

**AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 9, 2016 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), Treasurer-Troy Fosberg (TF), Clerk-Ed Porter (EP), Scott Keller (SK), Candy Clemente arrived at 6:45 PM (CC), Lou Vince (LV)

**Council Members Absent:**

**Community Members:** About 10 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:</b>		
1. Call to order at 6:41 PM		
2. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted</b>	<b>M: EP S: MJ</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
3. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 10, 2016 as submitted</b>	<b>M: EP S: TF</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
4. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement Response		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 11.B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Info on building and crime in Agua Dulce		
b. Alch: Water District comments		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed by Scott Keller		
C. Treasurer's Report		
i. Beginning Balance: \$3999.45		
ii. Expenses: \$640 (rent-ADWC) \$442.13 (Reimbursement to MJ for supplies)		
iii. Ending Balance: \$2917.32		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: February 24, 2016 (Fox Field-Lancaster)		
i. 2016 Meeting locations have been determined		
ii. The current director, Susan Zahnter contacted DH to get a vote on how the leadership of the ARTC should be determined. The choices are one Director or a Board of 3 directors. Each Council has a vote to submit. <b>MSP: Move to vote to retain one Director, Susan Zahnter.</b>	<b>M: MJ S: EP</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
E. Other: Rosie Heffley expressed thanks to MJ for Movie Night at Women's Club. Also announced Women's Club Fish Fry for March 11. Election Committee membership drive. EC is looking for volunteers to serve on Committee.		
5. Other Business:		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:</b>		
6. Call to order at 7:05 PM: Pledge of Allegiance: Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Announcement of ADTC 25 Year Anniversary: 1991-2016		
8. Agency Reports		

A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: February Stats: 9 Collisions, 0 Fatals. 1 dui related. Arrests: No felony arrests. 7 dui arrests. 4 misdemeanors. "Coffee with a Cop" program on March 22, 5 am to 10 am at Peets Coffee at Magic Mountain Parkway and McBean.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: February Stats: 2 reports: 1 burglary, 1 suspected adult abuse. Helicopter crash inbound to Agua Dulce Airport.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: February Stats: 30 reports: 1 mobile property fire, 20 EMS, 1 hazardous condition, 2 service calls, 4 good intent call, 1 false alarm, 1 special incident. Brush clearance. March 13 daylight savings starts. Reminder to replace batteries in smoke detectors. If unit is over 20 years, replace.		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian John Elford: Spring Break activities with give aways for kids. Announcements of March programs and activities. Used book sale and Trunk sale April 9 and 10. Scam of library solicitors calling for donations.		
9. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Toxic waste and e-waste disposal April 2, 2016 at College of Canyons Parking Lot. Vasquez Road update: Public works will condemn property and go in and do the work that needs to be done. Private property owner of slide area has ceased communication with Public Works. Probably no activity until end of year.		
10. Presentations/Discussions:		
A. Andy Fried, President of <a href="#">Safe Action For the Environment, Inc.</a> Update on the cancellation of the CEMEX Soledad Canyon mining contracts. 1990: BLM signed 2-10 year contracts. One of the largest mines to receive approval from BLM. Surface mining of 56 million tons of sand and gravel. The project would add 1164 daily additional truck trips. Project runs 17 hours per day, 6 days a week. Site is owned by the City of Santa Clarita, but the mineral rights are owned by Federal Government. 2007: City of Santa Clarita worked with CEMEX to cancel mining project and limit future mining to historic levels. Legislation introduced failed to get approval. March 2015: BLM contacts CEMEX siting extensive environmental and demographic changes since the original contracts were created and indicating cancelling the contracts was a viable option. August 2015: BLM rescinds and withdraws contract with CEMEX. September 2015: CEMEX appeals BLM contract cancellation to Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). Process may take up to 2 years. Current Legislation introduced regarding the project: CA Assemblyman Scott Wilk: State Water Resources Control Board permitting process to have a set timeframe instead of an open ended permit application. US Representative Steve Knight introduced HR 4566 that would prevent any future mining projects in Soledad canyon.		
11. President's Report		
A. General:		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Assemblyman Wilk Introduces Bill to Reopen Permitting of CEMEX Mine		
ii. National Park Service releases final Rim of the Valley Corridor Study: The National Park Service's final study recommendation is a combination of possible alternatives proposed in the Rim of the Valley Corridor Draft Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment released in April 2015. For details see the project website: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley">http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley</a>		
iii. CA High Speed Rail Authority releases Draft 2016 Business Plan, a foundational document for implementing the CA High Speed Rail program that reflects the transition from planning to construction to providing passenger service. Comment period closes on April 18, 2016. Submit comments via USPS to California High Speed Rail Authority, Attn: Draft 2016 Business Plan, 770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1, Sacramento, CA 95814. Submit comments via email at: <a href="mailto:2016businessplancomments@hsr.ca.gov">2016businessplancomments@hsr.ca.gov</a> . For details see the project website: <a href="http://www.hsr.ca.gov/about/business_plans/draft_2016_Business_Plan.html">http://www.hsr.ca.gov/about/business_plans/draft_2016_Business_Plan.html</a>		

D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: PW spoke about the Initiative Measure Water Bond that would reallocate bond money from High speed rail and water storage to fund water storage projects. Petitions are out and available to be signed at various businesses in Acton and Agua Dulce. Deadline to submit petitions is April 11. Judge Kenny ruled that HSRA has not violated Prop 1A because the project is in the early stages and project is complex. 3 members of Acton Town Council attended a forum for Candidates for 5 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor. Acton TC is inviting candidates to their meetings. Questioned whether ADTC was interested in a possible joint full candidate forum with Acton Town Council.		
A. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail		
13. Committee Reports:		
A. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Inactive		
B. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
C. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
i. 2015 Election Committee Final Treasurer's Report. Accepted		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: Filming in the area		
E. Land Use: Ed Porter: Retitle Land Use Committee to Land Stewardship Committee: Nothing to report		
F. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
G. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: El nino has not been an issue		
H. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
I. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Absent		
J. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Nothing to report		
K. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Petition HSR to water storage. Filming issues. Catholic church project and 7 lots for residential in violation of Acton CSD-lots are smaller than 2 acres with one large open space lot.		
L. Other:		
14. Open Forum: Janet Demeter: Advocate of childhood cancer research. Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a type of pediatric brain cancer took the life of her son, Jack. Congressman Steve Knight introduced HR 586, an awareness bill designating the last week in May "DIPG Awareness Week. (May 22-May 29) Her organization, Jacks Angels Foundation is holding a fundraising event May 28 at Vasquez Rocks-Relay for Jack. For info: <a href="http://www.JacksAngels.org">www.JacksAngels.org</a> Rosie Heffley: Movie Night thanks to MJ. Fish Fry March 11 at Women's Club. Election Committee: Lorna Leslie and Rosie Heffley are looking for additional volunteers to join their committee. Billy Malone: 5 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Candidate: Town Council member from Altadena. Town Councils looking for 3 things: Funding, assistance with IT getting the message out to the public via website and social media, and having a county rep at all Town Council meetings. Many of the candidates for Supervisor are from the urban areas of the County and not familiar with the problems in unincorporated LA County.		
15. Announcements		
A. Fish Fry at Agua Dulce Women's Club, March 11, 5-8 PM. 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce		
B. Association of Rural Town Councils: March 30 or March 31, 7:00 PM, Fox Airfield Lobby, 4555 W Ave G, Lancaster, CA		
C. Next regular ADTC meeting: April 13, 2016		
16. Unfinished Business:		
17. New Business: <b>MSP: Move to join Acton TC in hosting a Joint 5th District Supervisor Candidate Forum with Acton TC.</b>	<b>M: MJ S: EP</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
18. Future Agenda Items:		
A. Gentle Barn-Traffic & Safety Issues		
B. Community discussion of roadblocks developers and builders are experiencing when attempting to build single family homes-septic's, water, juniper woodlands, grading, etc.		

C. Richard Bruckner of Regional Planning for discussion of development roadblocks D. SCE		
<b>19. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:47 PM</b>	<b>M: SK S: EP</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, Secretary 2016

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