

## AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2021 APPROVED MINUTES

Due to LA County's Stay at Home Order this meeting will be held virtually

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Meeting ID: 833 8499 8294 \* Passcode: 170960 \* Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

**Council Members Present:** President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Candy Clemente (CC), Lou Vince (LV)

**Council Members Absent:** Treasurer-Troy Fosberg (TF), Clerk-Ed Porter (EP), Scott Keller (SK)

**Community Members:** About participants in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:</b>		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:36 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, MJ, CC, LV Absent: TF, EP, SK		
<b>3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda moving Item 9. 5<sup>th</sup> District Report in front of 8. Agency Reports</b>	<b>M: MJ S: CC</b>	<b>4-0-0</b>
<b>4. MSP: Move Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021 as submitted</b>	<b>M: MJ S: CC</b>	<b>4-0-0</b>
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 14.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Filed Tax Documents: IRS: 990N, FTB: 199N, CA Registry of Trusts: RRF-1 on May 4, 2021		
C. Treasurer's Report		
i. Election Committee Account:		
a. Balance: \$2,439.00 (No Change)		
ii. General Account		
a. Balance: \$15,710.18 (No Change)		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$18,149.18 (No Change)		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: April 28, 2021: Director Position, Illegal Commercial Marijuana Grows, Civilian Oversight Commission, Garbage Disposal Districts, General Plan Safety Element, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, State Senate Bill 55		
E. Other: SB-55 changed to a 2 year bill. SB-12 is another bill that deals with limiting development in very high fire risk areas.		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:</b>		
6. Call to order by DH at 7:01 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by iLEAD Agua Dulce Learners: Madi & Dylan Higdon		
7. President: Virtual Zoom Meeting Format		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Hallgren: Absent		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: April Stats: 0 Part 1 Crimes (crimes against person), 0 Part 2 Crimes (crimes against property) 1 fraud, 1 suspected child abuse, 1 vehicle repossessed, 1 vehicle recovered. Suspected		

grow houses-report to Sheriff. Can be anonymous.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: Absent: April 2021 stats: 25 responses: 2 fires (both 1 acre brush fires), 15 ems, 2 service calls, 6 good intent calls.		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: Opened on Monday, May 10 for limited in person services. Computer time limited to 1 hour per day. Hours: MWThF-11 am to 6 pm, Tu 1 pm to 8 pm. Sidewalk service continues and starts 1 hour prior to library hours.		
E. Other		
9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: Gardens of Paradise Update: Judge upheld order to close Gardens of Paradise. Thanks to Capt Shaffer of Palmdale Sheriff Station and local resident Deputy Martinez for all their work. Order states electric and natural gas can be disconnected to property. County is authorized to enter property and physically secure it so no further events can occur in violation of injunction. County is authorized to install physical barriers to prevent access and has the ability to enter the property and remove individuals in violation of the injunction. GOP attorney filed for an immediate stay that was denied by the court. Electric will be maintained to a caretaker's residence. County will enforce all orders. Deerglen property with trash and numerous inoperable vehicles has been cited with zoning violations and County Counsel is in process of issuing warrant for nuisance abatement. Sweetwater Springs (Mint Canyon) is not consistent with zoning or proper permits. Neighbor concerns of ongoing events. Deputy Martinez indicated neighbors to document calls to Palmdale Sheriff Station and get tag number. Both Sweetwater Springs and Coyote Creek (Agua Dulce Canyon Rd) have been issued citations from Sheriff and violations from Zoning Enforcement. Supervisor Barger is putting forth an effort to work with veterans and suicide prevention. June 15 the mask mandate should be lifted by the state. Antelope Valley illegal grows. Supervisor is engaged with Sheriff and district attorney and is thankful for support from Congressman Garcia and the State representatives.		
10. CA 38 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District: Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares: Javier Reyes: Sacramento Update: AB 267 Wildfire Fuel Reduction passed Assembly-headed to Senate. AB 277 Victims of Domestic Violence Translation language passed-headed to Senate. Launching Advisory Council-2 year terms for assistance in prioritizing legislation. Sent application to MJ. MJ to distribute. Welcome to Patsy Ayala to joining the Assemblywoman's team.		
11. CA 21 <sup>st</sup> Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Absent		
A. SB 55, Stern. Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for details. SB 12, McGuire. Requires a county that has a very high fire risk area to amend land use element of general plan to contain feasible implementation measure designed to carry out goals, policies relating to the protection of lives and property from unreasonable risk of wildfire. Prohibit a county from allowing development in a very high fire risk area, approving discretionary permits for projects or tentative tract map or parcel map in a very high fire risk area. Reduce development in very high fire risk areas. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for details.		
12. US 25 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Illegal cannabis grows in the Antelope Valley needs to be approached from a multi-agency approach-cities, county, state, and federal. The large operations are being run by transnational criminal organizations of foreign nationals from Russia, China, and Armenia purchasing property and homes. Homes in Agua Dulce and Acton are being converted into indoor grow houses. Latinos are used for labor sometimes from human trafficking. This is a multi-billion \$ unregulated, illegal black market production using water theft, polluting ground water, with 700 to 1,000 grows in AV. Safety concerns for nearby residents. Deputy Martinez reported the Sheriff are forming teams to address this. Currently marijuana teams and narcotics teams were combined. Possible that those teams will be separated. Marijuana task force is funded by DEA. Congressman is looking for additional funds for enforcement. Appreciates all the efforts from Sheriff and Supervisor's office.		
13. Presentations/Discussions:		
14. President's Report		
A. General:		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Agua Dulce Canyon Road Phase 1 Resurfacing Project scheduled for May 3-May 14, 2021. Burke Road (South/East of		

SR 14 Freeway) north to Escondido Canyon where Agua Dulce Canyon Road turns north into town.		
ii. Pet Licensing Amnesty Program: April 15 – June 30, 2021. Late fees waived for renewed or new licenses and free micro chipping for licensed pets.		
iii. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. 31650 Spring Canyon Rd, At&T WCF. Addition of a 30 kW diesel backup generator with a 190-gal subbase tank on a 4'x10' concrete pad. Install automatic transfer switch and camlock together. Install emergency stop button. Remove and cap existing camlock.		
b. 11861 Darling Rd, License for temporary lodging (AirBnB and/or Vacasa rental) for no more than 6 guests per night.		
c. 11333 Davenport Rd. Proposed solar panel carport		
d. 35158 Wyse Rd, Remodel existing SFR to use as a residential care facility for 2 non-ambulatory and 2 ambulatory individuals		
e. 9661 Sierra Highway (Peppertree Market/Valero Gas Station). Apply for existing cargo container on business property		
D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
15. Open Forum: None		
16. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Mary Johnson: Meeting with our Watershed Coordinator, Peter Massey of Tree People tomorrow along with reps from Acton TC. Concerns about older campgrounds in the Santa Clara River and water quality. Mr. Massey introduced himself.		
17. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
18. Committee Reports:		
A. Agua Dulce/Acton Town Council Ad Hoc Committee-Santa Clara River water quality: Not Active		
B. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: Nothing to report		
C. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Working on revision to eliminate Election Committee Treasurer Responsibilities and Change date of Write in Ballot Deadline: Nothing to report		
D. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley:		
i. November 2020 Election was suspended due to COVID-19 and LA County's Safer At Home Order.		
ii. Terms to be extended		
E. Film: Candy Clemente: 10 film shoots. Deputy Martinez and Stephanie English indicated they have heard community complaints and issues on filming at Firestone Ranch on Anthony Rd. Starting too early, staying too late, speeding traffic.		
F. Land Stewardship: Ed Porter: Absent		
G. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Vasquez Rocks-Wildlife Mural Installation (unveiling in June), Regional and Rural Park Needs Update to 2016 Parks Needs Assessment---We still want active parkland for community events. We want to be included in the Update. Measure A \$33.4 million parkland acquisition. Sweetwater Movieland Ranch for sale and we want the County to explore purchasing for an active park.		
H. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Nothing to report		
I. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Absent		
J. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Absent: Agua Dulce Emergency FB page gives good coverage for local wildfire events as well as local station KHTS.		
K. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent		
L. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Grow houses, CSD revisions, trails, ISHO, PSPS, Dollar General. Meeting at Acton Community Club in person.		
M. Other:		
19. Announcements		

A. 2 Landfill vouchers available for ½ ton trash at Sup Barger’s Lancaster Office. Call to reserve and arrange pick up of vouchers. 661-726-3600		
B. Association of Rural Town Councils: May 26, 2021, via Zoom Meeting.		
C. Next regular ADTC meeting: June 9, 2021 Via Zoom Meeting-Agua Dulce Women’s Club is currently undergoing renovations and is closed for meetings. Will continue via Zoom.		
20. Unfinished Business:		
21. New Business:		
22. Future Agenda Items:		
A. Cali Lake RV Conditional Use Permit renewal-SE: They had been resistant to make required changes. Now they are working with Technical Advisory Committee to bring things into compliance.		
B. LA County Public Works Trash Collection Contracts		
<b>23. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 7:57 PM</b>	<b>M: CC S: MJ</b>	<b>4-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2021

APPROVED: June 12, 2021

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