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The Sustainability Council of Ventura presents a program about how we as a community and region can bring various groups and individuals together with different view points to talk out balanced solutions to shared problems.

The program, entitled "**Sustaining Dialogue in Times of Controversy**," will be held on Friday, March 21 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Ventura County Government Center (800 s. Victoria Avenue, Ventura), Hall of Administration, Lower Plaza Assembly Room.

The public is cordially invited. There is \$5.00 charge to help cover program costs.

The program will feature speakers from prominent groups throughout the state who have developed methods that create channels of communication between contentious parties involved in conflicts over such things as land use, watershed policy, and sustainable planning for a whole region. Representing our local area on the panel will be John Conlon of VCEDA.

Former Thousand Oaks Mayor Chuck Cohen will moderate.

The morning panel will be followed by an afternoon showing of a short video about how the Dutch government, business, and environmentalists work together to solve resource and regulatory problems. People who attend will then work in small groups to fashion specific proposals for promoting long-term dialogue in Ventura County.

The Sustainability Council of Ventura County is pleased to have the event co-sponsored by members of the County Board of Supervisors, and leaders of the naval facilities at Port Hueneme and Pt. Mugu.

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