

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 10, 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), Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC), Scott Keller (SK), Ed Porter (EP) arrived at 6:54 PM, Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent:

Community Members: About 40 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order at 6:40 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: SC S: LV	6-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 13, 2015 as submitted	M: SK S: LV	6-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
1. CHSR: (Also see Item 9.a.i. and Item 11)		
A. Acton/Agua Dulce Community Open House June 6, 2015		
B. CHSRS Board Meeting June 9 Los Angeles: DH and MJ attended along with other Agua Dulce residents. 141 people gave testimony. All but 13 were against the HSR in their communities.		
C. On 6/9/15, the House of Representatives passed U.S. Representative Jeff Denham's (R-Turlock) amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill nullifying the current grant agreement between the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority). The amendment prohibits any appropriated funds from being used for high speed rail in the state of California or for administering a grant agreement that includes a tapered match. This amendment guarantees that the Federal Railroad Adm. must enter in to an agreement that requires the Authority to match, dollar for dollar, federal tax dollars in current fiscal years. Must be approved by Senate and President.		
2. Hauled Water:		
A. Scoping Meeting May 20, 2015 Similar to previous scoping meetings. Nothing new. Can't figure out why the meeting was required.		
3. North County Transportation Priorities Meeting: Measure R2-proposed sales tax measure to raise more money for transit slated for 2016. MSP: Move to send letter to Supervisor Antonovich listing 1) additional public transportation options to SCV and AV and continuing on to Van Nuys Flyaway, 2) relieving the traffic bottleneck Northbound SR-14 at Sand Canyon by continuing 3 lane to Soledad Canyon Rd., and 3) Multi-purpose non-motorized trails connectivity and public access points expanded, rehabbed and improved.	M: EP S: TF	7-0-0

ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
1. Regional Planning: ADTC Response to Draft Animal Facility Ordinance		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 9.a., b., and c.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
b. Secretary Report: Nothing to report		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1,688.34		
ii. New Account at Union Bank: DH and MJ to let TF know when AV bank is closed		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: May 27, 2015: No one attended		
i. Renewable Energy Ordinance		
ii. San Gabriel National Monument		
iii. Animal Facility Ordinance Update		
iv. Water Adjudication		
e. Other: SC presented \$100 donation from filming. SC to provide details on the company name for donation receipt.		
5. Other Business		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order at 7:05 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: May Statistics: 38 Collisions: 20 with injury, 0 fatalities, 2 DUI (non-injury). Investigation regarding distribution of letters impersonating officers is closed. June 20-SCV Senior Center sponsors "Touch a Truck" at Central Park 9-2:30. Old town Newhall June 28 car show 9 am to 2 pm. June 23 "Car-fit" senior drivers. Inspection of car for best fit at LA County Regional Sports Complex in Castaic-Free. "Cheaters" program report for out of state registration violators can be accessed on line on CHP website. SC thanked Officer Vargas for submitting reports on multiple accidents on Sierra Highway near his residence. Eastbound passing zone on uphill will be eliminated. EP: signs at high school on Red Rover Mine Road. Is looking for contact for public works. SC to provide contact info.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: May Stats: 6 reports: 4 burglaries, 1 arson, 1 grand theft. Since January Agua Dulce has had a total of 10 burglaries. Most are unoccupied dwellings, sheds, garages.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English/Division Chief Greg Hiesl: Absent		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: Summer programs and activities were announced. New Library manager: John Elford will officially start June 15. Valerie is moving to the Lancaster library as Library Manager.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Resident of Casa Dulce Lane contacted her office to have the horse crossing light on Escondido Canyon terminate the illumination overnight. Congratulations to Agua Dulce resident, Doreetha Daniels, 99, graduated from College of the Canyons. Jeff Dunham amendment: the House of Representatives passed U.S. Representative Jeff Denham's (R-Turlock) amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill nullifying the current grant agreement between the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority).		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. California High Speed Rail Authority Palmdale to Burbank Section Community http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/palmdale_burbank.html		
1. Letter from Supervisor Antonovich to CHSRA Chairman Richard		
2. Letter from Acton Town Council to CHSRA Chairman Richard		
3. MSP: Move to send letter to CHSRA Chairman Richards to clarify and indicate Agua Dulce community is opposed to any at grade/above grade on any of the routes. Opposition to entire project. Regarding SR-14 route indicating elevated and surface sections between Big Springs Road	M: SC S: EP	7-0-0

<p>and Agua Dulce Canyon Road need to be entirely tunneled. The community will only support fully tunnel routes. Copy to Supervisor Antonovich.</p>		
<p>ii. Rim of the Valley Corridor Draft Special Resource Study & Environmental Assessment Report. The study evaluates whether portions of the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor are nationally significant, suitable, and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. The study also evaluates whether any portions of the corridor would be eligible for inclusion in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. For details: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=422&projectID=31945&documentID=65351 Comment period ends June 30, 2015. Comments can be sent via email to: pwr_rimofthevalley@nps.gov or via USPS to National Park Service, 570 W. Avenue 26, #175, Los Angeles, CA 90065 MSP: Move to send comment letter requesting No Action</p>	<p>M: LV S: SC</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		
<p>i. City of Santa Clarita thanking Don Henry for participation in panel discussion at the North Los Angeles County Communities Protection Coalition's High-Speed Rail Community Meeting on April 27, 2015.</p>		
<p>c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings:</p>		
<p>i. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: 2014 Draft Animal Facility Ordinance (Limits set on boarding and breeding facilities based on lot size): July 8 22, 2015,9:00 a.m. Department of Regional Planning Downtown Office, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/animal_facility_ordinance/ Comments can be sent via email to LJaramillo@planning.lacounty.gov or via USPS to Larry Jaramillo, LA County Dept of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>		
<p>ii. San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan Amendment Public Meeting: June 23, 2015, 4-8 PM, Palmdale Legacy Commons Senior Center, 930 East Avenue Q9, Palmdale, CA For more information: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46964</p>		
<p>10. Presentations/Discussions</p>		
<p>a. Regional Planning: Draft Animal Facility Ordinance. Bruce Durbin and Larry Jaramillo</p>		
<p>i. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: 2014 Draft Animal Facility Ordinance (Limits set on boarding and breeding facilities based on lot size): July 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Department of Regional Planning Downtown Office, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/animal_facility_ordinance/ Comments can be sent via email to LJaramillo@planning.lacounty.gov or via USPS to Larry Jaramillo, LA County Dept of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Presentation by Larry Jaramillo: Purpose to align Regional Planning and Animal Code by establishing zones where use is allowed, creating new development standards for regulation of Animal Facilities in Zone A-2, and creating a new definition for Animal Facility in Title 22. Animal Control has updated their standards for Animal Facilities. Community Comments: Animal evacuation for Fire (covered with Animal Control regulations). Where did the proposed maximum number of dogs related to acreage come from? (Existing licensed Animal Facilities). There was such a struggle during the AD CSD process of allowing up to 6 personal dogs on 4 acres, it seems ironic that 100 dogs are allowed on smaller parcels. A-2 properties can be adjacent to A-1 properties. Barking is the main concern. AD may have an influx of Animal Facilities because of the A-2 zoning we have. Even large rescue operations are concerned about ratio of dogs to the small acreage. Facilities need to be large enough to account for noise issues and adequate exercise. Hobby Breeder (2 litters a year) is willing to pay the higher fees in order to keep the "puppy mills" out. There should be NO commercial breeders in LA County. Breeders with 100 dogs can't</p>		

<p>adequately socialize the dogs. A-1 and A-2 should be considered residential regarding the impacts. Breeding is currently NOT allowed. Puppy Mills are regulated by US Dept of Agriculture through the Animal Welfare Act. Dogs under the age 4 months are not counted. Complaints to Animal Control about noise are ignored. Instead of Regional Planning changing to conform to Animal Control regarding breeding, Animal Control should conform with Regional Planning and only allow on M-1. Allow an exception for small, hobby breeders. We need to have Animal Control attend the July meeting to get their perspective. If this goes through as proposed, we may have to add to our CSD to protect Agua Dulce. Larry and Bruce will be at both the Acton and ARTC meetings and they will try to have representatives from Animal Control attend.</p>		
<p>b. Announcement and Posting of Amendments to Bylaws, Election Procedures, and Election Timeline relating to having only ONE Polling Place (Agua Dulce Women’s Club) and elimination of requirement to videotape the ballot counting process. (Proposed Amendments received from Election Committee). Vote to amend will be done at July 8th meeting.</p>		
<p>i. Bylaws: Article 7: Elections and Installations: 2. Add “on Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.</p>		
<p>ii. Bylaws: Article 12: Election and Voting: 5.B. Add “on Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. There will be only one polling place. The location of the polling place is the Agua Dulce Women’s Club at 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. Delete “at the same location(s) of any Los Angeles County election held on the same day. One polling place may be used if there is no County election on Council Election Day. Notice of polling places will be provided thirty (30) days prior to any Council Election or community vote.”</p>		
<p>iii. Election Procedures: Section XV: Council Election Day: Delete Lines A. and B. Add “Council elections will be held on Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. There will be only one polling place. The location of the polling place is the Agua Dulce Women’s Club at 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce.</p>		
<p>iv. Election Procedures and Timeline: Minor changes amending wording to reflect procedures for only one polling place versus multiple polling places.</p>		
<p>v. Election Procedures: Section XV. Council Election Day: F. Delete “Election Committee must videotape the ballot counting process.”</p>		
<p>vi. Election Timeline: Minor changes amending wording referencing videotaping.</p>		
<p>11. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin:</p>		
<p>a. Acton-Agua Dulce Community Open House June 6, 2015</p>		
<p>b. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting June 8, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM</p>		
<p>c. CHSRA Board Meeting, Los Angeles June 9, 2015</p>		
<p>12. Committee Reports</p>		
<p>a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: See Item 10.b.</p>		
<p>b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: Absent</p>		
<p>i. Election materials for storage</p>		
<p>d. Film: Steve Cummings: Film LA notice will be forwarded by SC</p>		
<p>e. Land Use: Ed Porter: Real Estate report same as last month. SCE not forthcoming on the work they were doing along Agua Dulce Canyon Road. Additional power poles installed, power lines are thicker and much more visible, LV called SCE and they told him SCE was not overseeing the subcontractors work. Call Ana Fructose-Sanchez.</p>		
<p>f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry</p>		
<p>i. Hauled Water</p>		
<p>ii. TAC Health Dept</p>		

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: VHS Construction on schedule		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: CHSR, Dogs, commercial development		
l. Other:		
13. Open Forum: None		
14. Announcements		
a. Immediate availability at Lancaster Veterans Home assisted living. 45221 30 th Street West, Lancaster, CA		
b. Association of Rural Town Councils: June 24, 2015, 7:00 PM, Fire Station 129, 42110 6 th St West, Lancaster, CA. MJ to attend		
c. Next regular ADTC meeting: July 8, 2015		
15. Unfinished Business: None		
16. New Business: SC: Cross walk on Agua Dulce Canyon Road: If this is a priority, those residents requesting it need to come to the meeting to express their concerns.		
17. Future Agenda Items: Action to Amend Bylaws relating to only ONE Polling Place (Agua Dulce Women's Club) and elimination of requirement to videotape the ballot counting process, Juniper Woodland Habitat Mitigation, Dark in August		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 10:03 PM	M: SC S: TF	7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2015

APPROVED: July 8, 2015