

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL  
 Regular Meeting of March 11, 2009 – 7:00 pm  
 Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce  
**APPROVED** Minutes

Council Members Present: Mary Johnson **(MJ)**-President, Lorene Cangiano **(LC)**-Secretary, Don Henry **(DH)**-Treasurer, David Aiello **(DA)**, Annette Fortuna **(AF)** Donal McAdams **(DM)**

Council Members Absent: Gary Hebdon (GH)

Community Members: About 30 people in attendance in addition to presenters and Town Council Members

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS	RESULT/DECISION Approve-reject-abstain
<b>1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<b>Mary Johnson, President</b> Regular meeting was called to order 7:20 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Aiello		
<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>MSP:</b> Move new business to agenda Item 4 e, add Fire department report,	<b>M: DA</b> <b>S: LC</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved to end of meeting but time ran out. Defer to next meeting.		
<b>4. Agency Reports</b>			
<b>4.a. California Highway Patrol</b>	<b>Rick Milar: Not present</b> <b>Officer Burton:</b> Responded to letter in Country Journal stating that a ticket was issued for crossing double yellow line to enter Sweetwater Market. Officer Burton said that that is not a violation and there must be more to the story. 159 citations issued in Agua Dulce mostly on Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd for speeds over 35 mph .11 arrests, DUI and warrants. All outstanding warrants have been resolved. 15 traffic collisions between here, on the freeway and down to Sand Cyn. Most were on Sierra Hwy and Soledad Cyn.		Information Only
<b>4.b. LA County Sheriff</b>	<b>Deputy Scott Short: (661) 272-2571</b> Sheriff warrants are not all cleaned up. Sheriff rarely gives traffic citations. Traffic enforcement not done on private roads. 11 reports last month of which 3 were duplicates: 2 forgery, 1 narcotics, also vehicle boating law violations, vandalism, and 2vehicle burglary, Auto Smash and grabs are occurring in Acton. Unlocked cars are not covered by insurance. Day workers blocking driveway told to move out. The numbers of day workers have dropped since the nursery closed down.		Information Only
<b>4.c. LA County Sheriff Dept. (COPS)</b>	<b>Deputy Robert Ferrell:</b> Deputy Farrell Palmdale community policing. New system 211, for zoning, building		

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	etc. complaints. This department is separate from emergency, police, fire. He handed out cards. This number works from cellphone. There is an organization which calls itself the Bounty License Crew, do not use them.		
<b>4. d. LA County Fire Department</b>	<b>Dave Esparza:</b> St. Baldrich's day May 30, 2009 at Bullwinkles and adjacent Lang Property. Benefits children's cancer causes.		Information only
<b>4. E</b>	<b>Tracy Swann, County Council, Oscar Gomez, Department of Regional Planning</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Billboard sign Agua Dulce Cyn Rd.-The County has taken a stance that the sign may be either a political sign or a freedom of speech sign and may be exempt from any type of requirements including setbacks, esthetics, time limits etc., Ms. Swann did advise however that county recognizes there is a problem with a lack of parameters in these type of signs and she advised the Town Council that since County had not yet developed guidelines pertaining to the requirements of a political, or free speech sign that the CSD ordinances should address the issue for our area. The county is supposed to be working on the specific sign guidelines but nothing will be available in the near future. The audience and Town Council requested that at least the sign comply with front yard and side yard setbacks in the interim but Ms. Swann stated that our CSD must clearly address this. She suggested that we work with our regional planners to adequately address the issue in our CSD.</li> <li>2. Lorene Cangiano requested that the TC be provided with any other cases in the fifth district that involve either political signs or freedom of speech signs which have been given these types of freedom. Oscar Gomez said he would obtain this information.</li> </ol>		County to provide more information. CSD/Land Use Committee meeting with Regional Planners in April, 2009 political/freedom of speech signs will be addressed.
<b>5. LA County Fifth District Deputy</b>	<b>Rosalind Wayman:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hazard and e-waste drop off day at COC on 4/4/09</li> </ol>		Information Only
<b>6. Council Reports</b>			
<b>6.a. President</b>	<b>Mary Johnson:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter sent to Civic Association regarding the Airport agenda request,</li> <li>2. Letter sent to Peg Spy regarding request for Town Council documents and records.</li> <li>3. Letter sent to State Water Resources Control Board regarding AB885,</li> <li>4. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for comment on the Tehachapi Transmission project.</li> <li>5. Letter from Audra Strickland responding to AB 885 ,</li> <li>6. Letter from Cameron Smyth on AB 885 requesting that hearings be held in the north LA County.</li> </ol>		

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<b>6.b. Secretary</b>	<p><b>Lorene Cangiano:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting of the Assoc. of Rural Town Councils- Don Henry, Annette Fortuna and Lorene Cangiano attended the meeting. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Steve Night, Antelope Valley Assemblyman gave a presentation.</li> <li>b. LA County is revising its general plan and the ARTC is setting up tours with Mark Herwick and TC members. We are paired with Acton. Gary H is contact</li> <li>c. The ARTC will coordinate with the Agua Dulce Town Council and the Acton Town Council to prepare information that Pacific Legal Foundation can use in a letter to protest onerous water standards.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Airport Agenda requirement from Land Sea Air Response <i>(At the Feb meeting, there was no motion that responded to this letter—only the Civic response)</i> <b>MSP Send reply to Airport using previous letter making one change “If at any time”</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>M: DM</b> <b>S: DA</b></p>	6-0-0
<b>6.c. Treasurer</b>	<p><b>Don Henry-</b> Starting balance was \$1137,60, Monies received \$0, Expenses \$ 78.81 for Town Hall flyers. Final balance \$1058.79.</p>		Information only
<b>6.e. Other</b>			
<b>7. Open Forum</b>	No Additional comments		
<b>8. Committee Reports</b>			
<p><b>8 a. Water</b></p> <p><b>1. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan</b></p> <p><b>a. Water Treatment Device Policy</b></p>	<p>Chair: Don Henry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Town Hall—There was a great turn out at the Town Hall on Water. The Town Council thanks Chris Ball and Nazir Khan for their donations, Pacific Legal Group for their attendance and information, Lillian Smith for advertising and articles in the Country Journal. Acton Agua Dulce News for their video presentation, Mary Johnson for setup, Dave Aiello and Larry Selznick for sound. Annette Fortuna for signs, Lorene Cangiano for manning the doors and getting signatures, Don Henry for his presentation, Gary Hebdon for research and Jackie Ayers for her presentation. Over 300 people attended. And it was a successful coordination of effort between the Agua Dulce and Acton Town Councils. The Association of Rural Town Councils have voiced their support and will coordinate with fact gathering and letter writing in concert with Pacific Legal Foundation.</li> <li>2. Environmental Health: By E-mail the meeting was cancelled between Don, Gary, and Environmental Health. On the Arsenic ordinance.</li> <li>3. Chris Ball sent a thank you letter to the Town Council for the work they did on holding a Town Hall.</li> </ol>		

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<b>8.b. Ways &amp; Means</b>	Chair: Dave Aiello: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fund Raiser- The Temporary Use Permit is ready to fill out. There will be a kids' bubble slider. This is a family day and plans are moving right along. DA would like to Ask the county for a donation.</li> <li>2. Owner of Shopping center, where the Sweetwater Market is, wants to do an additional identical building.</li> <li>3. DA would like to build a Dick Lang Square in that same shopping center. He feel that many local contractors will donate. We need to talk more about it.</li> </ol>		
<b>8.c. Land Use Community Standards District (CSD)</b>	Co-Chairs: Lorene Cangiano, Mary Johnson: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report and recommendations from Land Use/CSD Meeting of 3/3/09 – Committee reviewed the County suggested changes to Draft CSD. It was agreed that it is time to meet again with Regional Planning to see if the final items can be resolved in person. A meeting will be scheduled for April.</li> <li>2. Barron Ridge Power Towers-There was a meeting at which one of the alternates, not ours, was eliminated. Leona Valley Town Council would have preferred that this section not be eliminated. <b>MSP: In an effort to protect our neighboring rural towns, I recommend ADTC send a letter to DWP consultants requesting Alternate D be placed back on the table for consideration and that route be chosen as the preferred Alternate.</b></li> <li>3. Dark Skies Meeting-Proposed draft rural exterior lighting standards are extremely restrictive. Community needs to see and understand the proposed standards. Request to have Regional Planning staff coordinate a nighttime meeting where proposed lighting can be seen during darkness</li> <li>4. RPC Hearing March 25, 2009 Wineries and Tasting Rooms—Modifications to standards and permitting procedures- Mary Johnson attended the meeting and after much discussion, the Town Council decided that the reduced restrictions could be subject to abuse and poor placement of winery tasting rooms.</li> </ol>	M: MJ S: DH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. MJ to write letter</li> <li>3. MJ to contact Mitch Glaser of RP to request further local outreach and meeting at night to see demonstration of proposed standards.</li> <li>4. Mary Jonson will write a letter requesting a continuance and community outreach before these modifications are passed.</li> </ol>
<b>8.d. Parks &amp; Trails</b>	Chair: Mary Johnson –No report		
<b>8.e. Election Committee</b>	Organizer: Julianne Feuerhelm-No report		MJ will request a final treasury report for next Town Council Meeting
<b>8.f. Charter/Bylaws</b>	Chair: Lorene Cangiano The TC elected to hold off on approving the changes to the Bylaws until the 'Qualifications for Town Council Candidacy' have been reviewed..		Bylaws committee to complete this review at their next meeting and then present to the TC.

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<b>8.g. Film</b>	Chair: Dave Aiello: There was filming last Sunday with helicopters and parachutes.		
<b>8.h. Acton-Agua Dulce School Board</b>	David Aiello: Nothing to report		
<b>9.i. Emergency Preparedness-Disaster Planning</b>	Chair: Gary Hebdon: absent		
<b>10. Unfinished Business</b>			
<b>11. New Business</b>	1. Start time of meeting: Because the martial arts class does not conclude until 7 pm, the Town Council should push back the start time of the meeting until 7:30.	Approved by Consensus	
<b>17. Announcements</b>			
<b>18. Future Agenda Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exterior Rural Lighting Standards—Presentation by Regional Planning</li> <li>2. Proposed changes in Septic Regulations—Presentation by Environmental Health</li> </ol>		
<b>19. Adjournment</b>	<b>MSP: Adjournment at 11:15 PM</b>	<b>M: DH S: DM</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>

Respectfully submitted by Lorene Cangiano, Secretary, Agua Dulce Town Council 2009  
**APPROVED: 4-8-09**