



**AGENDA
VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
VRBI STANDING COMMITTEE
(ZOOM Conference Call)
Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
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1. Call to Order – Roll Call

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMOTE LOCATIONS:

Leslie Cornejo – 970 E Ventura St, Santa Paula, CA 93060 (City Hall)
Chris Enegren - 444 Zachary St # 120, Moorpark, CA 93021 (Business)
David Newman - 2100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (City Hall)
Janice Parvin - 980 Enchanted Way, Suite 203, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (District Office)
Bert Perello - 300 W 3rd St, Oxnard, CA 93030 (City Hall)
Leslie Rule, 401 S Ventura St, Ojai, CA 93023 (City Hall)

2. Public Statements

3. Adoption of January 7, 2026 Committee Meeting Summary - Page 2

4. Executive Directors Report

5. Presentation Items

- California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Adoption Grant - Shelby Arthur
- Permitting details from member agencies

6. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment- Next VRBI Standing Committee Meeting- October 7, 2026



MEETING SUMMARY

VRBI STANDING COMMITTEE (ZOOM Conference Call) Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Committee Chair Chris Enegren called the meeting to order at 10:05

Committee members present: Bob Engler, Bert Perello, Chris Enegren, Janice Parvin, Leslie Cornejo, and Leslie Rule

Also present: David Pollock, VCOG Executive Director; Brian Chong, City of Moorpark; Mna Layba, City of Thousand Oaks; Shelby Arthur and Molka Oum, EDC-VC

2. Public Statements

There were no comments from the public

3. Executive Directors Report

David Pollock gave a brief orientation on the committee's origin and purpose to pursue the goals of the VRBI report and promote higher-quality, affordable broadband services throughout the county.

4. Permitting Details from Member Agencies

The staff working group delivered a partially completed permitting summary covering 4 of 10 cities, including Camarillo, to guide ISPs through local permitting processes and boost broadband competition countywide.

- The summary provides contact points and expectations for each city to streamline ISP entry and reduce barriers.
- Some cities, like Santa Paula, face staffing challenges delaying input, but the committee will persist until completion.
- This guidebook is designed to encourage more ISP participation and price competition, directly supporting local broadband growth efforts.
- The working group plans to circulate the summary to all members once complete for feedback and broader alignment.

5. VRBI Strategic Priorities and Actions

A comprehensive staff-level work plan was previewed to systematically address broadband infrastructure challenges, including developing a model micro-trenching permitting standard to ensure countywide consistency.

- The plan draws on SCAG's existing model standards, which will be reviewed by staff before recommending adoption to the full VCOG council.
- Micro trenching was discussed as a cost-effective method favored by ISPs, involving narrow, shallow cuts along street gutters to lay fiber optic cables with minimal disruption.
- Few cities currently implement micro trenching, making this a key growth area to expedite fiber deployment and reduce costs for providers.
- Coordinating with diverse city departments (public works, IT, city manager assistants) ensures the plan addresses varying local processes.
- Standardizing these permits aims to simplify ISP operations, accelerate broadband expansion, and improve service availability across Ventura County.

6. Future agenda items

No specific items were added.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am. The next scheduled meeting is April 1, 2026.