

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 8, 2015 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) arrived at 7:05, Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC) arrived at 6:51, Scott Keller (SK), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Ed Porter (EP)

Community Members: About 10 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	DECISION/ RESULT
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:		
1. Call to order at 6:37 PM by DH		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: MJ S: LV	4-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 11, 2015	M: LV S: SK	4-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
1. North County Transportation Priorities: Measure R extension/expansion tax revenue for transportation infrastructure: City of Santa Clarita Mayor is one vote out of 13. Hope our requests of additional bus transportation for our area get included.		
2. Acton Town Council Meeting: April 6, 2015: Disaster Coalition support for continuation and consideration of "disputed boundary" area. ADTC Council recommends the disputed boundary people should sign up on the Acton Town Council website and voice their concerns. Start with an open dialog to inform some of the new members of the ATC of the history of the residents getting placed in Acton CSD without notice and their desire to be place in the Agua Dulce CSD and in turn the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (OVOV).		
3. North Los Angeles County Communities Protection Coalition—City of Santa Clarita—CHSR		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence: None		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 9.a., b., and c.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
1. Dog Kennels: Draft Ordinance		
b. Secretary Report: IRS and FTB e-files will be filed by May 15		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1955.30		
ii. State Farm Liability Insurance due April 9, 2015: \$252.96 MSP: Move to pay insurance of \$252.96	M: MJ S: SC	5-0-0
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: March 25, 2015		
i. Renewable Energy Draft Ordinance regarding "small-scale" and "utility-scale" solar and wind energy facilities. Support the March 16, 2015 ARTC letter. See Action Item 9.a.		
ii. Sexual Predators—AB 262 Lackey. Support proposed bill. See Action Item 9.b.		

iii. Update of Floodplain Management Plan. On Line Flood Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/LACountyFloodSurvey		
e. Other: CHSRA Acton-Agua Dulce Community Working Group meeting report: spaghetti dinner was successful. Hanford people were happy for the great participation. August 27: City of Santa Clarita Rally against CHSR in our neighborhoods. Support of AB 1138 Patterson form letters distributed. (See Item 10.b.iv.) Country Journal ad		
5. Other Business: ADTC Hosting a weekend open house at Women's Club featuring The Agua Dulce Snake Guy and local Bee Keeper suggested by ADTC Election Committee to engage community. MSP: Move to table matter until next month	By Consensus	
SC: Went to a 4-H meeting and discussed the possibility of a youth representative with the 4-H leader. SC presented a list of qualifications. SC will mentor the first one. He feels it's a good way to engage the community. DH got a call from one of the mothers who thought the program was in place. Liability is still an issue. Discussion to be held in the community meeting.		
COMMUNITY MEETING:		
6. Call to order 7:20: Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by SK		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: March stats: Collisions: 28: 19 with injury, 1 fatal, 0 DUI. Arrests: 4 DUI. Additional Enforcement and Education for teens and distracted driving. 4/9/15: Tip-A-Cop at Claim Jumper on Old Road. Donations go to Special Olympics local athletes. Introduction of Volunteer Administrator: Harry Fisher. Efforts contribute to overall safety and well-being of public. Non-law enforcement entity. Clerical, school patrol, radar trailer, visibility within the community, monitor within community, recruit volunteers 55+. Has worked within Agua Dulce for parade assistance.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: Absent		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Absent		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: Announcement of April programs and activities. VB has been promoted to Librarian at Lancaster. Recruiting for new manager. Children's Librarian and Library Assistant are leaving. New staff will be starting soon. She will be back to introduce new staff.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Absent by forwarded documents for announcement: March 31, 2015 the BOS approved a study to review the fiscal and economic impacts of raising the minimum wage in the unincorporated areas of LA County. The Board is set to vote on increasing the minimum wage on May 12, 2015. Town Hall meeting, May 1, 2015, 7:30-9:00 am, Residence Inn, 25320 The Old Road, Santa Clarita, CA. RSVP to SCV Chamber 661-702-6977.		
9. SCE update from Anna Frutos-Sanchez: "Davenport Circuit Rehab" will replace 3 miles of aged overhead main wire upgraded to wire with increased capacity. Replacing 80 pole, overhead switches and transformers. Location is Agua Dulce Canyon from Sierra Highway to Davenport and Barber Rd. Will provide traffic control and notification to customers for interruption of service.		
10. President's Report		
a. TF has arranged with Union Bank of Canyon Country for no fee checking account. MSP: Move to have DH and MJ meet with Union Bank to establish a no fee checking account. Once account is established, monies from CA Bank & Trust in Action will be transferred and account closed.	M: TF S: MJ	6-0-0
b. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. Letter to Acton Town Council supporting the joint efforts of both the Agua Dulce and Acton Town Councils participation in the Community Resilience Coalition and supporting the continued coalition. MSP: Move to Approve letter as written and send	M: MJ S: LV	6-0-0
ii. Letter to Regional Planning supporting the ARTC letter of March 16, 2015 outlining the ill-effects of the proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance.		

MSP: Move to Approve letter as written and send	M: SC S: TF	6-0-0
iii. Letter to Bill Quirk, Chairman of the Assembly Public Safety Committee supporting AB 262 to protect rural communities from Sexually Violent Predators and Letter to Assemblyman Scott Wilk urging support of AB 262 to protect rural communities from Sexually Violent Predators. MSP: Move to Approve letters as written and send	M: SK S: SC	6-0-0
iv. Letter to Assemblyman Wilk to support AB 1138 to protect farm and homeowners. Bill will require CA High Speed Rail Authority to demonstrate the source of all funds and complete all necessary environmental clearance prior to starting the eminent domain proceeding. MSP: Move to Approve letter as written and send	M: MJ S: TF	6-0-0
c. Incoming Correspondence for Notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. North Lake Project near Castaic Lake ii. Angeles Forest Highway Road Rehabilitation Project: From Angeles Crest Highway to 1 mile south of Aliso Canyon Rd. Construction to start in late April or early May and continue through October. Mon-Fri, 7:30 am to 4 pm. Delays of up to 30 minutes can be expected. 		
d. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing Continued: Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance and Draft EIR: April 8, 2015 at 9:00a.m. Department of Regional Planning Downtown Office, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/energy 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: Technical Update to Title 22: April 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Department of Regional Planning, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/tu 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. CHSR Community Meeting to Protect Our Communities. Monday, April 27, 7:00 PM at Canyon High School, 19300 Nadal Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 Pam Wolter: Spaghetti Dinner a big success. Final numbers are not in yet. Community Meeting will focus on dividing into small groups and forming groups to handle political aspect and fundraising and publicity. Luke Money, Signal reporter wrote article about Sunland pushing for a high speed rail station. CHSR sound engineers were in Acton on April 1 & 2. Pam and Jacqui Ayer followed them to see where they were test siting. 4 sites were north of Sierra, 2 sites were south of Sierra Highway. SCV letter from Mayor Mclean. AB 1138 support. Facebook and website are being updated. Letter from SC Mayor McLean to Dan Richards, Chairman of CHSRA. MSP: Move to have ADTC support the letter as written and have DH contact Mayor McLean indicating our support. 	M: MJ S: SC	6-0-0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: 2014 Draft Animal Facility Ordinance (Limits set on boarding and breeding facilities based on lot size): May 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Department of Regional Planning Downtown Office, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. 		
11. Presentations/Discussions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Action to Announce and Post additional modifications to Proposed Bylaw, Election Procedures, and Election Timeline amendments relating to Election Procedures for unopposed candidates originally announced and posted February 11, 2015 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bylaws: Article 7: Elections and Installations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Election Procedures: Section VIII: Application for Council Candidacy, C. Candidates vs. Number of Seats 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Election Timeline: 10 days prior to a Regular Election 		

iv. Discussion of Items discussed and resolved at Bylaws Committee meeting on March 26, 2015		
1. Amend Special Election Procedures to be completed in 120 days thereby limiting the maximum number of regular and special elections to 3 per year.		
v. New proposed amendments to Election Procedures from Election Committee		
1. Only one polling place		
2. Elimination of video recording of counting process		
MSP: Move to Approve additional modifications and post for 30 days for final approval at regular May meeting	M: MJ S: SK	5-1(SC)-0
12. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: See Item 11.a.		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: Absent		
i. Election materials for storage		
d. Film: Steve Cummings: Dog and Pony Show Production starts April 26. All principle locations are within Agua Dulce. Circus in the lot next to Bullwinkle's. Credits to Town Council and Dick Lang. SC's ranch is being used. The public is welcome to attend. SC is cast as sheriff.		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: Absent		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Waiting for EIR for hauled water. A number of parcels were added in. Working on reducing the well yield testing because of drought.		
i. Hauled Water		
ii. TAC Health Dept		
h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: See Item 9.a.i.		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent. Classrooms on schedule for Fall 2015-2016		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Dollar General and Rite Aid projects are meeting with much opposition.		
l. Other		
13. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: See Item 10.d.iii.		
a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting April 13, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM		
b. CHSR Community Meeting to Protect Our Communities. Monday, April 27, 7:00 PM at Canyon High School, 19300 Nadal Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91351		
14. Open Forum: None		
15. Announcements		
a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting April 13, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM		
b. Acton Historical Society: Don Henry—History of the Boston Henry name, community changes, and water supply. April 14, 2015 at Acton Library 7-8:30 p.m.		
c. Acton Town Council Community Standards Review, April 22, 2015 at Acton Library, 7:00 p.m.		
d. CHSR Community Meeting to Protect Our Communities. Monday, April 27, 7:00 PM at Canyon High School, 19300 Nadal Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91351		
e. Association of Rural Town Councils: April 29, 2015, 7:00 PM: LV to try to attend.		
f. Next regular ADTC meeting: May 13, 2015		
16. Unfinished Business:		
a. SC: Received a call from Signage (Public Works?) Survey on Darling Rd came out at 38 mph. Speed limit on Darling		

<p>will be changed to 35 – 40 mph. Board (?) will vote on the limit. 3 wrecks on Sierra Highway in front of SC property. SC contacted County Signage (Public Works?). They are investigating. Looking a highway shoulders. Problem is near George’s tractor. They (Public Works?) are doing further engineering studies to research 4 lanes to 2 lanes. Officer Bledsoe is transferring. Concerns that this may be circumventing the Sierra Highway Safety study we participated in a few years ago. Paul (head of road maintenance) came out to check the rumble strips on the shoulder based on SC call to Signage (Public Works?). Filled out a road report with Officer Vargus and Officer Bledsoe. Concerns that further engineering studies will result in widening the road without adequate input from the community. SC says County people have been nothing but helpful.</p> <p>b. SC: Student Representative: MJ: Table until EP is available to discuss.</p>		
<p>17. New Business: Thousand Trails is working on getting more visible to community. They are working on improvements and will host an open house in early May.</p>		
<p>18. Future Agenda Items:</p>		
<p>19. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:45 PM</p>	<p>M: LV S: SK</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, Secretary 2015
APPROVED: May 13, 2015

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