

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2024 APPROVED Minutes

In an effort to allow the most inclusive participation, this meeting will be held in an **In-Person/Hybrid** setting

In Person Location: Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449741085?pwd=bXVuWFFxZG9JT2M0dHhiME5uaHluQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 4974 1085 * Passcode: 072711 * 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) (arrived at 6:43), Candy Clemente, (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG),

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 12 community members in attendance in person, about 10 community members in attendance virtually

| TOPIC/DISCUSSION | MOTION | RESULT/ DECISION |
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| ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM: | | |
| 1. Call to order by DH at 6:35 PM | | |
| 2. Roll Call: DH, CY, CC, CG, MJ in attendance. Absent: SK, KS (arrived at 6:43) quorum is established. Attendance increased to 6 out of 7 at 6:43 | 5 out of 7 members in attendance, a | |
| 3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as Submitted | M: MJ S: CG | 5-0-0 |
| 4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 21, 2024 as submitted | M: CY S: CC | 5-0-0 |
| 5. Council Reports: | | |
| A. President Report | | |
| i. General: In-Person/Hybrid Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting | | |
| ii. Outgoing Correspondence: | | |
| a. Letter to Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport-Condition 30 Agenda Requirement sent March 1, 2024 | | |
| iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 16.B., C., and D. | | |
| iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail: | | |
| B. Secretary Report: | | |
| i. Certificate of Insurance and endorsement from State Farm Insurance for Acton Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club event at Acton Park for June 22, 2024 | | |
| ii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision | | |
| iii. Agua Dulce Airport notified me that based on a request from Regional Planning staff, they will send notifications whenever there is filming at the airport. MJ to send copy of that notification to CC. | | |
| iv. Notification of a virtual Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations Forum on March 21, 2024. MJ will attend. 2 other Council members may attend. | | |
| C. Treasurer's Report: (No change) | | |
| i. Election Committee Account: | | |
| a. Balance: \$ 2,926.17 | | |
| ii. General Account: | | |
| a. Balance: \$12,980.82 | | |
| iii. Combined Account Balance: \$ 15,906.99 | | |
| iv. US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for MJ, and CY | | |

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| D. Association of Rural Town Councils: February 28, 2024: Resignation of Co-Director Susan Zahnter, DPH Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health, AV AQMD Air Quality Group, Climate Action Plan, ADU Draft Ordinance Amendment, Mulch, Updated Councils Contact List for 2024 | | |
| E. Other: DH: Report from resident that at Vasquez Rocks, filming activity is allowed the day after a rain, but equestrians are prohibited for 5 days. Additionally, this resident discovered a lot of loose nails on the ground where the filming took place. CC: Sierra Highway at Skyline in Canyon Country needs to have the pavement repaired. This is within the City of Santa Clarita. The stoplights starting at College of the Canyons are now on timers, not sensors. Josie Guitterez of Public Works should be able to check this out. CY: City of Santa Clarita Public Works Director is Mike Hennawy. | | |
| COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM: | | |
| 6. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CG | | |
| 7. President: In-Person/Hybrid 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 chat to general chat or direct message to co-host Cindy Grimes. | | |
| 8. Agency Reports | | |
| A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. February 2024 stats: 99 service calls. Working on the dirt bikers on private roads. Cindy Grimes: Contacted the Off Highway Vehicle Patrol who made some recommendations. Letter of agency allows access for law enforcement. Deputy Martinez indicated Cindy's contact was with Santa Clarita. Agua Dulce is under Palmdale. Cindy to send email to DM to get their letter of agency. | | |
| B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Allen: DAllen@chp.ca.gov February 2024 stats: 1 felony arrest for occupied stolen vehicle, 2 misdemeanor DUI, 2 stolen vehicle recoveries. 56 citations. 7 injury collisions. Has been out on Darling Rd near airport looking for dirt bikers. If you see them out, contact Officer Allen by email. | | |
| C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov February 2024 stats: 31 responses: 3 vehicle fires, 22 EMS, 6 good intent. | | |
| D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. For details and to register, go to: https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/ Solar eclipse viewing party April 8, 2024 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Closed March 25 in honor of Caesar Chavez. Mi-Fi (T-Mobile) hot spots available to be checked out for 6 weeks. | | |
| E. Other: | | |
| 9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov Absent | | |
| A. BOS Motion Addressing Fire Insurance Challenges and Implementation of AB 3074. Maria Grycan: AB 3074 is not being enforced currently, probably won't be enforced next year. Zone 0-no flammable material within 5 feet of a structure. Forestry has not defined "flammable material." Insurance: Wildfire risk assessment. 2 parts to the assessment. Part 1 is a self-assessment. The second part is separate inspection to be a designated fire safe home (fee). Program called Wildfire Prepared Home Certification. DH: Home sales issues for residents unable to get insurance. | | |
| B. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley: Robert Tabares of Public Works Building & Safety. Robert of Public Works: Building Code violations-Monday a district attorney conference with property owner. Plans submitted to address building code violations and an oak tree permit. 6 months given until the next hearing. | | |
| C. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system. CY: Hole in the tank and crushed leech line confirmed in 2022. Water testing shows nitrate levels are acceptable. Public Health Land Use says since the nitrate levels are ok, they are not going to go forward with any violations against the failed septic system, but is requiring the Water Company to continue to do monthly testing and the nitrate filtration system needs to become permanent. Water Company plans if the nitrate level goes to 6 mg/liter, they will pump out the failed septic system. If the level goes to 8, they will turn on the nitrate filtration system. | | |

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| <p>Via Chat: From Tigran Khachatryan: I just would like to let you know that in the last meeting I said that we are still working with the home owner to replace the failing system, however the good news was that currently nitrate level was low. That's was my point. However, here's the current update for a possible failing system for the property for today's meeting. Environmental Health requested assistance from County counsel and they are taking over the case from the District Attorney's office. County counsel is researching the case prior to communicating with the home owner. On 2/7/24 DPH provided information regarding LA county, State, and Federal Grant and Loan programs on home improvements to the home owner Currently waiting for the response. Thank you.</p> | | |
| <p>D. Current ongoing issues: Water Conservation Ordinance. Public Works-GDDs. LA County response to SB 552 SB 552 Lusi Mkhitarian of Public Health: No report LA County Water Plan: Lee Alexanderson of PW Stormwater Planning Division</p> | | |
| <p>10. CA 34th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov 661-267-7636 Absent</p> | | |
| <p>11. CA 21st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Thomas Moreno: Thomas.Moreno@sen.ca.gov 661-729-6232 Absent</p> | | |
| <p>A. SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic well owners? Follow up discussion from February meeting</p> | | |
| <p>12. US 27th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov Absent</p> | | |
| <p>13. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Heather Turpin hturpin@treepeople.org 818-522-9738 See Agenda 16.D.i. for info on Summit for Equity and Resilience in Water: In-Person and Online, March 26-27, 2024 March 18, 2024 there will be a presentation at the Acton Town Council meeting regarding chronic flooding in the downtown Acton.</p> | | |
| <p>A. March Meeting Approval of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for submission to Regional Oversight Committee for review.</p> | | |
| <p>i. Approval of 1 Scientific Study-Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity: \$80,000</p> | | |
| <p>ii. Approval of 2 Technical Resources Projects from the City of Santa Clarita</p> | | |
| <p>a. Bacteria Mitigation: \$300,000</p> | | |
| <p>b. Old Orchard Park: \$300,000</p> | | |
| <p>iii. Previously Approved Project Funding</p> | | |
| <p>a. Infrastructure: Via Princessa Park: \$8,943,149</p> | | |
| <p>b. Scientific Study: Regional Pathogen Reduction Study: \$345,966</p> | | |
| <p>iv. Budget: \$11,400,000</p> | | |
| <p>v. Current SIP: \$680,000</p> | | |
| <p>vi. Previous Approvals: \$9,200,000</p> | | |
| <p>vii. Balance: \$1,500,000 87% of funds used</p> | | |
| <p>B. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: TBD, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd</p> | | |
| <p>14. Presentations/Discussions:</p> | | |
| <p>A. Carousel Ranch New Conditional Use Permit: RPPL2023006351 Denise Redmond, 34289 Rocking Horse Road, 17 acres, A-1 Zoning. New CUP allowing continued operations of Carousel Ranch, an existing equestrian facility. The Current 15 year CUP expired on 12/3/23 (RCUP-200600080) with the two 10-year extensions no longer in effect. In December in the process of renewing, they were notified that extensions would no longer be honored since extensions are not allowed in new CUPs. They are looking to continue the work they have been doing and operating the same programs allowed in the original CUP offering equestrian therapy and vocational training programs to children and young adults with special needs. Since the original CUP, they have purchased a lot behind the facility zoned A-1 for parking during their Heart of the West annual fundraiser and to add horse keeping facilities to that. Both parcels will be included in this new CUP. The were no community comments or concerns in opposition to the project. Action Request: Requesting to show approval for Carousel Ranch's continued work and CUP.</p> | | |

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| <p>MSP: Move to send a letter to Regional Planning Staff (Sam Dea) indicating the representative of Carousel Ranch attended the duly noticed regular March 13, 2024 meeting. They presented their request for approval and support of their CUP application for continued operations of their existing equestrian facility. There were no community concerns or negative comments made about the operation of the facility. Based on the information presented, the Agua Dulce Town Council has no concerns moving forward with the Conditional Use Permit.</p> | <p>M: CY S: CC</p> | <p>6-0-0</p> |
| <p>15. Old Business:</p> | | |
| <p>A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall</p> | | |
| <p>i. General Update: Nothing to report</p> | | |
| <p>ii. Determination on next steps</p> | | |
| <p>iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com</p> | | |
| <p>16. President's Report</p> | | |
| <p>A. General:</p> | | |
| <p>i. 2024 ADTC Meeting Format:</p> | | |
| <p>In an effort to be most inclusive with meeting participation, the Council will continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person/hybrid meeting once every quarter. Those in-person/hybrid meetings will be March, June, September, and December (December will be In-Person ONLY) and the location will be the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. Based on public participation at in-person meetings, we may revisit and amend this schedule and format.</p> | | |
| <p>B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:</p> | | |
| <p>C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:</p> | | |
| <p>i. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing concerning 2045 Climate Action Plan. April 16, 2024, 9:30 AM, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Visit http://bos.lacounty.gov/Board-Meeting/Board-Agendas for details on how to listen to the meeting and/or address the Board. Written comments may be submitted to the address above, Attention: Board Services Division. Project Description: 2045 Climate Action Plan is the County's plan toward meeting greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The project will amend the County's General Plan Air Quality Element. For details, go to: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/documents/</p> | | |
| <p>ii. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Amendment. April 24, 2024, 9:00 AM, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St, BOS Hearing Room, 381-B, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Virtual (Online) at bit.ly/ZOOM-RPC. By phone at (669) 444-9171 or (719) 359-4580 (ID: 858 6032 6429). Project No. PRJ2023-002901-(1-5). The proposed changes to the ADU Ordinance update local standards and ensure that the County's ADU regulations comply with State law. Submit comments to Kenneth Warner at kwarner@planning.lacounty.gov. For details, go to: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/adu-ordinance-amendment/</p> | | |
| <p>iii. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing Short Term Rentals Ordinance. April 24, 2024, 9:00 AM, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St, BOS Hearing Room, 381-B, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Virtual (Online) at bit.ly/ZOOM-RPC. By phone at (669) 444-9171 or (719) 359-4580 (ID: 858 6032 6429). Project No. PRJ2023-002077. Amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) to authorize Short-Term Rentals (STR) as an accessory use in residential dwellings in accordance with Division 3 (Short-Term Rental) of Title 7 (Business Licenses) of LA County Code. Submit comments to Brian McGinnis at str@planning.lacounty.gov. For details go to: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/short-term-rentals-ordinance/</p> | | |
| <p>D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice</p> | | |
| <p>i. Summit for Equity and Resilience in Water: In-Person and Online, March 26-27, 2024. Successes and lessons learned from the Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program hosted by Water Talks. Location: LA County Public Works, 900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA. For details go to: https://watertalksca.org/watertalks_summit Event registration at:</p> | | |

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| https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summit-for-equity-and-resilience-in-water-tickets-819354440187 | | |
| ii. Regional Planning Plans Filed: | | |
| a. | 33106 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, residential ground mount solar | |
| b. | APN: 3213015049, certificate of compliance. Legalize two storage sheds, one outhouse, two open pergola structures, and one attached pergola structure on the property | |
| c. | 13025 Sierra Highway, New ADU, legalize unpermitted storage (192.27 sq ft) and retaining wall, demolish unpermitted storage (506.90 sq ft and 48.0 sq ft), Oak Tree Permit | |
| d. | APN: 3213019038, 3727 sq ft SFR and 890 sq ft garage and grading | |
| e. | APN: 3214010010, (COC) planning on building light agricultural with a 3 bedroom SFR | |
| f. | 9312 Windy Ct, new pool, new spa, new baja, new deck, new patio | |
| g. | APN: 3211015057, SEA Counseling for proposed new SFR and associated development with a protected tree permit | |
| h. | 13559 Davenport Rd, addition to existing SFR | |
| i. | 8300 Soledad Canyon Rd, 1043 sq ft addition to existing SFR | |
| 17. Open Forum: None | | |
| 18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent | | |
| 19. New Business: | | |
| 20. Committee Reports: | | |
| A. | Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Absent | |
| B. | Film: Candy Clemente: 7 shoots | |
| C. | Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Contact VR about rain, equestrian use, filming | |
| D. | Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Nice steady rain events | |
| E. | Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent | |
| F. | Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Radio Club | |
| G. | Other: | |
| 21. Announcements | | |
| A. | Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month, 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center | |
| B. | Fish Fry at Agua Dulce Women's Club, Friday, March 15, 2024, 5 PM to 8 PM | |
| C. | Celebration of Life for Jim Jennings, Sunday, March 24, 2024 noon to 3 PM, Vasquez High School, Red Rover Mine Rd, Acton, CA 93510 | |
| D. | Egg Hunt at Agua Dulce Women's Club, Sunday, March 24, 2024 11 AM to 2 PM | |
| E. | Association of Rural Town Councils: March 27, 2024, 7:00 PM-via Zoom | |
| F. | FREE Dump Day at the Lancaster WM Landfill, April 6, 2024 | |
| G. | Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: TBD, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita. Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events." | |
| H. | Next ADTC meeting April 10, 2024. Format will be Virtual via Zoom. | |
| 22. Future Agenda Items: | | |
| A. | April: New AT&T Wireless Communication Facility, APN: 3214042024, NW Intersection of Darling and Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. RPPL2023003721, Project will be designed to mimic a wooden water tank/tower | |
| B. | Future: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD, SB 552 | |
| 23. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:11 PM | | M: CY S: CC |

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC 2024 Secretary
We had virtual connection issues during the meeting.
APPROVED: April 10, 2024

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