

## Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 8, 2025 APPROVED Minutes

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

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83095211723?pwd=ftNgFJYZHWstawN9hWDeiycEvo7Nr3.1>

**Meeting ID:** 892 7171 2196 \* **Passcode:** 601936 \* **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), Cliff Grimes (CG)

**Council Members Absent:** Scott Keller (SK)

**Community Members:** About 17 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:</b>		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:30 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, KS, CG, MJ	Absent: SK	5 out of 6 members, a quorum is established
3. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted</b>		M: MJ S: KS 5-0-0
4. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 10, 2025 as submitted</b>		M: CY S: KS 5-0-0
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence: Land Sea Air-Aqua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement-Sent October 7, 2025		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 18.B., C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Request to be on upcoming agenda to discuss the establishment of a United Well Owners Association to seek PFAs in Water Remediation Funding. Sent agenda request form. CY discussed the cost-effective alternative to complex and costly testing for PFAs would be a reverse osmosis system. Invite the resident to give a short presentation at the November meeting.		
b. Youth Climate Commission Clean Air Mini Grant. Posted on local social media and sent to local schools.		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. State Farm Liability Insurance Premium Due 10/9/2025: \$250.00. Paid electronically 10/7/2025 <b>MSP: Move to have Liability Insurance Paid Automatically</b> Automatic Payment Authorization (\$250 every April and October)		M: MJ S: CY 5-0-0
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account:		
a. Balance: \$3,126.17		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$11,461.63		
b. AD Country Fair Parade Entry Fee: \$25.00		
c. AD Country Fair Presale Entry Tickets (7): \$56.00		
d. PayPal personal expense in error (MJ): \$42.80 (Reimbursed to account 10/4/2025)		
e. Ending Balance: \$11,337.83		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$14,464.00		

iv. US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for MJ and CY		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: September 24, 2025 Update on Sexually Violent Predator Legislation, BESS projects, AVEK-request for in-person workshop		
E. Other: CG: Questioned protocol regarding Moments of Silence. Discussion in November during Adm meeting		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM: Open to Public</b>		
6. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CG		
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 general chat or direct message to co-host Cindy Grimes.		
8. Agency Reports		
A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: <a href="mailto:oamartin@asd.org">oamartin@asd.org</a> Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. September Stats Reported		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Allen: <a href="mailto:DAllen@chp.ca.gov">DAllen@chp.ca.gov</a> Officer Delgado: <a href="mailto:cdelgado@chp.ca.gov">cdelgado@chp.ca.gov</a> Officer Adam Annett: Office Number: (661) 600-1600 September Stats Reported		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: <a href="mailto:maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov">maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov</a> September Responses Reported. 1 fire-Aqua Dulce Canyon Rd and Sierra Highway-Outdoor shed fire in back of property. Due to low registration numbers, CERT training scheduled to start in October is postponed until January 6, 2026 KS: Aqua Dulce Tree Lighting weekend after Thanksgiving, kickoff for Spark of Love. KS to email info to Maria. CERT Flyers for that event		
D. Acton-Aqua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: <a href="mailto:jwall@library.lacounty.gov">jwall@library.lacounty.gov</a> Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. For details and to register, go to: <a href="https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-aqua-dulce-library/">https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-aqua-dulce-library/</a> Closed on October 13, 2025 in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day.		
E. Dept of Public Works: Josie Gutierrez: <a href="mailto:JGutierrez@dpw.lacounty.gov">JGutierrez@dpw.lacounty.gov</a> (626) 458-7135 FREE Tire Recycling, October 25, 2025, 9 AM to 2 PM, various locations in the Antelope Valley		
i. Update on local highway resurfacing projects and proposed timeline: Sierra Highway Phase 4-Summer/Fall 2026		
F. LA County Parks-Vasquez Rocks: Park Superintendent Sarah Brewer <a href="mailto:sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov">sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov</a> (661) 268-0840 Cell: (626) 696-6805 Absent		
G. Other:		
9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: <a href="mailto:SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov">SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov</a> Isabell Yaralian: <a href="mailto:IYaralian@bos.lacounty.gov">IYaralian@bos.lacounty.gov</a> (661) 287-3657		
A. Updates: LA County Budget: \$52.5 billion. While budget is high, many cuts to personnel and programming. Isabell's maternity leave starts next month. SE will be point of contact.		
10. CA 34 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: <a href="tel:661-267-7636">661-267-7636</a> Anna Zarley <a href="mailto:Anna.Zarley@asm.ca.gov">Anna.Zarley@asm.ca.gov</a> Absent		
11. CA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Senate District: Senator Suzette Martinez Valladares: (661) 257-1204 Tanya Mikhail <a href="mailto:tanya.mikhail@sen.ca.gov">tanya.mikhail@sen.ca.gov</a> Absent. Fix it Friday, October 10, 10 AM to 1 PM, Newhall Library. Help with any state government services.		
12. US 27 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District: George Whitesides: Shannon Hurst, Field Representative, <a href="mailto:Shannon.Hurst@mail.house.gov">Shannon.Hurst@mail.house.gov</a> (661) 477-6012, Maria Unzueta, District Director, <a href="mailto:Maria.Unzueta@mail.house.gov">Maria.Unzueta@mail.house.gov</a> (661) 568-4855 Government shutdown-office is open. Service Academy nomination applications and Congressional App Challenge still open.		
13. LA County Water Plan		
A. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Amanda Begley <a href="mailto:abegley@treepeople.org">abegley@treepeople.org</a> Heather Turpin <a href="mailto:hturpin@treepeople.org">hturpin@treepeople.org</a> 818-522-9738 Absent Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: October 16, 2025, 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd. For more information, visit: <a href="https://safecleanwaterla.org/watersheds/santa-clara-river/">https://safecleanwaterla.org/watersheds/santa-clara-river/</a> Links and details can be found on agenda at <a href="https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/">https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/</a> under "Meetings and Events."		
B. SB 552: Small, At-Risk Task Force Working Group for LA County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to achieve meaningful and long-term improvements in water resilience. MJ included as a representative of domestic well owners. CY invited as a small water system representative. CY reported the group has identified several assistance area and are		

developing proposals. They are exploring the concept of virtual interties between private properties and small water systems to improve sustainability during drought and wildfires.	
<b>14. Waste Management:</b> Kwincy Little: <a href="mailto:klittle@wm.com">klittle@wm.com</a> 661-902-1993 nothing to report	
<b>15. Presentations/Discussions:</b>	
16. New Business:	
17. Old Business:	
A. PSPS-SCE: No report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Collaboration with Acton Town Council, City of Santa Clarita, Acton-Aqua Dulce Unified School District</li> </ul>	
B. <b>RTG Investments, Aqua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385:</b> Chris Yewdall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. General Update: Lack of progress within the project</li> <li>ii. <b>Determination on next steps</b></li> <li>iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Aqua Dulce: <a href="mailto:adneighbors2021@gmail.com">adneighbors2021@gmail.com</a> no report</li> </ul>	
18. President's Report	
A. General: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>2025 ADTC Meeting Format:</b> In an effort to be most inclusive with community participation and effective communication, the Council will continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person/hybrid meeting twice a year. Virtual meetings will be January, February, March, May, June, July, October, November. The in-person/hybrid meetings will be April and September. Location of the In-Person meetings will be the Aqua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Aqua Dulce Canyon Road, Aqua Dulce. December will be In-Person ONLY. August is dark for Summer Break. Based on public participation, we may revisit and amend this schedule and format</li> </ul>	
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Public Works Equity Framework Draft:</b> <b>Equity Framework</b>-Developed through a review of Public Works' policies, employee and customer feedback, and community input, the Equity Framework outlines the priorities and strategies that will guide Public Works over the next five years to reduce inequities and improve the well-being of all communities. <b>Public Review</b>-Public Works encourages all residents and businesses to explore the draft Equity Framework, available in 23 languages. To provide comments, go to: <a href="https://pwlacounty.konveio.com/">https://pwlacounty.konveio.com/</a></li> </ul>	
<b>C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:</b>	
i. <b>Cannabis Business Free Legal Training-Choosing a Business Structure:</b> October 11, 2025, 11 AM to 12:30 PM, Quartz Hill Library, 5040 W Ave M 2, Quartz Hill, CA 93536. For more information, go to: <a href="https://dcba.lacounty.gov/cannabismanagementwebinars/">https://dcba.lacounty.gov/cannabismanagementwebinars/</a>	
ii. <b>Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP) Workshop:</b> October 16, 2025, 6 PM to 7:30 PM High Country and AV Foothills. To register for the on-line workshop, go to: <a href="https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JGWAMzfRTMqFu8WpX8ijfw">https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JGWAMzfRTMqFu8WpX8ijfw</a> The Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP) is a voluntary community-driven document intended to provide community-focused fire protection strategies for all unincorporated at-risk communities. The CCWPP will identify and prioritize potential vegetation treatment projects and other wildfire reduction strategies such as home hardening and public education. The CCWPP will also include region-specific risk assessment information. Once certified, the CCWPP will improve grant funding opportunities for communities to implement the identified strategies. For details on the project, go to: <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/countywide-community-wildfire-protection-plan/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/countywide-community-wildfire-protection-plan/</a>	
<b>D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</b>	
i. <b>Oak Tree Permit Ordinance Update:</b> LA County Planning is working on an update to the Oak Tree Permit Ordinance (OTP) to streamline the permitting process, encourage planting new oak trees, and further encourage redesign to preserve and minimize impacts to oak trees. Draft ordinance expected to be available for public review October 30, 2025 for a 45-day review. For details of the project, go to: <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/</a>	

ii. <b>Regional Planning Plans Filed:</b>		
a. 8027 Valley Sage Rd, Verizon application to modify existing wireless facility		
b. 33431 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, special event permit (AD Country Fair and Parade, 9/20/25, 4-11 PM		
c. 33237 Bober Rd, storage building		
d. APN: 3216003020, initial study for CUP RPPL20250017 to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a guest ranch for a nature retreat and summer camp for children in foster care in the A-2-2 zone (Peace 4 Kids)		
e. 11223 Lewis Hill, new pool/spa with at least 5-foot setbacks for pool and 2.5-foot setbacks for pool equipment. Pool area perimeter walls: 120' x 3', high wall: 30' x 6'		
f. 33638 Agua Dulce Canyon, special event permit for Agua Dulce Women's Club to host Parade of Tables catered fundraising event for approximately 300 attendees (AD Airport), December 6, 2025		
g. 32656 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, 18x35 pool, 7' spa		
<b>19. Open Forum:</b>		
Cindy Grimes: Concerns about the increasing light pollution and the need to enforce the Dark Skies Ordinance. Deputy Martinez suggested posting information on social media to educate the community. MJ indicated she would add a link to the ordinance details on the website		
CY: Former Alamo property in Sleepy Valley is now the Brighton Academy. No information available.		
CY: CCWPP: Regional planning initiative. Agua Dulce could spearhead procedures to create a Firewise community. For Workshop details see Agenda 18.C.ii.		
<b>20. High Speed Rail</b>		
<b>21. Committee Reports:</b>		
A. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie <a href="mailto:lornaleslie@gmail.com">lornaleslie@gmail.com</a> 2025 election details: There are 3 verified candidates for 4 vacant seats. Incumbents Don Henry and Chris Yewdall and new candidate Nate Frink filed by the application deadline. Based on bylaws, those 3 candidates will be elected by acclamation and no election will take place. Candidates will be installed at the December 10, 2025 meeting. Determination of holding a special election in January/February for 1 open seat or continue with 6 members for this year and fill vacancy at the 2026 Election.		
B. Film: Kathryn Segura: 2 production shoots		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Proposal for a Pocket Park on vacant property next to the Women's Club. A small community park would add great benefits and there may be funding available through Measure A. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Draft letter to Supervisor Barger requesting Measure A Park Funding for LA County to purchase APN: 3212-012-016 for a "Pocket Park"</b>	M: MJ S: DH	5-0-0
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: October is going into driest part of year before rain season starts		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Vacant		
F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: CERT Training postponed until January 6, 2026. CY attended the recent CERT refresher training. Expressed concern about the lack of engagement from the local amateur radio club in supporting CERT classes. MJ to reach out to Gary Hebdon requesting active participation going forward.		
<b>22. Announcements</b>		
A. <b>Read to Rover Promotion for Dept of Animal Care and Control for all of October.</b> Read a book to a shelter dog and have your adoption fee waived (spay/neuter and microchip)		
B. <b>Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection:</b> First & Third Saturday of each month, 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center		
C. <b>Sound the Alarm-Red Cross</b> , October 18, 2025 10 AM to 2 PM. Red Cross installing free smoke alarms. To schedule or to volunteer, go to: <a href="https://redcross.org/LAHomeFire">https://redcross.org/LAHomeFire</a>		
D. <b>Association of Rural Town Councils:</b> October 29, 2025, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
E. <b>Next ADTC meeting November 12, 2025. Meeting will be Virtual.</b> Zoom details and links can be found on the ADTC		

website at <a href="http://www.adtowncouncil.com">www.adtowncouncil.com</a>		
23. Future Agenda Items: Establishment of a United Well Owners Association to Seek PFAs in Water Remediation Funding-November		
<b>24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:04 PM</b>	<b>M: CY S: KS</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2025 ADTC Secretary

APPROVED: November 12, 2025