

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 14, 2018 APPROVED Minutes

Agua Dulce Women's Club
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA

Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Clerk-Ed Porter (EP), Candy Clemente (CC), Scott Keller (SK), Lou Vince (LV)
Council Members Absent: Treasurer-Troy Fosberg (TF)
Community Members: About 30 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:35 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda adding Open Forum in between 13.Committee Reports and 14.Announcements	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018 as submitted.	M: EP S: CC	6-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 11. B., C., and D.		
a. Response from Director of Public Works: Measure W: Safe Clean Water Ordinance letter to expressing community concerns on the heavy burdens our rural area faces regarding permeable vs. impermeable area, rainfall amounts, and lack of local projects		
b. MSP: Move to write letter to Supervisor Barger requesting exemption from Measure W based on 1) Water infrastructure does not affect our private ground water, 2) the drainage from our area does not go to Los Angeles County beaches, and 3) Our rainfall amount is a fraction of metro LA County. Antelope Valley, Leona Valley, and Green Valley is exempt.	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Public Works Trash Franchise-Burrtec: Out of area		
b. Fiber Optic Cable		
c. Sunny Day Acres		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Unclaimed Property from ADTC Water Committee		
C. Treasurer's Report		
i. Election Committee Account: \$2,239.00 (See details Item 13.B.ii.)		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$2,665.85		
b. California Bank Overdraft Fee refund: \$12.05		
c. Ending Balance: \$2,677.90		
iii. Combined Account Ending Balance: \$4,916.90		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils:		

i. October 30, 2018: AV Water Adjudication Case, Community Air Protection Program, Centennial Project, Density Bonus Ordinance, ARTC Elections, Valley Fever.		
5. Other Business:		
A. Active Shooter Training by CHP Officer Hallgren: Who would be invited to participate? Council members and community members. LV and EP have gone through Active Shooter Training. Run, don't engage, get far away from the situation. Concerns as to how much time Officer Hallgren would need to commit to training. Further discussion with Officer Hallgren. See Item 7.A. CC indicated she will attend the first CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting on January 15, 2019.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order at 7:04 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP Moment of silence for lives lost in recent fires and for local retired firefighter Blackie Blackwell.		
7. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Hallgren: October Stats: 6 arrests: 5 misdemeanor DUI, 1 felony DUI. 26 Collisions: 4 DUI collisions. Active Shooter Training Details: 1 hour power point, Q & A, Flexible on time of presentation. Can be large group or small group		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy Sofa: Absent		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: Absent		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: Announcement of upcoming activities and programs. Library will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday after Thanksgiving. New app		
E. Other		
8. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: Supervisor Barger was not supportive of Measure W. Budget approval-\$7.8 million in "rainy day" fund. Expanded Mental Evaluation Teams (MET) with LA Co Sheriff. Libraries will start having food and beverage service. FIRE: Wind driven fires are a completely different animal. When Evacuation orders are given, you need to evacuate. Woolsey Fire has 3 dead, Camp Fire 50+. With animals, plan ahead, and get animals to safety. Roads get clogged with trailers, first responders are hampered.		
9. CA Assembly District 38 Report-Assemblyman Dante Acosta: Sharon Bronson: Indicated her pleasure in serving our community on behalf Assemblyman Acosta. Read a statement from Dante Acosta congratulating Christie Smith on her victory and his pride in representing the 38 th District.		
10. Presentations/Discussions:		
A. Southern California Edison: Public Safety Power Shutoff program: Liz Seelman: Local public affairs representative. https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/safety/wildfire Public Safety Power Shutoff is a preemptive measure based on a number of conditions: High fire risk areas only. Factors include: Strong winds, low humidity, high temperature. Based on past weather conditions, SCE estimates using the PSPS 2-10 times throughout their system. Additionally, fuel, fuel moisture, vegetation density, and other factors. Real time conditions and input from fire authorities and Emergency Management Personnel. 3 days out-incident responders on alert, 2 days out-1 st Notification to public, 1 day out-2 nd Notification, Power Shutoff-3 rd Notification, Power comments: Water well and pump systems run on electric power. Has that been taken into consideration? SCE is aware of Agua Dulce water challenges. Stephanie English: Supervisor Barger made a motion recently asking SCE to review and mitigate unintended consequences the PSPS program poses for communities like Agua Dulce and Life Support systems run by power. Some large ranches are set up to shelter in place. Without power for water, animal welfare will be compromised. Local "normal" weather conditions are being analyzed. Residential Fire Sprinklers are rendered useless without power. Sprinklers are designed for house fires, not brush wildland fires. SE: Not a joint operation with County Fire. Gary Hebdon: Who within SCE decides to activate PSPS. Incident Management Team. Notification of elderly residents without technology. SCE will contact those people in person. In the recent fires, SCE implemented PSPS to a limited population in Little Tujunga. Power was off for 14 hours.		
B. Proposed Eagle Collegiate Academy Charter School: 13136 Sierra Highway (Former Tony Alamo Ministries location) http://www.eaglecollegiateacademy.org/ Dr. Donald Rimal, Board President discussed their proposal to open a seat-based		

Pre-K-12 charter school. They will provide a well rounded education with an international program. They have applied to be sponsored by the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District (AADUSD). This is their first school. EP, AADUSD Board member pointed out that the District has a 15 factor matrix that charters must comply with in order to obtain charter approval. Charters are important to the school district and account for 27% of income. District staff evaluated Eagle Collegiate's Petition and found it lacking in 5 parts; especially in financial feasibility and ability to obtain sufficient enrollment. District staff recommended denial and the Board denied the petition in May of 2017 and again after revisions to the charter the Board denied the petition again in October of 2018. Concerns about the community supporting yet another charter when student population seems to be declining. Concerns about traffic on Sierra Highway at proposed school location.		
11. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. Response from Director of Public Works regarding LA County Clean Safe Water: Measure W: http://safecleanwaterla.org/ See Item 4.A.iii.b.		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action: None		
C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. Vicinity of Hugo Ln/Tuthill Rd/Shady Ln: New Single Family Residence with garage, front porch, and rear patio		
b. Temporary Use Permit: Agua Dulce Women's Club Parade of Tables at the Agua Dulce Airport Community Hangar: December 1, 2018		
c. 33479 Drill Rd: Ground Mount Solar		
d. 9130 Old Stage Rd: Grading		
e. 33866 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd: Install 1,200 sq ft pre-fabricated metal storage RV garage		
D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
i. California High Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting: November 15, 2018, 10:00 AM, Holiday Inn Burbank-Media Center, 150 E. Angeleno Ave, Burbank, CA 91502. Staff presentation on the Recommended State Preferred Alternative for the Palmdale to Burbank Section. For more information go to: https://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/palmdale_burbank.html		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee:		
A. See Board Meeting details in 11.D.i. above		
B. State's Preferred Alternative for Palmdale to Burbank Project Section		
i. Refined SR-14 Route: Areas in Agua Dulce are mostly surface and above ground.		
13. Committee Reports:		
A. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Working on revision to eliminate Election Committee treasurer responsibilities.		
B. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Inactive		
C. Election Committee: Rosie Heffley: Liaison to ADTC		
i. Election Report: All incumbents (Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Ed Porter) filed applications to rerun. No other candidates filed. Candidates were verified. October 27, 2018 was the final day for write-in candidates. No write-in candidates filed. No formal election was needed. All 3 candidates are declared to be elected and will be installed at the December meeting.		
ii. Final 2018 Election Committee Financial Report:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$2,039.00		
b. Candidate Application Fees: \$150 (\$50 each from Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Ed Porter)		
c. Ending Balance: \$2,239.00		

d. In October 2018, the Election Committee bank account was combined with the general Agua Dulce Town Council account at Union Bank.		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: LeMans Filming at Airport: Businesses in town benefitted from increased sales from filming crew. Location reps were responsive to work on curbing speeding by posting “slow down” signs along Agua Dulce Canyon Road. October Film Permits: 26 permits issued, 38 days of filming. Rik Fox brought up concerns about speeding and not stopping at stop signs. Future filming events needs to be monitored for traffic safety.		
E. Land Stewardship: Ed Porter: Election signs were removed promptly		
F. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: DH and MJ attended a meeting with the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA). They alerted us to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that funds parks, open space, recreational waterways. Specifically, LWCF funds Pacific Crest Trail maintenance and land acquisition. Part of the PCT is on Agua Dulce Canyon Road, a dangerous 4 mile walk for hikers and treacherous for equestrians. In an effort to improve safety for both hikers and equestrians on the Pacific Crest Trail in the Agua Dulce area the US Forest Service has an acquisition program to reroute the trail off Agua Dulce Canyon Road and move it to a safer trail corridor to protect trail users and open space. There are still 229 acres to be acquired in the Agua Dulce area to complete the safer PCT re-route. Securing money through the Land & Water Conservation Fund will help to ensure the re-route can be completed. They only want to work with willing land owners. LWCF is funded from lease payments on offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling. No money comes from tax payers. LWCF expired in October of 2018. MJ proposes in December, the ADTC approve letters to Representative Knight and our CA Senators urging them to pass the nonpartisan bills to reauthorize the LWCF.		
G. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Well yield meeting to be determined.		
H. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller:		
I. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Report local fires and local accidents. Will add the SCE Outage Alert notification to their website and FB page.		
J. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: All incumbents reelected. Tim Jorgensen elected for the shorter term to fill the late Larry Layton’s seat.		
K. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: illegal dumping, filming, SEA ordinance, CHSRA.		
L. Other:		
14. Open Forum: Lana Hale cited concerns about her neighbor stockpiling horse manure and brush. Calls to the Fire Dept did not resolve the issue. She also indicated the neighbor’s animals are being mistreated and she got no assistance from LA County Animal Control. Waste Management website promotes senior discounts and “super saver” smaller bin and green waste bins. But she was unable to secure them and was charged for bulky pick ups. Waste Management is the only trash hauler that services our area. Council recommended she contact Animal Control and Zoning Enforcement. William Fix, a film industry location facilitator handed out “Agua Dulce Special Filming Conditions” dated August 21, 2018. He felt the guidelines are so restrictive and prohibitive that they will negatively impact the industry and his livelihood. MJ indicated that we as a community and council never saw the conditions and as a result the conditions should not be enforced. MJ will contact Gary Smith of CEO’s office and request they suspend enforcement. In early 2019, the Council will seek community input on any special filming conditions. We want to be sure the 3 top community concerns are addressed: guerilla filming and consequences, road damage to be repaired, and traffic stops during rush hour are prohibited on main roads.		
15. Announcements		
A. Next regular ADTC meeting: December 12, 2018, Limited Business/Holiday Celebration: Big Mouth Pizza, 33323 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA 91390. LV to contact Big Mouth Pizza to arrange for meeting.		
B. Association of Rural Town Councils: January 30, 2019, Quartz Hill Library Meeting Room, 5040 West Ave M-2 Quartz Hill, CA 93536		
16. Unfinished Business		
17. New Business		
18. Future Agenda Items:		

A. Clean Safe Water Measure W-2019		
B. Zoe International: Development at 8144 Escondido Canyon Road		
C. Film Standard for Agua Dulce-2019		
D. LWCF-PCTA-December		
19. Move to Adjourn at 9:43	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2018 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: December 12, 2018

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