

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL Meeting of May 4, 2008 – 6:00 pm
 Agua Dulce Women’s Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce
APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Donal MacAdam **(DM)-President** (Arrived at 6:20 pm), Mary Johnson **(MJ)**-Recording Secretary, Don Henry **(DH)**-Treasurer, David Aiello **(DA)**, Gary Hebdon **(GH)**,

Council Members Absent: Marilyn Garner **(MG)**-Corresponding Secretary, Jim Jennings **(JJ)**

Community Members: About 10 people in attendance

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS	RESULT/DECISION
1. Call to Order –	Mary Johnson-Recording Secretary Regular meeting was called to order 6:10 PM.		
1.a. Election of President Pro-Tem	MSP: Move to have Mary Johnson preside in the absence of Don MacAdam	M: DH S: GH	4-0-0
2. Approval of Agenda	MSP: Approve as submitted	M: DH S: DA	4-0-0
3. New Business			
Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BRRTP)	Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BRRTP): US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) are soliciting comments and concerns as to the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIS for the project. LADWP is proposing BRRTP to access clean, renewable resources in the Tehachapi Mountain and Mohave Desert areas. Work consists of (1) construction of a 230 kV transmission line from the existing Barren Ridge Switching Station to Haskell Canyon on double circuit structures; (2) addition a of 230 kV on existing double circuit structures from Haskell Canyon to the Castaic Power Plant; (3) upgrade the existing Owen Gorge-Rinaldi 230 kV transmission line with larger capacity conductors between the Barren Ridge Switching Station and Rinaldi Substation; (4) construction of a new electrical switching station within Haskell Canyon near the southern boundary of the Angeles National Forest. LADWP has determined that the proposed project is a major federal and state action that may have a significant impact to the environment from construction, operation, and maintenance of the project. USFS and BLM need to respond to the application from LADWP for Special Use Authorizations, Right of Way Grant, and amendments to existing authorizations/grants.		

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	<p>MJ discussed purpose of scoping: The purpose of the scoping process is to determine the scope of the EIR to ensure that issues are identified early and properly studied. The end result of scoping is to ensure that the draft EIR produced for public review and comment is thorough and balanced. The scoping process should identify concerns of the affected public and should clearly define the environmental issues and alternates to be examined in the EIR. If there are important environmental or social impacts that the public wants considered, the time to raise these issues is at the scoping process. If there are alternates to be considered, the scoping process is the time to ask that they be analyzed. In this way, the EIR can be structured to better address public concerns and help lead to better decisions in the end.</p> <p>Community and Council discussion of issues to be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alternate Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a viable alternate route on the north side of Angeles National Forest • Underground entire line or portions of line through impacted existing or planned communities 2. Alternate Tower Configuration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include single pole towers as an alternate for new towers • Include option for replacing existing adjacent transmission lines with single pole towers 3. Utility Corridors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and present the effects of siting multiple high voltage transmission lines within the same corridor and the resulting impact to providing fire safety. • Include the location of any proposed or alternate energy transport corridors of the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) examining the proposal to designate energy transport corridors on Federal land in the 11 western states initiated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for upgraded and new electricity transmission and distribution facilities to improve reliability, relieve congestion, and enhance the capability of the national grid to deliver electricity. • Indicate the width of the proposed right of way of the proposed route and all alternates and specify if the width will accommodate any additional energy transport systems for future growth 4. Environmental Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the 10 environmental studies outline in the NOP, we ask that you include the following 4 categories for review: Public Health and Safety, Public Services, Socioeconomics, and Utilities and Service Systems. 		

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	<p>5. Cumulative Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the cumulative effects of all existing and proposed utility projects in the project area. • Disclose if LADWP has any additional or future projects that may impact the project area. <p>6. Identification and notification of affected parcels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the latest GIS data, identify the homes and businesses within ½ mile of the proposed route and all alternates that may require removal and/or relocation of structures. • Notify all existing residences and businesses within ½ mile of the proposed route and all alternates of the release of the DEIR and their opportunity for comment. • Determine the projected decreases in property values resulting from operational activities for parcels affected by the proposed and all alternate routes. <p>7. Purpose and Need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate the justification and basis for calculations that additional transmission lines are required to utilize the proposed and future renewable energy sources in the project area. • Substantiate the need that the existing Inyo-Rinaldi transmission line is inadequate for accommodating additional energy. <p>Copies to all affected cities and town council, press, and government officials</p> <p>MSP: Move to have MJ compose and finalize the draft letter including all discussion items and send the letter before the deadline of May 7, 2008</p>	<p>M: DH S: DM</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>
<p>4. Open Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment 		
<p>5. Adjournment</p>	<p>MSP: Adjournment at 7:05 PM</p>	<p>M: DH S: DA</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johnson, Recording Secretary, Agua Dulce Town Council 2008
APPROVED: 5/14/08