

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 10, 2021 APPROVED Minutes

Due to LA County's Recommended Social Distancing, this meeting will be held virtually

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Meeting ID: 812 1770 3535 * Passcode: 327114 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

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

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

Community Members: About 83 community members in attendance

| 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: Present: DH, MJ, CC, SK, LV, Absent: TF, EP | | |
| 3. MSP: Move to Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361 | M: MJ S: CC | 5-0-0 |
| 4. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted | M: CC S: MJ | 5-0-0 |
| 5. MSP: Move to Table Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 13, 2021 | M: CC S: SK | 5-0-0 |
| 6. Council Reports: | | |
| A. President Report | | |
| i. General: Virtual Meeting Format | | |
| ii. Outgoing Correspondence: | | |
| iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 15.A, B, C., and D. | | |
| iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail: | | |
| a. Anthony Rd-indicated that any further discussion should be directed to Supervisor Barger's Deputy, Stephanie English | | |
| b. Gardens of Paradise-Michael Lewis requesting to make presentation about revised site plan. Replied that in August we responded to his request indicating presentation was inappropriate to discuss since the CUP application has been denied due to inactivity. Will revisit after BOS appeal January 25, 2022 | | |
| c. Oscar Gomez from Regional Planning follow up to water well test at APN 3209007001. Application for SFR with garage and greenhouse | | |
| B. Secretary Report: Communication with the Council Members-Elect getting them up to speed | | |
| C. Treasurer's Report | | |
| i. Election Committee Account: | | |
| a. Balance: \$2,439.00 (No Change) | | |
| ii. General Account | | |
| a. Beginning Balance: \$15,311.34 | | |
| b. Carousel Check Invoice-Check Printing: \$24.40 | | |
| c. Ending Balance: \$15,286.94 | | |
| iii. Combined Account Balance: \$17,725.94 | | |

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| D. Association of Rural Town Councils: October 27, 2021: General Plan Safety Element, Sexually Violent Predator release, Short-term Rentals, Garbage Disposal Districts, Illegal Commercial Marijuana Grows, Los Angeles County Water Plan, Formation of General Plan Implementation Council | | |
| E. Other: High Desert School Ribbon Cutting for Paxton Patterson Career Technical Education Lab, November 4, 2021: Did anyone attend? | | |
| COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM: Open to Public | | |
| 7. Call to order by DH at 7:02 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: October 2021 stats: 2 aggravated assaults, 1 identity theft, 1 non-aggravated assault, 2 vandalism felony, 1 vehicle burglary, 10 missing persons or found, 1 non-criminal possible child abuse, 1 juvenile non-criminal, 1 suspected child abuse report, 1 person mentally ill, 1 vehicle/boat impounded. Working with the marijuana task force investigating grow houses. Averaging 6 to 9 warrants a week in Acton and Agua Dulce. Zoe, International at 8144 Escondido Canyon Road is becoming a nuisance location. They officially opened at the beginning of October. Already more than 10 calls for runaways and other incidents. There is no ability to detain the residents. This is a residential home for sex trafficked girls. It is not running in the way we were told by the business. | | |
| C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: October 2021 Stats: 40 Responses: 1 Fire (vehicle on NB 14) 25 EMS calls, 1 Service Call, 1 Haz Mat (Chemical leak-Sweetwater Dr-no damages), 12 Good Intent Calls. Battalion Chief Nick Vercuda has been promoted to Acting Assistant Fire Chief. | | |
| D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: Announced closures: Veteran's Day, November 11 and Thanksgiving, November 25 and 26. | | |
| E. Other | | |
| 10. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: Absent | | |
| 11. CA 38 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares: Patsy Ayala | | |
| A. California Redistricting Commission: Proposed new boundaries for CA Assembly Districts: www.wedrawthelinesca.org New lines are being drawn with shifts in population. Agua Dulce has been put in a district that extends well into Kern County and all the way to the AZ state line. Residents need to call in to the meetings to indicate if they agree or disagree with where Agua Dulce is included. Assemblywoman Martinez: First term assemblywoman. Presented 8 bills, 3 bills made it to Gov Newsome. AB-319 prohibits foreign money contributions for state and local elections-Passed. AB-277 requires domestic violence documents to be available in multiple languages-Passed. AB-418 would establish a program to be administered by CA Office of Emergency Services to support local governments' efforts to improve resiliency in response to PSPS events-Vetoed. | | |
| 12. CA 21 st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: Absent | | |
| A. California Redistricting Commission: Proposed new boundaries for CA Senate Districts | | |
| B. 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 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. | | |
| 13. US 25 th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Absent | | |
| A. California Redistricting Commission: Proposed new boundaries for US Congressional District | | |
| 14. Presentations/Discussions: | | |
| A. RTG Investments Presentation: 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. Lowell Gresham and Mikhail Silyachev of RTG. RTG Invest website: <https://www.rtginvest.com/> Joshua Huntington and Jodie Sackett from LA County Regional Planning.

There were major communication issues due to lack of a good internet connection from the presenters.

Project Manager: Lowell Gresham: Started slide presentation with model homes. Will be starting on grading plan for phase 1. It will be cut and fill. Only about 1/3 of property will be graded. First thing needed is to install water line prior to grading. Water will come from LA County District 37. Pipes will start at Red Rover Mine and continue to Valley Sage Rd. 13,520 feet of water pipes with fire hydrants to a 3 million gallon storage tank. Vehicular traffic will go from Escondido Canyon Rd to Puritan Mine Road to Valley Sage Road. No sidewalks. Horse trails will be included and dedicated to LA County. Invitation to public to look at all maps and approvals at office at 7535 Valley Sage Road. They will not be using any water from the site. Everyone will be given the opportunity to monitor wells. They are putting in a grey water system for irrigation. They are importing all water. AVEC will supply water, distribution service by District 37.

LA County has given approval for septic tank use for Phase 1, but there have been no plans filed for actual systems. They want to put in a "temporary" septic tank design because it will all be moved to the phase 2 wastewater treatment plant.

Community comments: Swimming Pools at all homes? (optional). Entrance road identification. Fire Insurance issues. Where does water come from (LA County District 37). Existing well on property (will not be used). 7 wells on property. Fencing installed to protect the equipment. Wells were monitored and water collected in the Dick Lang tank for current water conditions) Wastewater Treatment Plant-will waste water percolate into our ground water? (Wastewater system will collect all waste, recycle and used for irrigation-Similar to Vista Canyon project at Sand Canyon). Is relocation of Wastewater Treatment possible? Will ADUs be allowed-doubling population? (optional) LA County approves ADUs lot by lot. 2 means of access to a paved highway required for an ADU.

Wastewater Treatment Plant-With the 2007 approval, wastewater treatment plant is to service ALL homes...in Phase 1 and Phase 2 and Sierra Colony. (Phase 1 will have septic tanks with dry sewer lines installed to be tied into Phase 2 wastewater treatment plan) Agua Dulce Community Standards District do you understand what those are and are you familiar with them? (we want to be in compliance and be a good neighbor) Installing a wastewater treatment plant in our neighborhood will lower our property values. Location of WWTP is wrong to be placed near existing homes. Project does not comply with AD CSD standards. (will look into a relocation of WWTP. They want to have a community meeting at AD Winery as soon as possible with the affected neighbors.) ADUs seem to be prohibited except for one lot. Will be contacting District 37 to make sure none of the Acton groundwater basin is used for this project. Have you done other developments in Los Angeles County? (This the first development in LA County and California) Projected price range of homes (\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000). What is the average lot size? (2 acres net). Is there access and room for livestock keeping? (yes) Trail access provided? (yes) Gas line road access for horse trail? (cannot be developed-homes back up to it-and there will be no access???) Traffic mitigation for additional 600+ cars on Sierra Highway. (Sierra Highway will be expanded per the conditions) Has there been a traffic study done? (Yes-available at the office)

LA County Regional Planning Input: AD CSD is part of LA County Code. As home plans are submitted, RP will review for compliance. 68 homes previously recorded those lots and their configurations won't be changing, but house plans have not been submitted. The 2007 approved revised map for phase 2 would only go to hearing if there were changes to the map. Building plan approval and Grading plan approval is required. Tentative map approval confers vested rights. Minor changes would result in a hearing. Major changes would require a full review...CEQA, EIR, etc. October of 2023 is the deadline for recording Phase 2.

Public Works: Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at the current location near Shady Lane confirmed the approved map shows it in the current location.

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| DH and MJ: ADTC will send all the chat questions to RTG so they can address the comments and concerns. | | |
| 15. President's Report | | |
| A. General: | | |
| B. Incoming Correspondence for Action: | | |
| C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice: | | |
| i. Regional Planning Plans Filed: | | |
| a. APN: 3209007001, Briggs Rd north of Santa Clara River, 34 acres, SFR with garage and greenhouse | | |
| b. 8923 Hierba Rd, Water well drilling at an existing SFR | | |
| c. 34289 Rocking Horse Rd, Carousel Ranch, Special Event Permit for Santa Day (12/11/21) | | |
| D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings: | | |
| i. Gardens of Paradise-Notice of Public Hearing-LA County Board of Supervisors: January 25, 2022. Project & Permit: R2012-02971-(5), Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 201200163. Location: 32222 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (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 inactivity 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. Hearing will be January 25, 2022. For details about the project click HERE | | |
| 16. Open Forum: Chris Yewdall of Sleepy Valley Water Company. Filed 2 complaints with LA County Public Health regarding 2 properties adjacent to the community well. The Water Company volunteered to pump and test the septs. Home owners refused or did not respond. | | |
| 17. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Mary Johnson and Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey: PM-Absent. We are putting a summary together of the drought funding program to discuss with reps from Acton and Agua Dulce. We'll explore eligibility, potential uses of the funds and how to determine what the interests would be in the area. Also in discussion with LACoFCD as to how we can support solutions to the flooding issue in Acton, following a meeting last week with Public Works, Flood Control staff, Acton Town Council and MJ | | |
| 18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter and Jacki Ayer: New proposed Alternative right. Completely underground in Acton so Vasquez High School will be spared from the above ground section. However, in Agua Dulce goes above ground from VR to Soledad Canyon. FEIR Burbank to LA issued last week. DEIR for Palmdale to Burbank to drop Fall to Winter. | | |
| 19. Committee Reports: | | |
| A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: No meetings | | |
| B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Working on revision to eliminate Election Committee Treasurer Responsibilities and Eliminate Write in Ballots: Expect to have a draft of the changes at the January/February 2022 meeting. | | |
| 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. 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. October 23 rd is the deadline for write-in candidates to submit required documents and fees. There were no write-in candidates, so no need for an election. The 3 two-year terms will be filled by Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Chris Yewdall. The 1 one-year vacancy will be filled by Kathryn Segura. An election will not be held. Election Committee thanks the candidates and congratulates those elected. DH thanked Rosie for her service | | |
| ii. Council members will be sworn in and take office at the December 8, 2021 meeting | | |
| D. Film: Candy Clemente 27 shoots | | |
| E. Land Stewardship: Ed Porter: Absent | | |
| F. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report | | |

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| G. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Hoping for rain | | |
| H. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report | | |
| I. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: MSP: Move to Approve Letter to Acton-Agua Dulce Library indicating Disaster Planning and HAM Radio Club is covered by ADTC Liability Insurance. Request committee rep attend ADTC meetings with reports. | M: MJ S: LV | 5-0-0 |
| J. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent | | |
| K. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Jacki Ayer: Trails and Parks and Rec, Santa Clara River WASC | | |
| L. Other: | | |
| 20. Announcements | | |
| A. 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 | | |
| B. LA County Street Sweeping Services resume. For details: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/rmd/streetsweeping/ | | |
| C. Association of Rural Town Councils: TBD | | |
| D. Next regular ADTC meeting: December 8, 2021 Holiday Celebration at restaurant – Big Mouth Pizza. MJ to arrange | | |
| E. CC: Proud of community members that conducted themselves professionally and asked pertinent questions at the presentation tonight. | | |
| 21. Unfinished Business: | | |
| 22. New Business: | | |
| 23. Future Agenda Items: | | |
| A. Cali Lake RV Conditional Use Permit renewal | | |
| B. LA County Public Works Trash Collection Contracts | | |
| 24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:54 PM | M: CC S: SK | 5-0-0 |

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