

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Agua Dulce Women's Club
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Alan DiFatta (AD), Ed Porter (EP), Scott Griffin (SG) , Lianne Swanson (LS) – Secretary, Dave Aiello (DA)-Treasurer

Absent: Donal MacAdam (DM)

Community Members: About 33 community members in attendance

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order 6:06 pm		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda – request to move Fire Dept above other agency reports. Approved with changes.	M: LS S: SG	6-0-1
3. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2011 with correction, as amended: Item #10 line 7 complete as of June 2011 and have been submitted....	M:EP S: DA	6-0-1
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. State Farm Insurance premium notice (to be paid).		
b. Chase Bank statement for Election Committee account.		
c. Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District: Notice of vacancy and application for position on the Board of Directors. – read the notice.		
d. LA County Dept. of Public Works: Notice of guardrail replacement-outside of Agua Dulce - built at no cost to property owners.		
e. LA County Dept. of Regional Planning: denial of request for a minor use permit to erect a non-commercial wind turbine on property at 7747 Valley Sage Road, Agua Dulce. Accompanying letter from Phillip Estes.		
f. LA county Regional Planning Hearing Officer: notice of public hearing Oct. 18, 9:00 AM on request for continued operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 31602 Spring Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. Off Davenport Rd.		
g. State Water Resources Control Board: Notice of Availability of Draft Documents and Notice of Staff Workshops-Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)-Septic Systems. Can be gotten on their website, and will post a link on our ADTC website. Toned down into site-specific, and overlooking existing systems.		
h. LA County Regional Planning Hearings:		
i. Sept. 28-Request initiation of public hearings on Agua Dulce revision of Community Standards District (CSD). We will find out more tonight.		

ii. Nov. 9-Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance-first component is rural lighting district.		
iii. Nov. 21-To consider a Negative Declaration for the revision of the Agua Dulce CSD. We will find out more tonight.		
iv. Dec. 7-Request initiation of public hearings on revision of Agua Dulce CSD, Nov. 21, 2011. We will find out more tonight.		
i. Web mail		
2.) Outgoing Correspondence		
B. High Speed Rail update- no news. Meeting next Monday.		
C. ARTC Update – Battling solar farms, one is 620 acres. 62,000 acres other project.10 square miles. Also will need transmission lines.		
D. Secretary Report – no report		
E. Treasurer Report – 1 check for insurance. Bal=\$1360.93		
F. Election Committee, Upcoming Election – currently no applications for candidacy. Must follow bylaws. Can reopen nominating period. It's a done deal that we can't have a Nov election, maybe a special election in January.		
G. Other		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Water Committee – have had two meetings of the TAC/town council presidents with the County regarding hauled water. Discussed individual items and 2 were dropped, have another meeting on the 26 th to further discuss. Task force is all there and they have been productive meetings. Then they will release their answers, and will be open to community input from there. Sounds good right now, want to make it affordable and doable. Done away with requirements affecting existing homes on hauled water. Making progress. Discussion of graywater laws, which will be the next issue after hauled water.		
B. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee (see below in Community Meeting) – Mary Johnson will hold off report to 7 pm segment. Would like the council to supply a bus to the regional planning meeting where CSD will be reviewed. Will ask Rosalind. For Nov 21 st meeting.		
C. Disaster Planning – involved with Cert at AV station. We may be able to get a container for CERT supplies. Commended Disaster Committee for their information during the last fire.		
D. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update –Sarah Brewer will give report at 7 pm.		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Discussion TBD no fundraiser, cancelled.		
F. Charter/Bylaws		
G. Film – lot of local filming.		
H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – campus security hired. School board meeting this week.		
I. Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project: Action item-Council response to draft EIR/EIS – will go over letter in 7 pm mtg.		
6. Other Business – none, adjourned administrative portion of meeting		
COMMUNITY MEETING:		
7. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance 7:02 pm		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol – Officer Burton. Stats are low; we are doing very well this year. Maintenance of vehicles reminder as winter approaches. Tires, wipers, etc. Types of vehicles that can be driven on roadways (i.e. tractors, off-road vehicles, etc) questions came up. Will		

take questions offline.		
B. Los Angeles County Fire Dept - Capt Scott Pulgard with the CERT Program talked about AV CERT program. Community Emergency Response Training for disaster preparedness. AV Committee now has AD representation and is part of the AV team. Gary Hebdon and Marla Stark are our squad leaders. Wants to put a “disaster container” in place, a shipping container in a central location, to store disaster supplies for the community,		
9. 5 th District Report – Rosalind Wayman – brought Dept of Public Works. - SCE is going to be changing out our meters to smart meters. Can opt-out. Coming very soon. 18008102369 to opt out Edison Smart Connect. - City of Santa Clarita is purchasing some property on Soledad between the 14 and the trailer parks. They are putting together the money. Open space/green belt over 1100 acres.		
10. LA Country Department of Public Works report on Escondido Cyn Rd project: Sree Kumar and Dean Raidel, More complex than a left-turn pocket. Widens the road. Phased approach. 3 components 1. Right-turn pocket into interpretive center completed in May/June next yr Phase 2 is scrape, scrub and microsurface all the way to Crown Valley, should be done June Aug and complete around November. Phase 3 is left-turn pocket into Interpretive Center. Will straighten the curves, maybe move trees, etc. Needs EIR. Will take more time. Equestrians need to be discussed. Also high-pressure gas lines. Vazquez Cyn Rd will get a similar treatment taking 3 yrs or so. Community input was heard and several members of the community were not supportive of the scope of the project and felt it was too large a project for our needs.		
11. Committees		
A. Water Committee – DH reported that things were looking good regarding answers on hauled water by Nov 1 st to release to the community, and they are encouraged that it will be a workable solution.		
B. Land Use/CSD –Presentation and Discussion by Regional Planners Emma Howard and Mitch Glaser – Gave update on SCV area plan OVOV, blessed by Regional Planning, and Board will have final vote for adoption and Agua Dulce is green, low density and minimal development, compatible with our CSD. Emma Howard made presentation about CSD and went over the changes to the CSD that were made after the last community meeting. Clustering limited, ranch signs permitted, lights limited, signs limited, temporary signs regulated, and hillsides protected. Equestrian shoulders. Commercial zones in rural standards, Home-based occupations language changed, maybe add a sentence or two to clarify, minor in nature. Will spell it out more. Big changes: 1. Trail standards limited to subdivisions not all CUPs. 2. Drainage language reserved. 3. Dogs to 5 dogs, and the community expressed an opinion that it would prefer more dogs on acreage. 4. Cargo containers allowed up to 2 without a CUP. Flexibility in the policy. 5. No residential truck parking standards will be included within this document. Discussion of various provisions above was lively, and of concern was trucks, cargo containers, and dogs, People wanted more dogs, less dogs, parking of commercial trucks for owner-operators, no parking of trucks, more cargo containers, less cargo containers, etc.. Her job will be turned over to Brianna Menke for the environmental document and the work going forward.. Regional Planning was asked to initiate the CSD process, and it is a public forum. If you have something you want, you can go in front of Regional Planning. We would like a bus. And we would encourage comments to regional planning in writing.		
C. Election Committee – Lianne Swanson presented report for the Election Committee. There have been no candidate applications to date..		
D. Disaster Planning Committee – Gary Hebdon updated on the AV Cert alliance.		

<p>E. Barren Ridge Letter presented by Mary Johnson – line goes through the forest and there is another option through Agua Dulce, draft EIR is out and we are still included as an option. Preferred route is through the forest. Alternate 3 is unacceptable, and the Town Council should write a letter. There is also a 2a outside Green Valley, creates a fire hazard for them. They are proposing to move their existing line outside. MSP draft a letter on council stationery in support of Green Valley and to restate that Alternate 3 is unacceptable. MSP M AD S EP vote 6-0-0 Mary will email address/electronic letter to Lianne</p>	<p>M: AD S: EP</p>	<p>6-0-1</p>
<p>F. Interpretive Center – Sarah Brewer summarized meeting regarding progress. Not a huge building but well utilized. None of the trees are being knocked down. Outside of building matches the landscape, inside is colorful. Floor is stained concrete. Animals, Native American, Geology displays.</p>		
<p>G. Library – Matthew Rose gave a report on the library.</p>		
<p>12. Scott Short of the Sheriff’s Department - Forest Service HQ is now open in Acton, 5 incidents last month, 2 were the same case (missing children/found), 1 forgery, 1 suspicious circumstance. Golf carts – special item. Zones of 25 mph or less. You can have a slow moving vehicle 4 wheels speed of 20-25 mph, must meet vehicle codes, i.e. lights, seat belts, etc. A horse rider can get cited for leaving a zone of safety into traffic.</p>		
<p>13. Open Forum – Mary Johnson discussed Escondido Rd improvements, was shocked that they are doing it. We may be able to contact Public Works and wait for the center to open. Ask for a traffic study. If they don’t need a lane at that time, don’t put the lane. Ed will draft a letter and we will review at the next meeting. On CSD in the spirit of compromise we should just get it to the Regional Planning Commission – maybe 6 will work on dogs. Containers might need a maximum or a minor CUP, or something like that. Trucking with a minor CUP.</p> <p>Rosie Heffley – discussed the County and their lack of responsiveness to CSD boundary issues. Rosie’s section is in OVOV and Town & Country too as the Acton “area of contention.” Approx 20 houses are in this area and wish to be in Agua Dulce CSD and the County won’t sign off on it unless Acton releases them. ATC has not cooperated.</p>		
<p>14. Unfinished Business – none</p>		
<p>15. New Business – none</p>		
<p>16. Future Agenda Items – letter regarding Escondido Cyn project, letter regarding Rosie Heffley’s “Acton area of contention.” .</p>		
<p>17. Adjournment 10:15 pm. MSP Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>M: EP S: LS</p>	<p>6-0-1</p>