

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Lianne Swanson (LS) -Secretary, Annette Fortuna (AF), Lorene Cangiano (LC), Alan DiFatta (AD)
 Joined in progress (time noted): Donal MacAdam (DM), David Aiello (DA) –Treasurer
 Community Members: Approx. 24 in Attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:00 PM

	Motion	Vote
1. Call to order DH 18:05		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda MSP : Move to accept agenda	M: LC S: AD	5-0-0
3. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting of March 10, 2010 MSP: Move to approve with typographical corrections noted.	M: LC S: AD	5-0-0
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Bike Paths– LA County Master Plan, information only		
<i>DON MACADAM (DM) JOINED AT THIS TIME</i>		
b. AB2507 update – hauled water legislation introduced by Audra Strickland, formal discussion will be under water report. Informal discussion. No detailed info in regards to legalities of bill, Pacific Legal Foundation is investigating. What is definition of “WATER SYSTEM?” Does it cover a personal well that does not distribute to anyone other than the owner?		
c. HR 4332, Soledad Canyon High Desert, California Public Lands Conservation and Management Act – Introduction of Companion Bill S3057 – refers to Cemex. Lillian sent material to DA to distribute regarding history of bill. Santa Clarita requests we take a position of support for the bill. LC suggests we need to take a current reading of the community’s feelings.		
d. Town Hall Meeting – Buck McKeon – No report		
e. LA County Public Works: Roadway Resurfacing on Agua Dulce Cyn Rd		
f. Insurance Certificate Request (ADWC) – AF will call our ins. Company, additional insured		
g. Community Leaders Briefing – postponed		
h. ATC Meeting Agenda		
2) Outgoing Correspondence - none		
3) Assoc of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) – bike paths discussed - put in by developments, then stop.		
4) Tax Exempt application process status – got thrown to committee, still in process.		

5) Other:		
B. Secretary Report – no report		
C. Treasurer Report balance 4657.70 minus check for insurance 252.96.		
D. Other		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Election Committee – no report, timeline says they kick in around June.		
B. Water Committee – deferred to public meeting portion		
C. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee		
a. Report on Community Meeting March 11 – Community voted overwhelmingly to support but to revisit certain areas of the CSD. Will hold workshop on Mon Apr 26 th , will put up big banners announcing meeting, and will cover mainly 4 contentious issues: containers, commercial truck/private owner, dogs, gated communities, and boundaries. Women’s Club donated room for meeting. Asked TC to cover additional costs. MSP: TC to cover costs of community meeting, banners.	M: AD S: DM	6-0-0
D. Disaster Planning –ADTC been receiving their mail, AF has it for them to pick up.		
E. Parks and Trails – no report		
F. Ways and Means – no report		
G. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
H. Film – no report		
I. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – Lillian said they were moving ahead with HS plans, budget study session for the purpose of surviving budget cuts.		
6. Other Business		
A. Web Site/Communications – AF and LC went down and met with website designer. Flat charge of \$800, plus domain name fees, hosting is free. AD knows a service that will grab our domain names from C Brink. ADTC.org is available. Surveys are extra – a setup fee, then a little each survey. Request input on having an email, too much spam. Consensus to proceed, email procedure back to committee for recommendation M DM S LC 6-0-0 MSP Go forward to set up the website not to exceed \$800 setup fee, ADTC.org as domain. Discussion on Survey fees, not part of web design. GH says they are helpful if you are clear dealing with them. MSP: Motion to proceed at a cost no greater than \$800.	M: LC S: AD	6-0-0
B. Other		
C. Adjournment DH 7:04		
<i>DAVE AIELLO (DA) JOINED AT THIS TIME</i>		
<u>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: approx 24 community members in attendance</u>		
7. Call to order DH 19:11 — Pledge of Allegiance DA		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – increase in traffic collisions in March from 21 to 27. Not a significant increase. Due to inclement weather, etc. 1 fatal traffic collision not exactly within AD boundaries, but it went		

<p>into our area's record. Solo motorcycle rider driving too fast. 5 fatalities SB 5 @ 14 under investigation, 3 vehicles involved, p/u truck rollover fatality set off chain of events. Nissan Ultima went into truck and Suburban collided into both. Nissan 4 children in back. Not sure if they were secured or not. Reminded about seat belts. COPS Team involved in part of that investigation. Driver of Suburban was unlicensed. Not CHP's focus to stop driver to see license but if there is a violation they will stop, and if unlicensed they take action (citation and/or impound). Little things matter, make sure your vehicle is safe. Remember to change windshield wipers.</p>		
<p>B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short – They also impound cars, very expensive. Just reminding people to be safe, issue where there are double lines, people turning left into their own driveway – don't pass, it's illegal. Can't pass on right shoulder where there is a white line. Article in CJ about coyotes, not reported. Lillian says they sent a picture of it. Illegal to shoot a coyote in California unless it is on your property attacking your animals. Fish & Game jurisdiction. It is also illegal to feed coyotes. Crime report: 14 crimes this month. 1 grand theft (boat in private yard), 1 grand theft vehicle on Escondido, 1 theft other vehicles, 2 identity theft, vehicle boating law misdemeanor, 1 vehicle burglary, 1 suspected child abuse, 1 suspicious circumstances, 1 mentally ill person, 1 death natural causes, 2 vehicles repo'd, 1 sex crimes against children.</p>		
<p>C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – fire report for March, 19 emergency medical calls, 2 hazmat calls, 2 false alarms, about 39 fire dept. responses this month. Reminder about earthquakes, 1 gal per day/per person water, storage accessible, brought pamphlet. Brush clearance coming up. Call fire station with any specific question. They start end of May, deadline is June. Dave Esparza came to talk about St. Baldrick's Day, May 23rd, Sunday 12-5. BBQ, live music, hair shaving. Come out and support it.</p>		
<p>9. 5th District Report: Rosalind Wayman - working with DH on identifying dates for Hauled Water community meetings, want to have them before June. Audra's bill will be in committee Tues at 11 am. This Saturday there will be an event at William S Hart park for postage stamp. May 29th event for Veterans in Arcadia/Santa Anita Park. Tire recycling event at Lancaster, Santa Clarita. Sat 17th. Six new fire stations coming to SCV area. Working on getting ban on nighttime firefighting by air lifted. Animal shelters are now open on Sundays. DH asked about water situation. Does state supersede county requirement? RW says state/county are talking, but if bill passes state takes precedent.</p>		
<p>10. Brad Belnap of Pro-Water Solutions: A short presentation on water treatment devices for well water. A lot of bank are not lending on no potable water, want corrections. Restrictions are getting tighter. New technology to treat in less expensive manner. Can test in the field. Has taken astronomical arsenic levels down. Everything is confidential, left business cards. Comprehensive testing 3rd party potability certified costs approx \$130. Can get more expensive for secondary. New construction wants water treated at point of source. Ballpark to treat individual home for arsenic \$3500-5500. Nitrates are cheaper, fluorides more difficult. System has to be NSF certified individual components. Maintenance about every 1 ½ yr before media has to be replaced. Not expensive (\$400-500 for arsenic). Reverse osmosis can get everything at once. Will do service calls and talk/test for no charge.</p>		
<p>11. Kiersten Berentsen, Teen Miss Agua Dulce - going to Missouri for Nationals representing California. Selling notecards for \$5/package, raising money for abused and neglected horses.</p>		
<p>12. Committee Spotlights</p>		

<p>A. Water Committee – Audra Strickland bill discussed. Earlier draft prohibited regulation of 4 or fewer, now it’s the opposite. Current draft is a problem for us. She chose to throw private wells into the same category as all other water companies and municipalities. Local Small Water System is a privately owned system serving less than five, puts our private wells into it. Right now, we’re in limbo. Good points are that they are coming up with a way a person can build a house with hauled water. Bad points are that it involves every home on a well at the same time. Right now you can use hauled water in an existing home. With this bill, existing homes must meet these regulations. DH is in correspondence with Strickland’s office and is doing advocacy for Agua Dulce in this. Everyone should call Audra Strickland’s office and all representatives. Steve Knight needs to be involved. Recommendation we get a synopsis of the bill and numbers to call. This bill would cause the state to be able to regulate private wells, and we need clarification. Issues are language unclear, may apply to all wells. Lillian Smith suggests we look at the bigger picture, Strickland was in talks with the County just prior to the bill. Looks like it opens the door for the County to regulate wells. Gary Hebdon suggests that we just say “we don’t want regulation on private wells.” (1) we need to make phonecalls (2) we need to push for amendments to bill. Came out of Environmental Health committee already, goes Tues to Parks and Wildlife, then one more committee before it goes back for a vote. None of the public present was in favor of this bill. Unanimous support for sending a letter saying the draft bill is unacceptable to Agua Dulce. Need dates for Water Meeting. Get the dates and locations and it can go out on one mailing. High Desert Middle School. Tu Wx Thu 7 pm. DH will schedule with Rosalind/Wayne/ARTC people.</p>		
<p>B. Land Use/CSD Revision – Will be holding a workshop Monday Apr 26th at 6pm at ADWC to go over outstanding issues brought up in prior public meeting. Informal, come any time. Looking for compromises. We are very close, just six categories to revisit.</p>		
<p>C. Disaster Planning Committee – Gary Hebdon – No treasury change. Held a Ham Radio class, well attended from Acton and Agua Dulce. Half the class passed their exams already. Object is to be able to communicate if the cellphones go down. Will hold followup class in 3-4 months.</p>		
<p>D. Other Committee Highlights</p>		
<p>13. Announcements – Town Council is on Facebook.</p>		
<p>14. Open Forum – Tom Gibson on County building permits. Lost house to water heater fire, rebuilding process has become a County-induced nightmare. No one place for information on what you need. Been sent all over the County, nobody up to date on County codes after a disaster. School waivers, electricity permits, all kinds of fees, etc – all wrong information. County doesn’t train or pass info to people in the field. Things sitting on desks unassigned for weeks. County needs to come up with one centralized package of forms so the homeowner knows how to rebuild after a disaster. Well tests a nightmare. Richard Lavin at Water Dept most helpful person I deal with. Fire Dept can tell you what to plant, California peppers are now illegal. Regional planning requires 75% drought-tolerant plants, fire department says plants are illegal. Check your fire insurance, mine was with Foremost. No Ordinance Revision clause. Check for one of those. Every time I talk to someone from the County it costs me \$1000 or so. County refuses to waive any fees. Modular home (Majestic). Gary Hebdon wants us to remind the County they said there is a fast-track plan for disaster rebuilds.</p>		
<p>15. Unfinished Business - none</p>		
<p>16. New Business - none</p>		
<p>17. Future Agenda Items</p>		

A. Continuing dialogue with Environmental Health		
B. High Speed rail system update.		
18. Adjournment at 21: 30 MSP: Motion to Adjourn.	M: LS S: DA	7-0-0

APPROVED 6-4-2010