

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL Meeting of February 27, 2008 – 7:00 pm
 Agua Dulce Women’s Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce
APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Marilyn Garner **(MG)**-Corresponding Secretary, Mary Johnson **(MJ)**-Recording Secretary, Don Henry **(DH)**-Treasurer, David Aiello **(DA)**, Gary Hebdon **(GH)**, Jim Jennings **(JJ)**

Council Members Absent: Donal MacAdam **(DM)**-President

Community Members: About 40 people in attendance

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS	RESULT/DECISION
1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance	Mary Johnson-Recording Secretary Regular meeting was called to order 7:10 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by MJ		
1.a. Election of President Pro-Tem	MSP: Move to have Mary Johnson preside in the absence of Don MacAdam	M: GH S: DA	6-0-0
2. Approval of Agenda	MSP: Approve as submitted	M: DH S: GH	6-0-0
3. Unfinished Business			
3. a. Las Lomas Development	<u>Las Lomas Development at Antelope Valley Freeway (14) and Golden State Freeway (5)</u> A presentation and discussion of the various impacts and “Quality of Life” issues pertaining to the Dan Palmer/Las Lomas Land Company LLC proposal to build 5500 condominium units, combined with almost 3 million square feet of commercial, light industrial and retail space, plus a 300 room hotel, on 555 acres at the confluence of the 4 and the 14 Freeways. Presentation by Chris Jackson of the City of Santa Clarita Planning Department, with additional comments by Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, City of Santa Clarita and Andrew G. Fried, President, Save Action For the Environment, Inc. <i>Community input is being sought to determine community concerns for either support or opposition of the project.</i> Community comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal ownership of project • Density of project • Processing costs by City of Los Angeles • LAFCO-Local Agency Formation Commission-Originally rejected • Fault line • Open space corridor 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000' away from City of Los Angeles limits • Domino affect • Cumulative affect combined with Newhall Ranch project (21,000 homes)— Comparable density of Las Lomas would put 125,000 homes in Newhall Ranch • Annexation procedures <p>MSP: Move to send a letter to Supervisor Antonovich echoing his letter of November 13, 2007 indicating ADTC opposition to the project with community concerns of traffic and safety impacts to the community of Agua Dulce. Draft letter to be submitted for approval at regular March ADTC meeting.</p>	<p>M: MJ S: DH</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>3. b. East Santa Clarita Land Conservation Draft Concept Plan and Implementation Strategy</p>	<p><u>East Santa Clarita Land Conservation Draft Concept Plan and Implementation Strategy</u></p> <p>Representatives from LA County and the city of Santa Clarita will discuss the general plan background and information with respect to the proposed establishment of a functioning wildlife corridor between two segments of the Angeles National Forest. The plan includes contingencies for protection of the Santa Clara River and its tributaries, the establishment of a continuous trail system with connections to public parks and the Pacific Crest Trail and other key elements intended to meet the guidelines of the "One Valley One Vision" strategy. Robert Glaser of Regional Planning and Michael Murphy of City of Santa Clarita indicated the draft plan had not sought public comment at this point. The preparers, The Dangermond Group is seeking input from stakeholder team that was established in December 2006. A sample of property owners were contacted to determine if the property owners were willing to sell their property. 142 letters sent out. 17 responded they would discuss. 6 landowners responded that they were interested in selling. Process will take 20-30-40 years for linkage</p> <p>Community comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property values • Use of property • Eminent domain • Fencing • Public ownership of one parcel does not dictate what an adjacent private owner can do with their property • Offer to buy land has been extremely low considering market value • Conservancy groups have bought land and then turn around and sold • Land grab • Rim of the Valley Federal Bill • Who is behind this? 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briggs Rd area-Why? • Acquisition plan of Santa Clarita is going outside of their boundaries • Why wasn't Agua Dulce included earlier? • Challenges of small ranches? • Where is the funding coming from? No funding in place currently • Wildlife link under Freeway? Does it work? Tunnels • Development dedications for higher density • Clustering • Allowable easements and acceptable fencing options • Federal acquisitions? Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management • Does this promote high density outside of the greenbelt? • Protection of the Santa Clara river <p>Move to accept comments from residents to redline the Draft document to incorporate comments to reply to preparers. (Motion died for lack of second)</p> <p>Consensus to have residents send comments directly to preparers at kwinters@dangermond.com</p> <p>Contact info to be published in the Country Journal and posted on website. Commentors are encouraged to copy the Agua Dulce Town Council.</p> <p>Comments are to be received by March 15, 2008.</p>	M: GH	
4. Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment 		
5. Adjournment	MSP: Adjournment at 9:05 PM	M: MG S: DH	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johnson, Recording Secretary, Agua Dulce Town Council 2008
APPROVED: 3/12/08