

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 13, 2021 APPROVED Minutes

Due to LA County's Stay at Home Order this meeting will be held virtually

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Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Candy Clemente (CC), Scott Keller (SK), Lou Vince (LV) (arrived at 7:00 PM)

Council Members Absent: Treasurer-Troy Fosberg (TF), Clerk-Ed Porter (EP),

Community Members: About 38 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:47 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, MJ, CC, SK (LV arrived at 7:00 PM) Absent: TF, EP		
3. Authorizing Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361: MSP: Move to continue holding virtual meetings to adhere to recommended measures to promote social distancing with the following parameters: Virtual meetings will be held via Zoom with both an internet-based service option and a call-in option for members and the public; members of the public will be allowed to address the Council in real-time during the meeting; and in the event of a technical disruption, the Council will not take any further action on the agenda until the issue is resolved. This motion will be reconsidered every 30 days to determine that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or, state or local officials continue to impose recommended measures to promote social distancing.	M: MJ S: CC	4-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as Submitted	M: MJ S: CC	4-0-0
5. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021 as submitted	M: CC S: MJ	4-0-0
6. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Letter to Land Sea Air regarding Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement sent 9/9/21		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 15.A, B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Drill Road Street Sign-referred to Public Works		
b. Generator Usage-Potential Grow House-referred to email marijuanatips@lasd.org and Deputy Martinez		
c. Filming procedures-referred to FilmLA		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Web Hosting by Host Papa: Paid for a 2 year renewal at \$131.88 and refund of \$15.99.		
C. Treasurer's Report		
i. Election Committee Account:		
a. Balance: \$2,439.00 (No Change)		
ii. General Account		
a. Beginning Balance: \$15,677.19		
b. Web Hosting 2-year renewal fee: \$131.88		

c. Web Hosting refund for monthly charge: (\$15.99)		
d. State Farm Insurance Invoice for Liability Insurance: \$249.96		
e. Ending Balance: \$15,311.34		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$17,750.34		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: September 29, 2021: Federal Renewable Energy-Solar, General Plan Safety Element, Illegal Commercial Marijuana Grows, Garbage Disposal Districts, Los Angeles County Water Plan, Formation of General Plan Implementation Council		
E. Other:		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:		
7. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by LV		
8. President: Virtual Zoom Meeting Format		
9. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Hallgren: Absent		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: No monthly stats. Making headway with the marijuana tips email. Should be seeing progress on the ground. Social media: His account was hacked, so contact needs to be made by email or phone.		
i. Introduction of Marcy Calnan-Palmdale Sheriff Community Advisory Committee. She can be reached by email at lasdcacmcalnan@gmail.com She meets with the Palmdale Sheriff Captain once a month. She can pass on issues and concerns. She represents our rural community and will advocate for us.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: September Responses: 48 responses. 3 fire (1 trash, 1 brush (9 acre), 1 vehicle), 26, ems, 5 service calls, 1 hazardous material (gas leak), 13 good intent calls		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: Annual Book Mark contest. K-12 grades. Design and enter. Info at www.lacountylibrary.org		
E. Other		
10. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: Gardens of Paradise appeal will probably be delayed. Scheduling will announced as soon as we know the date. Code Enforcement for unpermitted event facilities. Oscar Gomez: Sweetwater Springs has been referred to County Counsel. Hidden Gardens: Social Media indicates closed. What many unpermitted facilities are saying is the gathering is family and friends. ZE needs to have evidence of a money transaction. Working to have the facilities to be brought into compliance. Deputy Martinez thanked Oscar for his diligence. Introduced Josie Gutierrez from Public Works. DH: Question on Accessory Dwelling Units: Are they allowed in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones? SE will get fact sheet on ADUs. Summary Sheet: https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/adu_ordinance-summary.pdf MJ: Wondered about Rental Property registration. Came from Dept of Consumer and Business Affairs. More and corrected info to follow. Bad communication.		
11. CA 38 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares: Javier Reyes/Patsy Ayala: Absent		
12. CA 21 st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: Legislative Update: SB-287. Currently, anyone pulling a trailer in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight, a Class A License is required. This bill would allow recreational (not for hire) use for pulling 10,000 to 15,000 pounds gross weight, a regular license (Class C) is sufficient as long as you pass a specialized written exam. Effective date 1/2027. AB-1346: Bans the sale of gas powered lawn mowers, chain saws, leaf blowers, generators. Effective date 1/2024. Puts those of us dealing with PSPS power outages at risk. SB 483: allows the retroactive repeal of sentence enhancements for prior prison or county jail felony terms. Repeat drug offenders will be treated as first time offenders. No sentence enhancements. Deputy Martinez: In reference to the marijuana illegal grows, the Sheriff is using Federal laws and Environmental laws for drug convictions, bypassing the CA State laws.		
A. SB 55, Stern. Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition. Click HERE for details. SB 12, McGuire. Requires a county that has a very high fire risk area to amend land use element of general plan to contain feasible implementation measure designed to carry out goals, policies relating to the protection of lives and property from		

<p>unreasonable risk of wildfire. Prohibit a county from allowing development in a very high fire risk area, approving discretionary permits for projects or tentative tract map or parcel map in a very high fire risk area. Reduce development in very high fire risk areas. Click HERE for details. SB 9 and SB 10 also deal with high fire development. It will limit the ability to develop in high fire risk areas.</p>		
<p>13. US 25th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Absent</p>		
<p>14. Presentations/Discussions:</p>		
<p>A. Sleepy Valley Water Company nitrate issues: Chris Yewdall and Dan O'Connor: Mutual Water Company in Sleepy Valley. Well is testing high in nitrates. Installed a nitrate filter. Nitrate numbers continue to rise. Spiked to 17-18 in July 2021. County asked water company to investigate. NW of water company is well below the MCL of 10 mg/l. Something in the immediate area has caused the spike. They have tried testing neighbors wells and septic. Adjacent neighbors have not granted permission to do any testing.</p>		
<p>B. Discussion of Community Filming issues in Agua Dulce: Gary Smith of LA County CEO Film Liaison: Absent. No one from FilmLA in attendance. Residents on Anthony Road have been concerned with excessive filming at Firestone Ranch. Salt Snake a Universal production has been on site for 6 months. LA County has been trying to mitigate the issues. Wanted to bring it to the community to see if filming has broader implications within Agua Dulce. DH attended a meeting in Valencia Library 6-8 years ago. Many County agencies were in attendance. Agua Dulce's film community concerns were all addressed within the FilmLA regulations. The problem was enforcement of those regulations. FilmLA was the enforcer. CC: indicated the key issues were dust, speeding, noise. The production companies don't always comply. SE: So ADTC never adopted a set of filming standards? DH and CC: Shutting down Sierra Highway and Agua Dulce Canyon Road during morning and evening rush hours were the standards we wanted to have. All the major issues were covered within the regulations. And enforcement would be handled by FilmLA. The fines for non-compliance outweighed the permitting requirements. SE: The County will work with the Anthony Road affected residents individually. Elliott White: Looked at AD CSD document. No reference to filming in the document. Moved to A-2 zoning 18 years ago to do horse training. Prior to pandemic there was an average of 2 productions a month. When you include prep, shoot, and strike days it becomes multiple day productions. On the recent Universal production, EW did a daily random traffic count of 300 trips in a 24 hour period. DH: Any compromise or benefit to you for productions? What do you want the ADTC to do? EW: Wants ADTC to include explicit reference to filming in the AD CSD. DH: It takes 20+ years to make changes to CSD. Zoning Enforcement is community wide, not isolated to filming issues. EW: Compensation will not mitigate the intrusions he is facing. If zoning needs to change, then the community needs to be part of the process. CC: FilmLA agreed to the following review of criteria prior to issuing a permit in Agua Dulce: frequency of filming, duration of filming, concurrent filming, historical filming, recent complaints and violations of LACC, number of filming days, production crew size, excessive use of equipment and noise, outside lights. DH: CC will share the FilmLA Agua Dulce standards she mentioned with SE and the White's. SE: FilmLA answers to CEO office and 5th District Office. Eden of Firestone Ranch: Santa Clarita and Agua Dulce area is a film hub. 2 productions per month is not corrected. The Universal production compensated the residents for loss of income. West Coast Water Tenders: made improvements to road. DH: CC to share the document she referred to with standards.</p>		
<p>15. President's Report</p>		
<p>A. General:</p>		
<p>B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:</p>		
<p>C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		
<p>i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:</p>		
<p>a. 13835 Summit Knoll Rd, 2400 sq ft detached storage building for an existing SFR</p>		
<p>b. 33314 Pewter Rd, new 2,000 sq ft detached storage building for an existing SFR</p>		
<p>c. APN: 3209007001, Briggs Rd north of Santa Clara River, water well test hole on a vacant lot in the A-2-2 zone</p>		

	and SEA (DH: does water well permit need DRP approval?)		
	d. 12753 Sierra Highway, Proposed lot line adjustment for Oak Grove Mobile Home Park		
	e. 35356 Sierra Vista Dr, new one story ADU (1,200 sq ft) and an attached 3 car garage and covered porch (400 sq ft)		
	f. APN: 3214041053, Lewis Hill Rd, application for certificate of compliance		
	g. 8923 Hierba Rd, DPH referral for a water well drilling at an existing SFR		
	D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
	i. Update to Housing Element of the LA County General Plan, Project No. 2020-000606: Public Hearing at LA County Board of Supervisors: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 9:30 AM, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual public hearing may be held. Go to http://bos.lacounty.gov/Board-Meeting/Board-Agendas for details on how to listen to the virtual meeting and/or address the board. Written comments may be submitted to the address above or emailed to PublicHearing@bos.lacounty.gov with the Project No. in the "Subject." Project Description: To update the Housing Element of the LA County General Plan and amend the Land Use Element to add a minimum allowable residential density to certain land use designations, establish that the allowable residential density specified by the General Commercial land use designation in the General Plan will also apply to the commercial land use designations in certain community-based plans, where such land use designations do not currently specify the allowable residential density, and amend County Code, Title 22 - Planning and Zoning to add development standards pertaining to floor area dedicated to residential use in mixed use projects in the Mixed Use Development Zone (MXD). Click HERE to view Notice of Public Hearing. Click HERE to view details of the project.		
	ii. Disaster Recovery Ordinance: Regional Planning Commission: October 27, 2021, 9:00 AM Online hearing can be accessed at this link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/rpc On October 27, 2021 click on the Zoom meeting link. Click HERE to view details. The Disaster Recovery Ordinance establishes regulations for the orderly recovery of residents, businesses, and property in the unincorporated areas after a disaster. The ordinance expands existing regulations for temporary housing for residents displaced by a disaster and establishes procedures for the replacement of buildings and structures and the reestablishment of uses damaged or destroyed by a disaster. The ordinance will amend Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) in order to speed recovery in the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County after a disaster. The ordinance supports County resiliency after a disaster by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing displacement of residents by allowing temporary housing and for rebuilding single-family residences. • Encouraging the recovery of business and property by allowing replacement of buildings and structures and reestablishment of uses. • Send comments to Regional Planner, Adrienne Ng via email at ang@planning.lacounty.gov 		
	iii. Gardens of Paradise-Notice of Public Hearing-LA County Board of Supervisors: November 30, 2021 Project & Permit: R2012-02971-(5), Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 201200163. Location: 32222 Agua Dulce Canyon Road (Gardens of Paradise event venue). The CUP was filed in 2012 to authorize a special event facility, caretaker's residence, and related facilities. On April 20, 2021, the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Gardens of Paradise was denied due to activity by Regional Planning's Hearing Officer. The applicant, Shaul Yakovi, appealed the Hearing Officer's denial to the Regional Planning Commission. On July 21, 2021, the Regional Planning Commission concluded that the CUP is inactive as the applicant has not demonstrated any progress to resolve the outstanding issues as presented by staff. The applicant has now appealed that decision to the LA County Board of Supervisors. Currently, a hearing date has not been scheduled. For details about the project click HERE		
16.	Open Forum: Rochelle Silsbee of Southern California Edison (SCE) introduced herself as the new local Government Relations Manager, gave an update: Work in the area includes 350 miles of covered conductors on 9 circuits. Increased circuit segmentation and adding weather stations. Ryan Robbins is the new District Manager. By October 1, there should be a 75% estimated reduction in PSPS outage. By the end of October there is an estimated 97% reduction in PSPS outage duration.		

Lowell Gresham of RTG Investments: Wants to cooperate with the community, bringing in piped water and a waste water treatment plant. Local project construction site location is 7535 Valley Sage Rd. Wants to be a good neighbor. A presentation is scheduled for the November regular meeting. Contact: LOWELL GRESHAM Phone number: 8318093000 Email: aguaconstructionllc1@gmail.com		
17. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Mary Johnson and Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey: How do we address flooding in the downtown Acton area? Flooding in Acton is a high priority and working with engineers to try to come to a solution.		
18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
19. Committee Reports:		
A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: No meeting		
B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Working on revision to eliminate Election Committee Treasurer Responsibilities and Eliminate Write in Ballots: Nothing to report		
C. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley:		
i. There are 3 open seats for a 2-year term and 1 vacant seat for a 1-year term.		
ii. 4 applicants filed in a timely manner and have been verified as eligible. Don Henry, Scott Keller, Chris Yewdall and Kathryn Segura. Ms. Segura volunteered to fill the 1-year term.		
iii. October 23 rd is the deadline for write-in candidates to submit required documents and fees.		
iv. If there are no write-in candidates, the 3 2-year terms will be filled by Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Chris Yewdall. The 1 1-year vacancy will be filled by Kathryn Segura. An election will not be held.		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: 9 shoots		
E. Land Stewardship: Ed Porter: Absent		
F. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
G. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Well levels are at an all time low		
H. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
I. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Absent		
J. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent		
K. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Trash Franchise, dealing with SCE, considering the Disaster Recovery Ordinance, the Water Plan, the Climate Safety Plan, the Department of Energy request for information re utility scale solar generation, and Trails. The ATC also has created an Education Committee to keep track of the School District and School Board activities.		
L. Other:		
20. Announcements		
A. Public Works and Building & Safety public counters are open for business		
B. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month (closed holidays) 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center		
C. FREE Mattress Recycling: October 16, 9 AM to 2 PM, LA Co Public Works Yard #555, 17341 East Ave J, Lancaster (Lake LA), October 30, 9 AM to 2 PM, LA Co Public Works Yard #558, 8505 East Avenue T, Littlerock		
D. FREE Tire Recycling: October 23, 2021 9 AM to 3 PM, Road Yard, 38126 Sierra Highway, Road Yard, 4859 West Avenue L-12, Quartz Hill, Road Yard, 8505 East Avenue T, Littlerock, Road Yard, 17341 East Avenue J, Lake Los Angeles		
E. Association of Rural Town Councils: October 27, 2021		
F. Next regular ADTC meeting: November 10, 2021 Via Zoom Meeting		
21. Unfinished Business:		
22. New Business:		
23. Future Agenda Items:		
A. RTG Invest: Formerly known as Coussoulis Project: 2 Tracts (68 homes on 164 acres and 247 homes on 742 acres) Total 315 homes, 906 acres. Bringing in municipal water and install sewers and a wastewater treatment facility.		

B. Cali Lake RV Conditional Use Permit renewal		
C. LA County Public Works Trash Collection Contracts		
24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:47 PM	M: CC S: LV	5-0-0

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, 2021 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: January 12, 2022

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