ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: October 2, 2013

Agenda Item No: 1

Meeting Date: October 9, 2013

To: **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PUBLIC ART COMMISSION AND VENTURA WATER RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

From: **SHANA EPSTEIN, VENTURA WATER GENERAL MANAGER**

Subject: **PUBLIC ART AND ASSOCIATED FEE WORKSHOP**

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that each of the respective committees will develop their own advisory recommendation to Council for the future of the Public Arts obligation in regards to water and wastewater capital projects. The presentation of the recommendation(s) (separate or jointly) to Council, if desired, will be coordinated by staff as agreed upon by all committees.

DISCUSSION

On October 9, 2013, three advisory bodies to the City Council will be congregating to learn, listen and share opinions regarding Public Art. Public Art funding via capital projects was initiated by City Council approving an ordinance in 1999. Last time representatives of the these three bodies met it was to discuss the Ventura Water Rate Advisory Committee's recommendation to City Council to no longer obligate the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds to contribute the Public Art 2% of new construction costs related to capital projects. In the end, the City Council approved a compromise to suspend this obligation until June 30, 2014 in conjunction with the two years of rates that were being approved.

The format of this Workshop will be to receive a presentation and different background documents and then as the chairs of the three advisory bodies designate public comment and discussion amongst the members of the committee and commissions. City staff does not have an official recommendation to present to the three bodies. Though City staff does recommend that each bodies' chair summarize each committee or commission mission. For example, the Ventura Water Rate Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing the cost of service study and evaluate the impact of consumer rates for water and wastewater in order to recommend to City Council the revenue requirements for these respective services.