborhood Park	Ventura, City of	6.6
Monte Vista Nature Park	Moorpark, City of	6.8
Moorpark holding 1 and 2 ¹	Moorpark, City of	0.1
Morrow Circle	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.0
Mount Clef Ridge Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	86.6
Mountain Meadows Park	Moorpark, City of	8.0

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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Newbury Gateway Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	8.5
North Ranch - Hillcrest Open Space and subarea, Lakeview Canyon Open Space, Lindero Creek Open Space, North Ranch East, Simi Hills Open Space, and Neighborhood Park ¹	City of Thousand Oaks, Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, Conejo Recreation and Park District	2,324.4
North Ranch Playfield	Conejo Recreation and Park District	11.9
Northwood Field	Conejo Recreation and Park District	7.8
Oak Canyon Community Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	55.4
Oak Park	Ventura, County of	132.83
Oakbrook Regional Park ¹	Conejo Recreation and Park District and Ventura County	433.6
Obregon Park	Santa Paula, City of	4.0
Ocean Avenue Park	Ventura, City of	1.2
Old Conejo Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	37.9
Old Meadows Park and Open Space ¹	City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Recreation and Park District	52.0
Old Windmill Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	9.6
Olivas Park & Golf Course	Ventura, City of	259.9
Orchard Park	Oxnard, City of	10.5
Oxnard Beach Park	Oxnard, City of	25.0
Oxnard holding 1	Oxnard, City of	18.3
Pacific Skateboard Park	Ventura, City of	0.3
Palo Comado Canyon	United States National Park Service	1,698.4
Peach Hill Park	Moorpark, City of	9.3
Peninsula Park	Oxnard, City of	3.7
Pepper Tree Playfield	Conejo Recreation and Park District	22.2
Peppertree Corner	Ventura, City of	0.2
Piru Cemetery	Piru Cemetery District	2.9
Piru Town Center/Skate Park	Ventura County Transportation Commission	6.75
Pitts Ranch Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	10.4
Plaza Park ¹	Cities of Oxnard and Ventura	5.3
Pleasant Valley Park	Oxnard, City of	9.6
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	27.5
Poindexter Park	Moorpark, City of	9.2
Point Mugu State Park	California Department of Parks and Recreation	13,893.2
Port Hueneme Beach Park	Port Hueneme, City of	104.6
Potrero / Kelley Estates	Thousand Oaks, City of	3.4
Potrero / Potrero	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	188.0
Rancho Conejo Playfield	Conejo Recreation and Park District	14.3
Rancho Madera Community Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	24.8
Rancho Santa Susana Community Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	45.3
Rancho Simi Community Park ²	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	33.4
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District ¹	Rancho Simi Open Space Conservation Agency and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	2,028.9

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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Rancho Simi Recreation Area	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	395.3
Rancho Tapo Community Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	19.9
Richard Barb Bubbling Springs	Port Hueneme, City of	20.4
Rio Lindo Park	Oxnard, City of	8.4
Rocky Peak Park	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	3,570.4
Rocky Pointe Natural Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	12.9
Rose Park	Oxnard, City of	2.8
Russell Access Strips	Conejo Recreation and Park District	1.3
Russell Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	8.4
Rustic Canyon Golf Course	Ventura, County of	423.68
Sage Ranch Park	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	578.8
San Buenaventura Golf Course	Ventura, City of	97.1
San Buenaventura State Beach	California Department of Parks and Recreation	81.1
San Nicolas Island	United States Navy	14,393
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area - Cheeseboro Canyon, Circle X Ranch, and Rancho Sierra Vista ¹	United States National Park Service	6,434.4
Santa Susana Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	15.2
Santa Rosa Valley Park	Ventura, County of	50.07
Sarzotti Park	Ojai, City of	9.5
Saticoy Park	Ventura, County of	3.1
Saticoy Regional Golf Course	Ventura, County of	48.62
Sea Air Park	Oxnard, City of	8.6
Seaside Park	Ventura, City of	5.0
Seaside Wilderness Park	Ventura, City of	17.3
Seaview Park	Oxnard, City of	6.4
Sespe Park	Ventura, County of	16.52
Sequoia Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.7
Serrano Valley	United States National Park Service	217.3
Shiells Park	Fillmore, City of	9.2
Sierra Linda Park	Oxnard, City of	5.0
Simi Dog Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	4.0
Simi Hills Golf Course	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	250.4
Simi Hills Neighborhood Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.9
Sinaloa Golf Course	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	24.3
Sinaloa Youth Ball Fields	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	11.4
Skyline Open Space ¹	City of Thousand Oaks/Conejo Open Space Conserv Agency	58.4
Soule Park	Ventura, County of	189.30
Soule Golf Course	Ventura, County of	200.00
South Ranch Open Space ¹	City of Thousand Oaks/Conejo Open Space Conserv Agency	640.1
South Winds Park	Oxnard, City of	10.8
Southbank Park	Oxnard, City of	6.2
Southshore Hills Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.5

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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Southwest Community Park	Oxnard, City of	21.9
Spring Meadow Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	6.5
Springville Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	4.9
Stagecoach Inn Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	16.2
Stargaze Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	3.3
Steckel Park	Ventura, County of	173.41
Strathearn Historical Park & Museum	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	5.4
Suburbia Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	1.9
Sunrise Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	1.1
Sunset Hills Park and Open Space (includes Olsen Road, Amber Ridge, and Northwood Open Space) ¹	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, Conejo Recreation and Park District, and Ventura County	388.5
Surfers Knoll	Ventura, City of	10.0
Sycamore Canyon Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	8.4
Sycamore Drive Comm Ctr & Pool	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	13.1
Sycamore Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	19.4
Tapo Canyon Park	Ventura, County of	210.60
Tarantula Hill	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	45.3
Teague Park	Santa Paula, City of	7.9
Thille Neighborhood Park	Ventura, City of	5.0
Thompson Park	Oxnard, City of	2.7
Thousand Oaks	Conejo Recreation and Park District	33.5
Tierra Rajada Park ¹	City of Moorpark and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Dist	151.9
Toland Park	Ventura, County of	212.72
Trailside Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	0.4
Triunfo Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	39.0
Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve / Ahmanson	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	5,427.8
Valle Lindo Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	10.1
Valley View Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	8.3
Ventu Park Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	141.0
Ventura Community Park	Ventura, City of	96.8
Ventura holding 1 – 5 ¹	City and County of Ventura	45.9
Ventura holding 6 – 133 ¹	Ventura, City of	122.5
Verde Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	7.3
Veterans Memorial Park	Santa Paula, City of	3.1
Via Marina Park	Oxnard, City of	12.3
Villa Campesina Park	Moorpark, City of	1.2
Vineyards Park	Oxnard, City of	5.3
Virginia Colony Park	Moorpark, City of	0.8
Vista del Arroyo Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	3.3
Walnut Grove Equestrian Center	Conejo Recreation and Park District	13.4
Walnut Grove Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	6.6
Walnut Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	8.9

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Open Space Name	Agency	Size (ac)
Warring Park	Ventura, County of	3.9
Waverly Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	7.4
Wendy Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	4.5
West Village Park	Oxnard, City of	5.6
Westpark Community Center	Ventura, City of	8.6
Whelan	United States National Park Service	40.4
Wildflower Playfield	Conejo Recreation and Park District	21.4
Wildwood Park and Open Space (includes Lynnmere North and Wildwood Mesa) ¹	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency and Conejo Recreation and Park District	1,704.7
Willowbrook Park	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	0.5
Wilson Park	Oxnard, City of	5.8
Woodcreek Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	5.0
Woodridge Open Space ¹	City of Thousand Oaks/Conejo Open Space Conserv. Agency	607.3
Woodside Park	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	5.2
Yellowhill	United States National Park Service	395.7
SUBTOTAL		649,198.18
Limited Access		
Anacapa Island (includes areas of park with restricted access)	National Park Service	699.0
Arroyo Conejo Nature Preserve and South Arroyo Conejo Open Space ¹	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	296.4
Coldwater Canyon Ecological Reserve	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	60.2
Hopper Mt National Wildlife Refuge	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	2,387.4
McCrea Open Space, Ranch, and Wildlife Preserve	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency and Conejo Recreation and Park District	362.6
Oakbrook Neighborhood Park	Conejo Recreation and Park District	13.4
SUBTOTAL		3,819.0
No Public Access		
Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	121.9
Southshore Hills Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	12.8
SUBTOTAL		134.7
Unknown		
Alta Vista Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	11.0
Labisco Hill Open Space	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	23.9
Summit House	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	31.9
SUBTOTAL		66.8

¹ This open space was consolidated into one unit and may be managed by multiple agencies.

² All or a part of this open space contains a water feature; the final area calculations also reflect acreage of water.

Source: Ventura County Planning Division and MIG, 2016

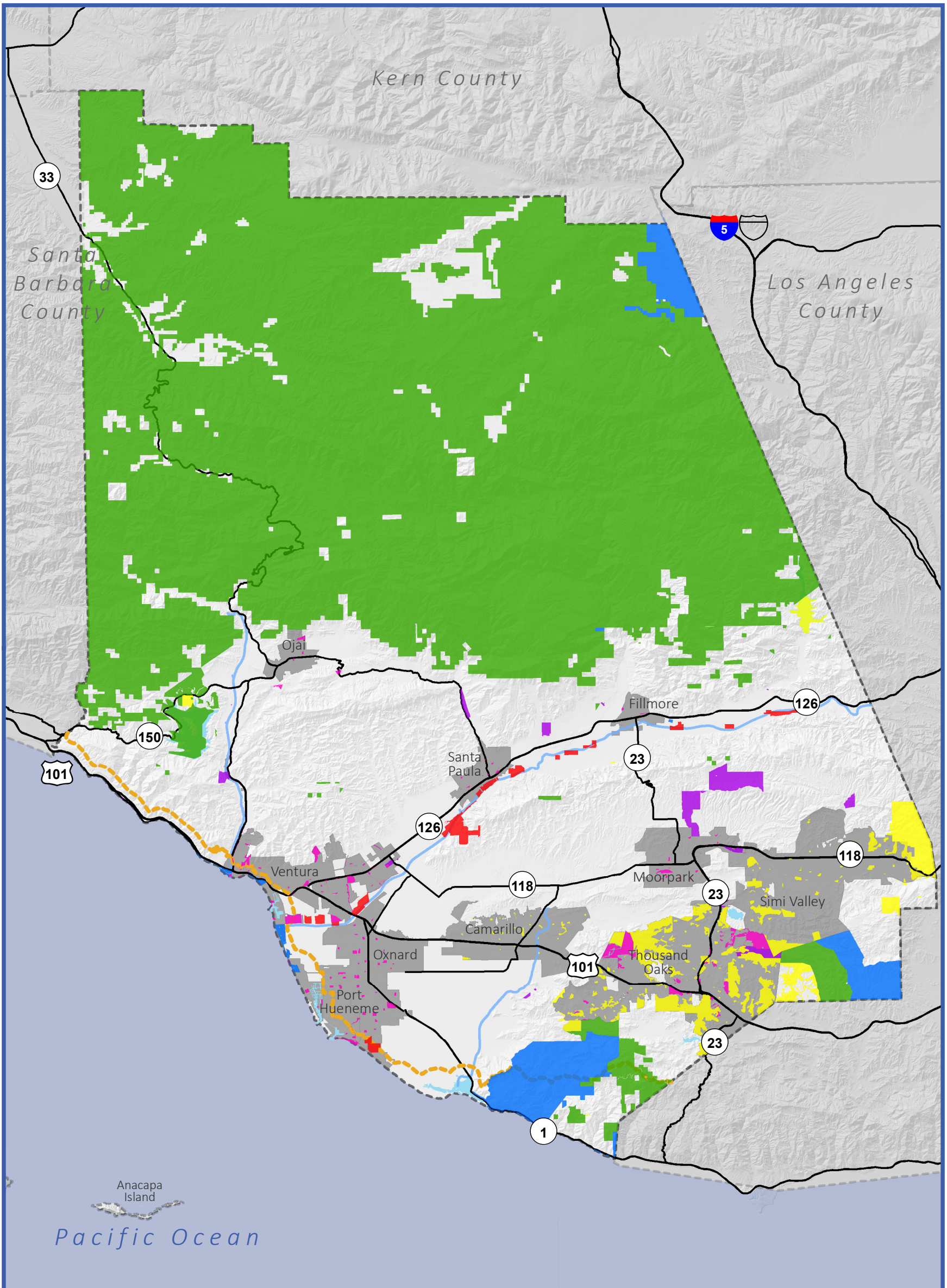


Figure 7-17
Recreation and Open Space Areas

Map Date: July 20, 2016

Source: Ventura County, 2016; California Department of Transportation, 2007; USGS, 2013.



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| Ownership Agency Type | Coastal Zone Boundary |
| Federal | Major Roadways |
| State | Major Waterways |
| County | Water Bodies |
| City | Cities |
| Special District | |
| Non Profit | |

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County of Ventura Parks

The Ventura County Parks Department (part of the County's General Services Agency), manages park and recreation facilities throughout the County.

Categories and General Standards for Park and Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities managed by the Ventura County Parks Department are categorized as either Regional, Local, or Trails/Corridors. These categories are briefly described below. The general planning standard for Regional Parks is five acres of developable land, per one thousand people and the facility should be accessible to the major portion of the population within 30 to 60 minutes' travel time. Similarly, the planning standard for Local Parks is five acres per one thousand people, and are typically within walking distance of the communities where they are located. The general planning standard for Trails and Corridors is 2.5 miles per one thousand people.

Regional: There are five specific regional park classifications that are based on measures or values placed on the area or site including, but not limited to accessibility, physical and/or visual attributes, its potential for offering a quality experience or for meeting needs for a highly specialized use. The following classifications were approved by the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) **Regional Parks:** A Regional Park should include sufficient developable land to accommodate large organized groups or family gatherings without sacrificing the basic qualities of the area or the specific attributes that support specialized use. A Regional Park may contain a variety of specialized facilities or natural features that in combination will support recreation experience of County-wide significance.
- 2) **Recreation Parks:** A Recreation Park should provide facilities for a comprehensive recreation program to serve a population of approximately 200,000 by providing facilities such as sports fields, courts, courses, and gyms. It is designed to handle large-scale multiple participant sports programs and can accommodate tournament competition. It may also offer incidental passive recreation areas and local park facilities, such as small picnic areas and playgrounds. It is usually not less than 30 acres in size and may comprise the active recreation element of a regional park.
- 3) **Preserves:** A Preserve is an extent of land preserved from development to protect unique scenic resources, unusual native plants and animals, geologic phenomena, or historical sites or buildings. It may be part of a regional recreation area or a singular entity.
- 4) **Regional Open Space:** A Regional Open Space is any space, the preservation of which in its natural condition would maintain or enhance the aesthetic quality of a regional recreation area, a major portion of the County, or contribute to the logical control of urban development.
- 5) **Specialized Facilities:** A Specialized Facility is a singular area or facility that provides specialized recreation opportunities that are of regional or County-wide significance. It may be an individual element, or it may be a unit of a larger or more inclusive regional park. Specialized Facilities may include but are not limited to amphitheaters (bowls), auditoriums, botanical gardens, day use beaches, equestrian centers, fairgrounds, golf courses, museums, nature centers, off-road vehicle areas, campgrounds, group picnic grounds, riding and hiking trails, vista points and zoos.

Local: The local park provides facilities to serve the daily needs of a defined neighborhood or group of neighborhoods within an urban community. The specific facilities should be determined by the needs of the community. Local park acres should provide for three main types of recreation: 1) Open areas for passive recreation and relaxation; 2) Active sports areas for baseball, basketball and other court games; and 3) A neighborhood center for group activities.

Trails/Corridors: There are many existing and proposed trail systems within the County that serve or will serve bicycles, pedestrians and equestrians. Several regional trails/corridors link major park and recreation facilities. In the south half of the County, the state and federal government have extensive trails in the Santa Monica Mountains and the Conejo Recreation and Parks District has developed many miles of trails connecting various parks and recreation areas in and around Thousand Oaks. Trails in the Los Padres National Forest in the north half of the County also serve motorcycles and other off-highway vehicles.

County of Ventura Park Facilities

The Ventura County Parks Department organizes its facilities into five categories: (1) Inland; (2) Beach (3) Trails; (4) Golf; and (5) Community Centers. The recreational resources provided by Ventura County Parks Department are summarized in Table 7-25. In addition to the park name, location, amenities, and size, the table indicates whether the park is “Regional,” (i.e., intended to be used as a countywide resource) “Local,” (i.e., intended to be used by those who live near the park) and/or “Leased” (owned by county but managed by private concessionaires).

TABLE 7-25 REGIONAL RECREATION SYSTEM Unincorporated County 2016			
Name and Location	Park Type	Amenities	Size
Inland Parks			
Camp Comfort <i>Ojai</i>	Regional	A day use and overnight facility. San Antonio Creek flows through the park.	34.8 acres
Dennison Park <i>located near Ojai</i>	Regional	A day use and overnight facility. Family and group covered BBQ areas are available by reservation.	32.4 acres
Foster Park <i>Ventura</i>	Regional	Two separate day use areas and two campgrounds. The Ojai Valley trail goes through the park.	201.5 acres
Happy Camp <i>Moorpark</i>	Regional	Regional wilderness with 12.5 miles of trails.	2,952.25 acres
Kenney Grove Park <i>Fillmore</i>	Leased	A developed RV park owned by the County but operated by a private party.	15.40 acres
Oak Park <i>Simi Valley</i>	Regional	A day use and overnight facility.	132.83 acres
Santa Rosa Valley Park <i>east of Camarillo</i>	Regional	A day use facility that includes two equestrian riding areas.	50.07 acres
Saticoy Park <i>Saticoy</i>	Local	A neighborhood park with sports fields. After school programs are provided by the local Boys and Girls Club at this facility.	3.1 acres
Soule Park <i>Ojai</i>	Regional	A day use facility with picnic areas, dog park, and equestrian riding areas.	15.3 acres

**TABLE 7-25
REGIONAL RECREATION SYSTEM
Unincorporated County
2016**

Name and Location	Park Type	Amenities	Size
Steckel Park <i>near Santa Paula</i>	Regional; Leased	A day use and overnight facility. The park contains a playground and a large aviary.	193.41 acres
Tapo Canyon Regional Park <i>near Simi Valley</i>	Regional	A day use and overnight facility. The campground contains full hook-ups for RVs along with an equestrian arena.	210.60 acres
Toland Park <i>Santa Paula and Fillmore</i>	Regional	Hiking opportunities available. A group youth tent camp is available by reservation.	212.92 acres
Warring Park <i>Piru</i>	Local	Amenities include a softball diamond and a basketball court.	3.9 acres
Beach			
Faria Beach Park <i>Pacific Coast Highway</i>	Regional	The park offers day use beach access along with camping (some sites have full hook-ups).	1.76 acres
Hobson Beach Park <i>Pacific Coast Highway</i>	Regional	The park offers day use beach access along with camping (some sites have full hook-ups).	1.7 acres
Rincon Parkway <i>Pacific Coast Highway</i>	Regional	An RV overnight parkway area located along Highway 101 along the ocean front.	1.4 acres
Trails			
Ojai Valley Trail <i>Ojai and Ventura</i>	Regional	National Recreation Trail is parallel to Highway 33 and connects Ojai and Ventura	9.5 miles
Piru Trail <i>Piru</i>	Local	Paved trail connects the Town Center and Warring Park.	0.85 mile
Shelf Road Trail <i>northern edge of Ojai</i>	Local	Unpaved road located on the northern edge of Ojai.	0.6 mile
Sulphur Mountain Trail <i>Near Ojai</i>	Regional	Unpaved with views of Ojai Valley and mountains. Located off Sulphur Mountain Rd along Hwy 33.	11.5 miles
Golf Courses			
Rustic Canyon <i>Simi Valley</i>	Regional; Leased	18-hole golf course located within Happy Camp Regional Park	407.72 acres
Saticoy Regional <i>Ventura</i>	Regional; Leased	9-hole golf course	48.62 acres
Soule Park Golf Course <i>Ojai</i>	Regional; Leased	18-hole golf course	200.0 acres
Community Centers			
Casitas Springs <i>Casitas Springs</i>	Local	1 large room and 1 small room for parties and meetings	n/a
Jose Flores <i>Saticoy</i>	Local	1 large room and 1 small room for parties and meetings	n/a
Oak View <i>Oak View</i>	Local	Child's playground area, basketball court. 1 large room and 1 small room for parties and meetings	n/a
Piru <i>Piru</i>	Local	Baseball field. 2 Rooms - 1 Large Room and 1 Small Room available for parties and meetings.	n/a
Roger Jones <i>El Rio</i>	Local	Park with outdoor BBQ, basketball court, playground. 1 room for parties and meetings.	n/a

Sources: Inland Parks (Ventura County 2016d), Beach Parks (Ventura County 2016a), Trails (Ventura County 2016e), Golf Courses (Ventura County 2016c), Community Centers (Ventura County 2016b)

Park Funding

The existing funding framework for park facilities was first developed in 1978, in response to the statewide Jarvis-Gann Initiative (Proposition 13), which limited the collection of property taxes. In June 1978, shortly after the passage of Proposition 13, the Board of Supervisors approved the Parks Recreation Enterprise Fund, which requires that the County's regional recreation program be self-supporting, and not dependent on the County's General Fund.

Five years later, in August 1982, the Board approved and adopted the annual *Rent, Fee and Insurance Schedule for Parks*, and reaffirmed the policy that the Regional Recreation Enterprise Fund be operated on a self-sustaining basis, without contributions from the General Fund. Currently, park development occurs only if a method of financing for acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance has been established.

Existing Park and Recreation Deficiencies

In 1981, the Board of Supervisors held a study session focused on park development, identification of capital improvement priorities, evaluation of existing conditions, and the development of recommendations to correct facility deficiencies. Recommendations included acquiring and developing additional parkland, augmenting staffing levels, completing a Recreation Element for the General Plan, and presenting a funding program for regional park acquisition, development, and operation to the voters of Ventura County. Some of the recommendations from the study session were achieved. For example, new group picnic areas, campgrounds, equestrian facilities, golf courses and trails were added to the park system and several parks were acquired and developed, thus increasing the number of regional recreation opportunities. However, this 1981 study session was the last extensive evaluation of recreation demands and deficiencies. Notably, an automated reservation and payment system established in 2007/2008 confirmed that, as of 2016, there has been a 69 percent increase in park attendance. Moreover, this increase does not reflect any increased usage of trails or other non-revenue generating park activities.

Casitas Municipal Water District

The Casitas Municipal Water District is a local water supplier for Western Ventura County, including Ojai, the Upper Ojai, Rincon, and parts of Ventura. The district maintains the 300-acre Lake Casitas Recreation Area, where boating, camping, and fishing are available. Casitas Water Adventure, a water park, is open during the summer months and is located in close proximity to the reservoir and recreation area. There is also a disc golf course overlooking the reservoir.

Cemetery Districts

Cemetery Districts include the Bardsdale, Piru, and El Rancho Simi Cemetery Districts. These three cemetery districts operate pursuant to Division 8 of the California Health and Safety Code relating to cemeteries and specifically pursuant to the Public Cemetery District Law. Public cemetery districts are legally separate from the County, and the board of trustees of each district is solely responsible for district operations (Ventura LAFCO 2007). These districts encompass approximately 23 acres of open space.

Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency

The Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) was created through a joint agreement between the City of Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Recreation and Park District in 1977. This partnership allowed

the two entities to “exercise their legal powers to create a jurisdictional framework for the conservation of natural open space lands, assure coordination of local land use and resource management decisions, and establish an entity to focus community resources toward achievement of adopted General Plan goals” (COSCA 2016a). The COSCA manages 19 open space properties and co-manages 7 open space properties with the Conejo Recreation and Park District, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (see Table 8.3-2) (COSCA 2016b).

Conejo Recreation and Park District

The Conejo Recreation and Park District predates the incorporation of the City of Thousand Oaks. The district serves communities within the Conejo Valley both within Thousand Oaks as well as the unincorporated areas of Lynn Ranch, Rolling Hills and Lake Sherwood. According to the most recent Master Plan, the district maintains 50 developed facilities, which include parks, playfields and special facilities (CRPD 2011). The district also jointly owns and operates 40 open space areas and regional parks totaling more than 13,000 acres.

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. MRCA is dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat (MRCA 2016). MRCA manages about 4,800 acres of open space land in Ventura County.

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District

The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD) predates the incorporation on the City of Camarillo (the primary community that it serves). The district also includes substantial unincorporated areas south and east of the City of Camarillo. Additionally, some neighborhoods north of Camarillo but within the City’s Sphere of Influence, are within the district’s boundaries. The district has 27 parks on 300 acres, an aquatic center, a community center, and a skate park (PVRPD 2013).

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District predates the incorporation of the City of Simi Valley. The district serves residents within Simi Valley but also unincorporated areas in close proximity including Oak Park. The district has 50 parks and over 5,600 acres of open space. The district also has two equestrian centers, two swimming pools, and two golf courses.

United Water Conservation District

The United Water Conservation District encompasses the Santa Clara River Valley and the Oxnard Coastal Plain and is a supplier of municipal and agricultural water. The district manages the Lake Piru Recreation Area. Along the western shore of the lake, the district provides boating access, camping, fishing, swimming and picnicking.

State Park and Recreation Agencies

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) manages the Coldwater Canyon Ecological Reserve and the Fillmore Trout Hatchery. These two sites include about 84 acres of open space land. Fillmore Trout Hatchery is open to the public, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and visitors can feed the trout at the hatchery. This Hatchery raises trout for stocking southern California waters (CDFW 2016).

California Department of Parks and Recreation

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) manages a wide variety of recreational and cultural attraction throughout the State. The following six parks are not located in the unincorporated area of Ventura County but are available to unincorporated area residents:

- Emma Woods State Beach – Provides non-tent camping at 90 campsites west of Ventura. Additionally, four group campsites are available at the facility. Activities include swimming, surfing and fishing (State Parks 2016a).
- Hungry Valley State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA) – A 19,000-acre facility located in the interior of the county near Gorman, with 130 miles of trails providing opportunities for off-highway vehicle use (State Parks 2016b).
- Leo Carrillo State Park – This is a 189-acre facility co-managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This park has 1.5 miles of beach for swimming, surfing, windsurfing, surf fishing, and beachcombing. The beach also has tide pools, coastal caves and reefs for exploring. There are also campgrounds and trails for backcountry hiking (State Parks 2016c).
- Mandalay State Beach – An undeveloped beach located west of Oxnard. The beach experiences closures during the Spring and Summer to protect the western snowy plover, a federally threatened bird species (State Parks 2016d).
- McGrath State Beach – Located five miles south of Ventura, the park provides excellent wildlife viewing (State Parks 2016e).
- Point Mugu State Park is located along the Santa Monica Mountains, 15 miles south of Oxnard. The park offers 70 miles of trails along with five miles of ocean shoreline (State Parks 2016g).
- San Buenaventura State Beach – Located in Ventura, the State Beach contains two miles of sandy beach, picnic sites, along with a snack bar and rental shop. The beach is the location of numerous special events and activities such as swimming, picnicking and beach volleyball occur at this location (State Parks 2016f).

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature to preserve parkland in both wilderness and urban settings and improve public recreational facilities throughout Southern California. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy manages the Dick Clark Open Space and Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve and co-manages the Leo Carrillo State Park with California State Parks. The Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve is part of a critical ecological linkage and wildlife corridor for a number of important species, like California red-legged frog, San Fernando Valley

spineflower, southwestern willow flycatcher, and southern steelhead trout. Trails at this open space preserve offer opportunities for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians during daylight hours (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 2016). Dick Clark Open Space is located near the southern border of Ventura County, between Boney Mountains State Wilderness Area and Deer Creek Canyon Park, just north of Deer Creek Road. The Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve, Leo Carrillo State Park, and Dick Clark Open Space are located within unincorporated areas within Ventura County.

Federal Park and Recreation Agencies

United States Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) owns 30 unnamed properties throughout Ventura County, totaling 2,717 acres. BLM land is generally open to the public.

United States Bureau of Reclamation

In Ventura County, the Bureau of Reclamation co-manages the Lake Casitas Recreation Area with the Casitas Municipal Water District. A more detailed description of the Lake Casitas Recreation Area and the recreational opportunities available can be found in the sub-section of this chapter describing Casitas Municipal Water District.

United States Forest Service

A relatively large portion of Ventura County lies within the Los Padres National Forest, which is managed by the USFS. The Los Padres National Forest offers the following recreational opportunities:

- 57 dispersed trail camps
- 19 developed family campgrounds and one developed group campground
- An extensive road system allowing for scenic driving and/or OHV driving
- Over 350 miles in trails
- Several Wilderness Areas fully or partially within the County: Dick Smith Wilderness, Matilija Wilderness, Chumash Wilderness, and the Sespe Wilderness
- Sespe Condor Sanctuary allows limited access to designated trail corridors within the sanctuary boundaries

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is responsible for the management of the Hopper National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex, which includes Bitter Creek and Hopper Mountain. These two NWRs support the California Condor Recovery Program. Bitter NWR is located in northwestern Ventura County and provides valuable habitat for the federally- and state-listed California condor. Public access to Bitter Creek is limited to guided hikes in the refuge led by Friends of California Condors Wild and Free (USFWS 2013a). Hopper Mountain NWR, located north of the unincorporated town of Piru, has similar policies for limited (guided) public access (USFWS 2013b). These two NWRs encompass approximately 2,500 acres of open space land in Ventura County.

United States National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) is responsible for management of Channel Islands National Park, located offshore. Channel Islands National Park encompasses five of the eight Channel Islands. One of

the Park's five islands, Anacapa, is within Ventura County. Anacapa Island is the most visited of the islands, and is comprised of three islets. The island is located 11 miles from Oxnard and 14 miles from Ventura. The eastern portion of the island provides public access, a visitor center, picnicking, and overnight camping.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) was established in 1978, and the National Park Service has prime responsibility for managing these lands. SMMNRA includes 150,000 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains, both within Ventura and Los Angeles counties. In addition to the NPS, other agencies manage recreational open space in the SMMNRA, including the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. Federal land within the Ventura County portion of SMMNRA include Cheeseboro Canyon, Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa, Malibu Springs (near Leo Carrillo State Beach), and Circle X Ranch (adjacent to Boney Mountain State Wilderness Area).

United States Navy

Mugu Lagoon is located within Naval Base Ventura County-Point Mugu. Since it has been in ownership under the U.S. Navy for more than 70 years, it is considered as one of the least disturbed and best protected estuaries in southern California (Onuf 1987). This area is not readily accessible to the public for recreation purposes; however, it can be viewed from the Pacific Coast Highway.

San Nicolas Island is one of the eight Channel Islands and located within Ventura County. It is owned by the United States Navy for weapons testing and as a training facility; it is not open to the public. San Nicholas Island also serves as a wildlife refuge and has been the focus of several restoration efforts, including feral cat eradication and southern sea otter translocation. There are several endemic, rare, and special status species the island, including: island night lizard, western snowy plover, San Nicholas Island fox, and southern sea otter (Montrose Settlements Restoration Program 2009). The Navy's work with the island night lizard at San Nicolas island contributed to this species being removed from the engendered species list in 2014.

Regulatory Setting

Federal

National Forest Management Act. This act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to assess national forest lands; develop a management program based on multiple-use, sustained-yield principles; and implement a resource management plan for each unit of the National Forest System. It is the primary statute governing the administration of national forests. The Land Management Plan – Part 2 Los Padres National Forest Strategy, adopted in September 2005, "...describes the strategic direction at the broad program-level for managing the land and its resources over the next 10 to 15 years. The strategic direction was developed by an interdisciplinary planning team working with forest staff using extensive public involvement and the best science available" (USFS 2016).

National Park Service. The National Park Service (NPS) was established in 1916 under the National Park Service Organic Act. The NPS manages its facilities under a policy known as "the dual mandate," which requires NPS to preserve the natural and cultural resource under their jurisdiction for future generations while providing for the "enjoyment" (often in the form of recreation use) of the areas under their purview.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The USFS is responsible for preserving the outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values for portions of Piru Creek and Sespe Creek, which flows through the Los Padres

National Forest. These creeks are part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, which was created to preserve remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other valuable natural resources. Rivers within these systems are classified as wild, scenic, or recreational; segments of rivers designated as “wild” are the least developed (free of impoundments, no development, only accessible by trail); and recreational segments are the most developed (may have undergone some impoundment, has some development along shoreline, readily accessible by road or public transit) (National Wild and Scenic Rivers System 2016a). Piru Creek has 4.3 miles classified as wild and 3.0 miles as recreational, for a total of 7.3 miles (National Wild and Scenic Rivers System 2016b). Sespe Creek as 27.5 miles classified as wild and 4.0 miles as scenic, for a total of 31.5 miles (National Wild and Scenic Rivers System 2016c).

State

California Coastal Act of 1976. There are several sections of the Coastal Act that pertain to recreation; these sections are listed below.

§ 30213. Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities; encouragement and provision; overnight room rentals. Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are preferred.

§ 30220. Coastal areas suited for water-oriented recreational activities that cannot readily be provided at inland water areas shall be protected for such uses.

§ 30221. Oceanfront land suitable for recreational use shall be protected for recreational use and development unless present and foreseeable future demand for public or commercial recreational activities that could be accommodated on the property is already adequately provided for in the area.

§ 30222. The use of private lands suitable for visitor-serving commercial recreation facilities designed to enhance public opportunities for coastal recreation shall have priority over private residential, general industrial, or general commercial development, but not over agriculture or coastal-dependent industry.

§ 30223. Upland areas necessary to support coastal recreational uses shall be reserved for such uses, where feasible.

§ 30250(c). Visitor-serving facilities that cannot feasibly be located in existing developed areas shall be located in existing isolated developments or at selected points of attractions for visitors.

California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection. The California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP) works with landowners, local governments and researchers to conserve open space resources statewide. DLRP provides information, maps, funding and technical assistance to local governments, consultants, resource conservation districts and nonprofit organizations, with the goal of conserving the state’s agricultural and natural resources.

California Government Code. California Government Code Sections 65560-65570 establish the need for an Open Space Element in a General Plan, define the types of open spaces, require an action program for implementing the Open Space Element, and require that city and county actions be consistent with the Open Space Element. Types of open space include open spaces used for the preservation of natural

resources, managed production of resources, outdoor recreation, public health and safety, support of the mission of military installations, and the protection of places, features and objects described in Sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 of the Public Resources Code. Examples of city or county actions that must be consistent with the Open Space Element include acquisition/disposal of land or interest, restriction/regulation of uses, permitting for construction, approval for subdivision maps and adoption of open space zoning regulations.

The Quimby Act (California Government Code Section 66477, as amended by Assembly Bill 1359), allows cities and counties to adopt park dedication standards/ordinances requiring developers to set aside land, donate conservation easements or pay fees to acquire parkland.

California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act). This act enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use. In return, landowners receive property tax assessments which are much lower than normal because they are based upon farming and open space uses as opposed to full market value.

Public Resources Code. The State Public Park Preservation Act (Public Resources Code 5400-5409) is the primary instrument for protecting and preserving parkland in California. Under the Act, cities and counties may not acquire any real property that is in use as a public park for any non-park use unless compensation or land, or both, are provided to replace the parkland required. This ensures no net loss of parkland and facilities.

Public Resources Code Section 5076 requires counties to consider trail-oriented recreational use and shall consider such demands in developing specific open space programs during the development of the General Plan. Cities are also required to consider the feasibility of integrating their trail routes with appropriate segments of the state system.

State Street and Highway Code. The State Street and Highway Code include provisions for equestrian and hiking trails within the rights-of-way of county roads, streets and highways.

Local

The Guidelines for Orderly Development

These guidelines are intended in part to protect open space and agricultural land uses by directing urban-level development to incorporated cities in Ventura County rather than in unincorporated areas. Ventura County's Guidelines for Orderly Development are consistent with new State laws, such as Assembly Bill (AB) 32 and Senate Bill (SB) 375, which seek reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through changes to land use patterns and related transportation systems (Ventura County 2013).

Save Open Space and Agricultural Resource (SOAR) Ordinances

Save Open Space & Agricultural Resources (SOAR) refers to a series of voter initiatives that individual jurisdictions adopted to protect open space and agricultural land. Ventura County first adopted the countywide SOAR ordinance in 1998. The County SOAR ordinance requires countywide voter approval of any change to the General Plan involving the Agricultural, Open Space, or Rural land use designations, or any changes to a General Plan goal or policy related to those land use designations. In addition to the County SOAR ordinance, eight of the 10 cities in the county have enacted SOAR ordinances/initiatives:

Ventura (1995 and 2001), Camarillo (1998), Oxnard (1998), Simi Valley (1998), Thousand Oaks (1998), Moorpark (1999), Santa Paula (2000), and Fillmore (2002). The cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks adopted SOAR ordinances to establish voter-controlled urban growth boundaries, known as City Urban Restriction Boundaries (CURBs). CURBs are lines around each city that require voter approval to allow city annexation and development of land outside of the CURB boundary. In November 2016, the voters of Ventura County and eight of the county's ten cities renewed the SOAR ordinances and extended their controls through 2050. Ojai and Port Hueneme were not covered by the Measure C, the 2016 ballot initiative that extended the SOAR ordinances. Ojai will continue to rely on locally-adopted planning measures, while Port Hueneme is landlocked, with no room to expand beyond its current boundaries.

2005 Ventura County General Plan

The General Plan covers recreation opportunities in Chapter 4, Public Facilities and Services. Section 4.10 includes goals, policies, and programs related to recreation opportunities. The following Area Plans also contain applicable goals and policies related to recreation opportunities:

- Coastal Area Plan;
- El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan;
- Oak Park Area Plan;
- Ojai Valley Area Plan;
- Piru Area Plan;
- Saticoy Area Plan;
- Thousand Oaks Area Plan; and
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan.

2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

The Initial Study Assessment Guidelines include criteria for evaluating environmental impacts for recreation opportunities. These can be found in Section 35. Recreation Facilities.

2015 Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance

The Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance regulates recreation opportunities through Section 8175-5 Standards and Conditions for Uses and Section 8174-6 Statutory Exemptions and Categorical Exclusions.

Key Terms

Multiple-use, sustainable yield. Multiple use means management of all the various renewable surface resources of the national forests like timber, range, water, recreation, and wildlife, so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the needs of the American people. Sustainable yield means the achievement and maintenance, in perpetuity, of a high-level annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources of the national forests without impairment of the productivity of the land.

National Wildlife Refuge Complex. An administrative grouping of two or more refuges, wildlife management areas or other refuge conservation areas primarily managed from a central office location.

Refuges are grouped into a complex structure because they occur in a similar ecological region, such as a watershed or specific habitat type, and have a related purpose and management needs.

Special District. Any agency of the state for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries; a separate local government that delivers a limited number of public services to a geographically limited area. Special districts are a form of government, have governing boards, provide services and facilities, and have defined boundaries.

Walking Distance. Pursuant to the Partnership for Sustainable Communities (an interagency collaboration between the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency), walking distance is any distance less than $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (2014). For communities with many elderly residents or dense city centers, $\frac{1}{4}$ may be a more appropriate metric when considering walking distance. In suburban/rural areas where amenities are more spread out, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile may be a more appropriate metric.

Wilderness Areas. According to the USFS, a Wilderness Areas is a social condition, one in which an area is untrammeled and free from human control, regardless of preexisting conditions or future consequences.

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