

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 11, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

In an effort to allow the most inclusive participation, this meeting will be held in a Virtual setting

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Meeting ID: 814 1425 3447 * Passcode: 371703 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Treasurer-Chris Yewdall (CY), Clerk-Kathryn Segura (KS), (Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 27 community members in attendance virtually

| TOPIC/DISCUSSION | MOTION | RESULT/ DECISION |
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| ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM: Open to Public | | |
| 1. Call to order by DH at 6:31 PM | | |
| 2. Roll Call: DH, CY, KS, CG, CC, MJ-In attendance, SK-Absent 6 out of 7, Quorum is established | | |
| 3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as Submitted | M: MJ S: KS | 6-0-0 |
| 4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 13, 2023 as submitted | M: MJ S: KS | 6-0-0 |
| MSP: Move to Table Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 12, 2023 | M: MJ S: CY | 6-0-0 |
| 5. Council Reports: | | |
| A. President Report | | |
| i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting | | |
| ii. Outgoing Correspondence: | | |
| a. Letter to Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport-Condition 30 Agenda Requirement sent September 14, 2023 | | |
| b. Letter to Travelers Insurance regarding state of Bonds for Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385-01 sent September 14, 2023 | | |
| c. Letter to Deputy Martinez expressing condolences for passing of colleague Deputy Clinkenbroomer sent September 19, 2023 | | |
| d. Letter to Palmdale Sheriff Station Captain Shaffer expressing condolences for passing of Deputy Clinkenbroomer sent September 19, 2023 | | |
| e. Email to Regional Planning staffer Zoe Axelrod regarding application for homeless veteran housing development on APN 3211001040 | | |
| f. Letter to Acton Agua Dulce Library regarding current liability insurance to cover Acton-Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club | | |
| g. There was NO letter submitted to Regional Planning on the DRAFT LA County Water Plan | | |
| iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 15.A, B, C., and D. | | |
| iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail: | | |
| B. Secretary Report: | | |
| i. LA Economic Opportunity Grant (EOG) Program: Application is still under review | | |
| ii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision | | |
| C. Treasurer's Report: | | |

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| i. | Election Committee Account: \$ 2,776.17. | | |
| ii. | General Account: | | |
| | a. Beginning Balance: \$13,443.43 | | |
| | b. Expenses: Agua Dulce Fair 7 pre-sale entry tickets-\$56.00 October expense of \$249.96 for State Farm Ins | | |
| | c. Ending Balance: \$13,387.43 | | |
| iii. | Combined Account Balance: \$ 16,163.60 | | |
| iv. | US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY | | |
| D. | Association of Rural Town Councils: September 27, 2023: Short Term Rentals, Renewable Energy Storage System Projects, Joshua Tree Protection, LA County Water Plan, General Plan Implementation Council. | | |
| E. | Other: Parade winner of best non-profit trophy | | |
| COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM: Open to Public | | | |
| 6. | Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM | | |
| | A. Moment of Silence for passing of Palmdale Sheriff Deputy Clinkenbroomer and former ADTC member Donna Saufley, and Agua Dulce Airport Owner, Wayne Spears, and those lost in the middle east conflict | | |
| | B. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by DH | | |
| 7. | President: Virtual Meeting Format: Introduction of Cindy Grimes-Community Volunteer co-host of meeting. If participants want to record the meeting, press the record icon, request permission in chat to general chat or direct message to co-host Cindy Grimes. Next meeting will be November 8, 2023 as a Virtual meeting via Zoom. | | |
| 8. | Agency Reports | | |
| | A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: omartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. Thanks for the condolences regarding the passing of Deputy Clinkenbroomer. September Stats: 2 Part 1 Crimes, 30 Service Calls, 32 Observational Calls. CY: Incident outside Cowboy Tavern regarding a car break in by someone from a half way house. DM: Not from half way house. Guest of a fellow ex-con. MJ: Weird incident near Station 81 with a woman letting horses loose. DM: Not aware, MJ to forward info to him. Gary Hebdon: Radio Tech class for deputies. Radio class begins in January 2024. Palmdale station has a HAM Radio base station, but most personnel who operated Ham Radio have retired. | | |
| | B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Delgado: cdelgado@chp.ca.gov Sept Stats: 43 Citations. 4 Arrests, Collisions: 3 with injury, 3 property damage, 1 misdemeanor Hit and Run. Look for more beat units on Sierra Highway. Sept 28, CHP vehicles and helicopter near the Peppertree Market was related to a short CHP pursuit. OD: foot pursuit, not sure that perpetrator was apprehended. | | |
| | C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov ABSENT: September 2023 stats: 50 responses. 6 fires (2 vehicle on 14), 2 brush, 1 outbuilding, 1 cooking fire. 33 EMS calls, 2 service calls, 9 good intent calls. Safety Tip: Keep everyone safe for Halloween. | | |
| | i. CERT training for Fall 2023: CY: 20 participants for this class. | | |
| | D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. For details and to register, go to: https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/ Holiday closure for Veterans Day November 11, closed on Saturday the 11 th and the day before on Friday the 10 th . October 14, Library will be open early for viewing of the solar eclipse 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Solar Telescope will be available for viewing. Solar viewers will be available. | | |
| | E. Other: | | |
| 9. | Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov Absent | | |
| | A. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley Yosh Morisaku: discussed with County Counsel. In litigation proceedings are scheduled for December. Plan submittals to agencies were not complete. Next DA Conference will be October 25 th . | | |

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| <p>B. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system. CY: Sleepy Valley Water Co installed nitrate filtration system, recent readings indicate levels are acceptable. Surveyed 2 locations on US Forest Service land to drill a secondary well. Expected well yield of 80 gallons per minute. Attempting to schedule a conference call with LA County Public Health Dept and US Forest. Additionally, had the 105,000 storage tank to remove sludge.</p> | | |
| <p>C. Current ongoing issues: Water Conservation Ordinance. Public Works-GDDs. LA County response to SB 552. Currently working on the Draft EIR for GDD. DH: Vacant Land questions. Our understanding that vacant land must remain vacant until a permit for a SFR is issued. We are receiving notices on vacant land attempting to legalize unpermitted structures on “vacant” land. Yosh M replied that these issues are handled by Regional Planning. Maybe Zoning Enforcement? MJ to email the planner on the specific plan filed</p> | | |
| <p>10. CA 34th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov 661-267-7636 AB56: Victim compensation, AB1126 Cannabis designation between legal vs. illegal, AB14 sex trafficking of minors is a serious felony.</p> | | |
| <p>A. CA 21st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Jack Danielson: jack.danielson@sen.ca.gov Absent</p> | | |
| <p>B. SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic well owners?</p> | | |
| <p>11. US 27th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov Thanks to Agua Dulce Women’s Club for hosting the Congressman’s Remote Office Hours last month. Working on “Sgt. Steve Owens Bill”-Defending the Defenders Act charging anyone involved in the death of a peace officer with a federal offense. Virtual Grant Community Project Funding workshop for non-profits, Friday, Oct 13th. Session 1 (10am-12pm) https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/f487f2c0-f99d-41db-870a-c5008b91541e@92138299-22d0-4d49-8d30-7170d5896d98 Session 2 (12:30pm-2:30pm) https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/4ae30b29-e0be-4ae3-8227-b4f6fbbc7955@92138299-22d0-4d49-8d30-7170d5896d98</p> | | |
| <p>12. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Absent</p> | | |
| <p>A. Report on SB552 Workshop for Small Water Systems, September 26, 2023, 10 AM to 11:30 AM virtual. Recording and presentation slides are available at: https://watertalks.csusb.edu/mc-events/sb-552-overview-for-small-systems-webinar-uscr?mc_id=175 Workshop focused on water systems with 15 to 3,000 connections. CY attended and reported on the surface it appears there are grants for small water systems for back up generators for water systems, but the State Water Board has only identified a small handful of systems. Systems will be required to join a mutual aid network to rely on the adjacent network in the event of an emergency. Required to measure well depths below slab. 2024 need to have a back up system in place. 2027 required to have an “inter-tie” connection with adjacent system or a new additional well. Costly requirements. Future requirements: meters on all connections and required to meet fire flow.</p> | | |
| <p>B. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: October 19, 2023, 1PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd</p> | | |
| <p>13. Presentations/Discussions:</p> | | |
| <p>A. Climate Action Plan Workshop: Cameron Robertson and Thuy Hua, Dept of Regional Planning. Follow uin Plp from September meeting presentation. Community engagement to determine community priorities and conflict resolutions. The Revised Draft 2045 CAP identifies strategies, measures, and actions to mitigate emissions from community activities, which may include some municipal operations. For details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/ After a brief recap, moved into a charette discussing community priorities. (This was an interactive exercise with participants on the call-not too user friendly) 1.) Ranking of CAP measures, 2.) Submit ideas addressing emissions not discussed, 3.) Vote for ideas presented 4.) Q & A CR: The revised CAP does consider rural communities and their unreliable electricity due to PSPS events.</p> | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Plan Presentation-Regional Planning Commission: September 27, 2023 | | |
| Overview of the structure and function of the Draft 2045 CAP | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Plan Presentation-Regional Planning Commission: October 4, 2023 | | |
| Popular topics raised during public engagement events. | | |
| <p>B. Zoe International Update and Future Plans: Ester Yu (ester@gozoe.org), Assistant Western Regional Director, Dave Cox (dave@gozoe.org), COO, and Lawrence Franklin (lawrence@gozoe.org), Clinical Director</p> <p>DC: Staffing-Above the required ratios. Restricted by local county and state laws. Currently they are only serving 3 youths (6 max) EY: Open since August 2021. Served 21 youths ages 12-17. Constantly adapting to changing occupants. Defunding police has impacted human trafficking. Children who leave without permission, the facility is required to file a missing child report. Recent large law enforcement presence was the result of internal fighting. 2 girls were removed from the facility. Program is short term to transition to foster, reunify with family or at 18 live on their own. Latorra Saxton of Foundation Christian Ministries in Palmdale. Sees need on educating public on recognizing human trafficking. MJ: Questioned if the runaways from September were still part of the program. EY: Yes, they were not removed. The only time a youth is removed is if they are risking the safety of others on site. State law doesn't allow mandatory drug treatment. If a youth has a known drug problem, Zoe requires they have inpatient drug treatment before being accepted in their program. All the kids who runaway, they come back to the facility. MJ: Back when Zoe first presented to the ADTC, we were assured that all the youth that were admitted to the program "wanted" to be there. Runaways don't fit that requirement. EY: Most youth in the system are chronic runaways, so if they stay for 60 days, that is success. They are not wandering the streets. Deputy Martinez: He meets with them regularly. Zoe is open to discussion and suggestions. Their hands are tied due to state reqs protecting youth. You need to look at the situation with different eyes, what is normal for us is not the norm for these troubled youth. EY: Trafficking is happening here in LA County, and many are using their family home. MJ: your home is under a microscope, be mindful of your vetting process. DH: Have Sheriff calls increased or decreased since opening. DM: overall, decreased, calls spike, but Zoe will reassess. DH: Have complaint calls from neighbors increased or decreased. DM: No change.</p> | | |
| 14. Old Business: | | |
| <p>A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall</p> | | |
| <p>i. Update from Board of Supervisors Meeting October 3, 2023 where Dept of Public Works recommended approval of final map of Tract 50385-02 designating one 38.43-acre open space lot. Approval and recording of this final map will extend the tentative map for an additional 4 years. Supervisor Barger abstained from the vote because she had accepted campaign contributions from Sikand Engineering, the civil engineers on this project. Recent activity on unrecorded project phase: a neighbor reported seeing removal and chipping of junipers that she believed was on the unrecorded area of the project near where the waste water treatment plant would be located.</p> | | |
| <p>ii. General Update</p> | | |
| <p>iii. Determination on next steps and required. CY: Write to Art VanderVis and Anish Saraiya on behalf of the neighbor, seeking clarification on the apparent clearing activity reported on or near APN: 3213 027 007 or 3123 027 014 that compromise part of the unrecorded TR 5385-09. DH: Could the clearing be related to brush clearance. CY: Because they have not recorded that area, no work should be done. MJ: Hesitant to take action based on a neighbor's input. DH: Issues we have addressed have been substantial. The ADTC's role is not policing everything that is happening on the property. MJ: In the past we have dealt with larger more global issues with this project. Not sure this warrants a big red flag. CY: Pass the contact info on to the resident and let them take it from there. Decision: take no action.</p> | | |
| <p>iv. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com ADTC can pass on the info on the clearing noted above so they can take action if they so desire.</p> | | |
| B. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESSs) | | |

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| i. | Update: no report | | |
| ii. | Determination on next steps and actions required. | | |
| 15. | President's Report | | |
| A. | General: | | |
| i. | 2023 ADTC Meeting Format: | | |
| | In an effort to be most inclusive with meeting participation, the Council will continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person/hybrid meeting once every quarter. Those in-person/hybrid meetings will be March, June, September, and December and the location will be the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. Based on public participation at in-person meetings, we may revisit and amend this schedule and format. | | |
| B. | Incoming Correspondence for Action: | | |
| C. | Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops: | | |
| i. | LA County Regional Planning applying for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant. LA County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing: October 24, 2023, 9:30 AM Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St, Los Angeles, 90012 Please visit https://bos.lacounty.gov/board-meeting-agendas/ for details on how to listen to the meeting and/or address the board. Grant funds support efforts to remove barriers such as land use controls and ordinances that hinder the production and preservation of affordable housing units. To review grant application, go to the project website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing To provide comments or submit questions on the grant application, contact Advance Planning Division Advance Planning Division at (213) 893-6457 or ap@planning.lacounty.gov by October 23, 2023. | | |
| ii. | Department of Water Resources task force, Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative (DRIP) Meeting #3 , October 25, 2023, 10 AM to 5 PM via Zoom. Zoom Registration To watch or listen go to this YouTube link . | | |
| iii. | Climate Action Plan-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: November 15, 2023 | | |
| | Overview of the structure and function of the Draft 2045 CAP | | |
| | The Revised Draft 2045 CAP identifies strategies, measures, and actions to mitigate emissions from community activities, which may include some municipal operations. For details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/ | | |
| D. | Incoming Correspondence for Notice: | | |
| i. | Regional Planning Plans Filed: | | |
| a. | APN: 3211004052, Certificate of exception convert to a certificate of compliance | | |
| b. | APN: 3213015049, Legalize two storage sheds, one outhouse, two open pergola structures, and one attached pergola structure on the property MJ to email the planner to clarify allowable uses on vacant land | | |
| c. | 10400 Escondido Canyon Rd, covered deck, PRJ2023-003552 | | |
| d. | 33638 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Agua Dulce Airport), SEP for catered fundraising event sponsored by the Agua Dulce Women's Club for approximately 300 people. December 2, 2023, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM on airport property within a 9,000 sq ft hangar. | | |
| e. | 10652 Darling Rd, inground pool | | |
| f. | APN: 3211008036-043, 3211012030-044, 3212019012-013, certificate of compliance, all parcels are contiguous. | | |
| g. | 35464 Thomas Rd, 656 sq ft second story balcony with covered patio below to an existing SFR, PRJ2023-003297 | | |
| h. | 8155 Indian Brave Rd, REA for equipment upgrades to an existing WCF (CP86432) with a 100' monopole | | |
| i. | 8300 Soledad Canyon Rd, 1,043 sq ft addition to SFR at rear of property, PRJ2023-003220 | | |

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| 16. Open Forum: CY: SCE-No response from SCE when we inquired about the June 2022 Power Outage. The Council can file in informal complaint with CPUC. Will research options for next month. | | |
| 17. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent | | |
| 18. New Business: | | |
| 19. Committee Reports: | | |
| A. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: | | |
| i. Election Committee Update October 8, 2023: There will be NO election on November 7, 2023. Currently there are 3 open seats for 2-year terms. All 3 incumbents, Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Chris Yewdall declared their intent to run for re-election. All 3 incumbents' applications were filed in a timely manner, and all applicants qualified to fill the 3 open seats on the Council. No other applications were received. The Agua Dulce Town Council bylaws state, "If candidates are unopposed or there is less than a full slate of candidates, those candidates shall be elected by acclamation. If there are a greater number of candidates than the number of open seats, an election will be held." No election will be held on November 7, 2023. | | |
| B. Film: Candy Clemente: Have not received any permits. Arturo is no longer with FilmLA. Checked with Clara, and she will check to make sure those permits are still being copied to CC. Commercials, photo shoots are still going thru despite the actors strike. | | |
| C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report | | |
| D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: so far so good with rainfall | | |
| E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent | | |
| F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Update on CERT supplies and classes January 2023 HAM Radio classes will be held at the library. That information will be distributed to all the CERT class students. | | |
| G. Other: | | |
| 20. Announcements | | |
| A. October is "Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month. Adoption fees are waived. | | |
| B. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month, 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center | | |
| C. FREE Disposal Day, October 14, 2023, 8 AM to 2 PM, Lancaster Landfill, 600 East Avenue F, Lancaster, CA 93535 | | |
| D. FREE Mattress Recycling, October 14, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, 17341 East Avenue J, Lancaster, October 28, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, November 4, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, 8505 East Avenue T, Littlerock, December 16, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale | | |
| E. Great California Shake Out, October 19, 2023, 10:19 AM, Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill | | |
| F. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: October 19, 2023, 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita. Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events." | | |
| G. Vasquez High School Fall Festival, October 21, 2023, 11 AM to 2 PM, 33630 Red Rover Mine Rd, Acton, CA | | |
| H. FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste, October 21, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM, College of the Canyons South Parking Lot, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita | | |
| I. FREE Tire Collection, October 21, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, 4856 W Avenue L-12, Quartz Hill, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, 17341 E Avenue J, Lake LA, 8505 E Avenue T, Littlerock | | |
| J. Association of Rural Town Council: October 25, 2023, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom | | |
| K. Next regular ADTC meeting: November 8, 2023. Format will be virtual. | | |
| 21. Future Agenda Items: | | |
| Future: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD, SB 552 | | |

**22. MSP: CY: Move to Adjourn at 9:23 PM in memory of and to honour Margaret Yewdall, his Mum, who passed away
September 30, 2023**

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Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson ADTC Secretary 2023

Attachment: 10-13-23 Agua Dulce Residential Project Power Point Presentation

Approved: November 8, 2023

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