

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL
 Regular Meeting of January 14, 2009 – 7:00 pm
 Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce
APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Mary Johnson **(MJ)**-President, Lorene Cangiano **(LC)**-Secretary, Don Henry **(DH)**-Treasurer, David Aiello **(DA)**, Annette Fortuna **(AF)** Gary Hebdon **(GH)**,

Council Members Absent: Donal MacAdam **(DM)**

Community Members: About 24 people in attendance in addition to presenters and Town Council Members

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS	RESULT/DECISION Approve-reject-abstain
1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance	Mary Johnson, President Regular meeting was called to order 7:15 PM. MJ introduced some procedural changes to the meeting including reorganization of the room, two five minute breaks when possible, use of speaker slips which can allow a community member to speak during any section of the meeting once they have filled out a slip and the Secretary calls on them. The speakers have 3 minutes maximum to speak. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Aiello		Table and chair placement was reversed to facilitate quiet departure of those who must leave early. Speaker slips were available anytime during the meeting
2. Approval of Agenda	MSP: Approve as submitted	M: DH S: DA	6-0-0
3. Approval of Minutes	MSP: Approve minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008 as submitted	M: DA S: DH	5-0-1 GH not at last meeting
4. Agency Reports			
4.a. California Highway Patrol	Rick Milar: Not present Officer Eric Stevenson: Snow days went well		Information Only
4.b. LA County Sheriff	Deputy Scott Short: (661) 272-2571 Crime Stats: December: 14 reports calls: couple of unlocked vehicle thefts and one break and enter in Sierra Colony. Parolee sweeps will be conducted in AD. There will be parking enforcement once a week on county roads and streets ie Sierra Colony		Information Only
4.c. LA County Sheriff Dept. (COPS)	Deputy Robert Ferrell: Not present		
4.d. LA County Fire Department	Carmen Mackey (Community Service Representative): Not present		
4.e. LA County Public Works	Virginia Maloles: Gave presentation on Proposed Franchise Trash Collection System for Unincorporated LA County		TC requested that Public Works publicize the upcoming general

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	<p>LA County mandated to decrease waste by 50% (Assembly Bill 939)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penalties for non reduction will trickle down to end users 2. One or two vendors only. Can keep large dumpsters 3. Recycling options are fee for service curbside or free collection centers in community 4. This is mandatory for the community 5. Implementation is planned in about 8 months 6. A general community meeting will be held and a survey mailed to each home owner by Public Works. 7. The community in attendance had many concerns including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ultimate loss of dumpster options b. Manure disposal c. Lack of competition holding down costs d. Ultimate failure of service e. The diversity of our community precludes a one plan fits all f. We are the first rural community that will get this service in LA county 8. According to Rosalind Wayman this might not be set in stone as our destiny 		community hearing thoroughly, including use of banners. TC Members and community members must be diligent in getting the word out on the general community meeting
5. LA County Fifth District Deputy	<p>5.1 Rosalind Wayman:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RW read a brief description of the creation and purpose of Community Town Councils, see attached. She also handed out copies of "Rural Town Council" handbooks. 2. Supervisor Antonovich introduced a motion to the Board of Supervisors to create a grading system for nursing homes. 3. Supervisor Antonovich also initiated a county wide bicycle master plan for all 88 cities in the county. 4. Due to state budget downsizing, there will most likely be a significant impact on the County of LA and each year will see an increasing financial hit. This may strongly affect how the county has to do business. 		Information Only
6. Council Reports			
6.a. President	<p>Mary Johnson: All pertinent information on all issues presented at Town Council meetings is posted on the Agua Dulce Town Council Website. Please check it.</p>		
6.b. Secretary	<p>Lorene Cangiano: Nothing to report</p>		
6.c. Treasurer	<p>Don Henry- Starting balance was 102.60, Monies received \$710.00, Expenses \$135.00, final balance \$687.60</p>		Information only

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6.e. Other	GH attended the Eagle Scout Certification for Chris Norris and presented a certificate from the TC		
7. Open Forum	One community member with an update on the property at 32222 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd. There are 14 violations in effect		Information only
8. Committee Reports			
8.a. Land Use Community Standards District (CSD)	<p>Co-Chairs: Lorene Cangiano, Mary Johnson:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Las Lomas Project will not happen. 2. Property Setbacks in the proposed draft Community Standards do not include easements: E1.b“Required yards shall be measured from the property’s boundary unless such boundary is located within a private street or right-of-way, in which case required yard areas shall be measured from the edge of the private street or right-of-way closest to the interior of a lot or parcel of land.” 3. The current Power Tower scoping report is available and the community’s suggestions were incorporated into the draft EIR coming out this summer. We have been heard. 4. BOS Motion of 12-9-08 regarding LA County General Plan Update: Regional Planning to address the unique set of issues affecting quality of life in our rural communities. 		
8.b. Parks & Trails	<p>Chair: Mary Johnson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 community members spoke, both concerned about a swale added to part of Darling Road which is so slippery that both of their horses have fallen, one injuring the rider. 2. Vasquez Rocks Interpretive Center Status: Final EIR certification by BOS projected in March 2009. Design-Build contract award is projected by October 2009. Remodel of ranger’s residence is scheduled to start in the fall of 2010 contingent on approval from the State Historic Preservation Office. 		Community members should contact Public Works and Rosalind is aware as well.
8.c. Election Committee	<p>Organizer: Julianne Feuerhelm</p> <p>The Election Committee had presented some recommended changes to the Election Procedures last meeting. At this time they were reviewed and approved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add Chairman and Secretary as additional signers on checking account. 2. Change timeline for committee Chair election to 1st week in July 3. Change bank balance minimums and maximums as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A minimum of \$100.00 is to be kept in the bank at all times. At the end of the election year, and at the time of closing the books and reporting to the Town 		

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	<p>Council (within 60 days of the election completion), the maximum balance to be kept in the Election Committee bank account for forwarding to the new election year, is \$500.00. During the active election period (post the previous closing of the books until the next closing of the books) there is no maximum limit on the account balance. The Election Committee may deposit and use as much money as they deem necessary for conducting Election Committee business.</p> <p>MSP:Accept the recommended changes to the Election Procedure</p>	<p>M: MJ S: LC</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>8.d. Charter/Bylaws</p>	<p>Chair: Gary Hebdon stepped down as chair. Lorene Cangiano was appointed new chair. The first tasks are to re-start the committee and modify the bylaws to reflect the change of the Election Committee from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee . Those Town Council Members familiar with the bylaws should review them for other areas that might benefit from review and possible revision.</p>		<p>Restart Bylaws Committee. LC to chair. First task assigned.</p>
<p>8.e. Film</p>	<p>Chair: Dave Aiello: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>8.f. Water 1. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan a. Water Treatment Device Policy b. Chris Ball's recommendation for citizen's oversight and appeals board for private well procedures and endorsement of his petition</p>	<p>Chair: Don Henry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Meeting with Environmental Health is scheduled for January 27th 2009. 2. Mr. Nazir Kahn, a community member, reported that Pacific Legal Foundation, a Sacramento based public interest legal organization that litigates on behalf of property rights, has offered to speak to Agua Dulce and Acton regarding legal options available if we wish to oppose the new county water testing regulations. 3. TC members agreed that the meeting currently set for January 28th 2009 should be changed in time and scope. The meeting should be a joint effort between Agua Dulce and Acton and should be held in a location conducive to a large crowd. The meeting should include information on the new regulations (to be presented by Don Henry and Jackie Ayers-Acton TC member) as well as measures the communities can take in opposition. 4. MSP: Change meeting to a larger venue and choose a date mid to late February 2009. 5. Chris Ball donated \$500.00 to be used to promote this Town Hall meeting and offered the use of a bulk mail permit. 	<p>M: MJ S: GH</p>	<p>MJ will coordinate this meeting and contact Acton TC and High Desert Junior High School DH will host it AF will create flyers and banners (LC will assist) Mr. Kahn will coordinate with Pacific Legal Foundation</p> <p>6-0-0</p>
<p>8.g. Acton-Agua Dulce</p>	<p>David Aiello:</p>		

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8.h. Ways & Means	<p>Chair: Dave Aiello: DA proposed a fund raiser at the Agua Dulce airport on the last Sunday in May which is the 31st. The airport owner has agreed to open the airport to the community and the Agua Dulce Airport Pilot's Association will host (donation only) flyalongs for the community. Any monies donated will go to the Town Council.</p> <p>DA also suggests a memorial "square" in front of Sweetwater Market for Dick Lang. The property owner has already agreed. More to follow.</p>		
14.i. Emergency Preparedness-Disaster Planning	Chair: Gary Hebdon: On hiatus over the holidays		
Note:	The Council felt it would be advantageous to the community members to re-order the committee reports placing those most active at the top. This order can change as activities change		Place water first, Ways and Means second and Land use third.
15. Unfinished Business			
16. New Business			
17. Announcements			
18. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New County septic regulations 		
19. Adjournment	MSP: Adjournment at 10:10 PM	M: DH S: DM	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Lorene Cangiano, Secretary, Agua Dulce Town Council 2009
APPROVED: 2-11-09