

# AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting Wednesday August 11, 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, David Aiello (DA) –Treasurer, Annette Fortuna (AF), Lorene Cangiano (LC), Alan DiFatta (AD)

**Absent:** Donal MacAdam (DM)

**Community Members:** Approx. 25 community members in attendance

	Motion	Vote
<b>1. Call to order 6:02 DH</b>		
<b>2. Agenda:</b> Approval of Agenda MSP Move to approve with changes	M:LS S:LC	5-0-0
<b>3. Minutes:</b> Approval of Regular Meeting of July 14, 2010 MSP Move to approve	M:AD S:DA	4-0-1
<b>4. Council Reports</b>		
1. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. LA County Trails 8/16 Meeting Notice – Received and noted		
b. Barren Ridge Newsletter - Received		
c. High-Speed Rail Press Release – focus on two routes, but no decision yet. 3 August meetings being held. AF will try to attend and report.		
d. Santa Clarita Valley 2010 Urban Water Mgmt. Plan Meeting (Topic: Water Conservation) Tesoro de Valle Tract denied approval due to lack of water.		
e. State Farm Insurance Renewal Notice 2010-2011 – renewal done-Final coverage from Oct 2010 to Oct 2011		
f. Other – correspondence regarding the airport		
1. Notice: Airport used for water drop refilling during Crown and Briggs fires		
2. AD Elementary School Booster Club Fundraiser at Agua Dulce Airport Sun Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dave Aiello will obtain a proposal from Ice Cream vendor that ADTC will sponsor as a donation for the event and Booster Club. He will submit proposal at September 2010 meeting.		
3. Semi-annual notice to agendize AD Airport as a discussion item. LC recommends sending standard letter. DA seconds.	MSP:	5-0-0
4. DRP responded by e-mail regarding activity, recently at AD Airport. The Airport found not to be in violation of restrictions and/or zoning.	M:LC S:DA	5-0-0

2) Outgoing Correspondence		
a. Sec. of State Form SI-100 Statement (Due September 30). Domestic stock filing with a \$20 fee every other year. Can be completed online. DA will file if we don't receive it.		
3) Assoc of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) - <i>Dark July and August</i>		
4) Tax Exempt application process status – Annette F. said Website, presently isn't showing completion and Mary J. said it will be a 501c4.		
5) Other:		
2. Secretary Report – no report		
3. Treasurer Report – Beginning balance same as ending balance: \$4068.91		
4. Other		
a. Doc Ellis e-mail stating he heard ADTC may be sued regarding CSD's, persons stating they were not properly noticed. ADTC has not received notification of such an action. Lianne will respond to D.Ellis by e-mail stating ADTC hasn't been contacted.		
b. Received notice from Acton Agua Dulce Directory asking for updated ADTC member information for upcoming community phonebook including picture		
c. Hearts of the West fundraiser at the Agua Dulce airport, August 28 <sup>th</sup> . We do not send funds as donations. Lianne will respond with standard letter.		
<b>5. Committee Reports</b>		
1. Election Committee – Lorna Leslie presented the Council with a Notice of Elections with explanation of timeline for upcoming elections. Three seats up for election. Applications due 8 pm September 18 <sup>th</sup> . Members may distribute applications for absentee ballots only if they put their name at bottom. No changes can be made on application. Election committee members list was passed out, along with the officers' names.		
2. Water Committee – As of this date, we haven't received answers to the communities questions from L.A. County. When the ADTC receives document from county we will distribute for public viewing to ADTC Website, ADTC meetings and newspapers. Annette to Post Flyer Sweetwater Farms Bulletin Board and ADTC website announcing L.A.County's Response to water meetings questions is now available at various (will be listed) locations.		
3. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee – LC presented a map showing the CSD district boundaries, OVOV (One Valley One Vision), and Acton CSD. A small strip in the Acton CSD is in OVOV Planning Area but will have voting rights within Agua Dulce. County approved all areas within the area of representation. Town Council confirms people who are in OVOV will be within our area of representation.		
4. Disaster Planning Committee – Report given during community meeting that follows		
5. Parks and Trails – no report		
6. Ways and Means – fundraiser referred to in (#4). Council Reports (f. #2).		
7. Charter/Bylaws - no report		
8. Film – no report		
9. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – no report		
<b>6. Other Business</b>		
1. Web Site/Communications – web site in development - Comp presented and approved.		

<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:00 PM</b>		
<b>7. Call to order DH 7:05 pm — Pledge of Allegiance DA</b>		
<b>8. Agency Reports</b>		
1.	<p>Disaster Planning Committee – Gary Hebdon, Chair. Guest Michelle Roache, Deputy Director of LACACC (Small Animal Control), Director. Marsha Mayes, Karen Stephan, Linda Horrell (Equine) and Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep Stephanie English and Chief .</p> <p>Recent Briggs Fire Discussion – communication between small animal control and animal rescue operations for animal evacuation needs. Stephanie English – Planning and training, important but chaos still exists during a crises. New Captain Fire St.#81 – Captain Robinson introduced his crew. New Assistant Fire Chief Bill Nickham, experienced in emergencies and fires, introduced and spoke about Crown/ Briggs fire, describing the Command Center and how Fire Personnel operate: first line of defense - stop fire from joining the other fire and contain it into region without heavy brush. Burned 530 acres, multiagency resources assisted. Road blocked the corridors, hard closure because they didn't know challenges. Did not issue evacuation orders for either animal shelter during the Crown fire. Cause of both fires 5 or 6 minutes apart and 2 others within an hour concerned about arson. Briggs spontaneous ignition. Straw/archery bale. Crown fire started in Agua Dulce, deemed to be unintentional, metal spark into grass. 1<sup>st</sup> Captain: names incident, mostly geographic. Crown fire started on vacant property, Animals: large population they usually recommend shelter in place. Or evacuation plan that you have time to enact. Michelle Roache described Fire Dept. Duties. Large animal usually Pierce College and AV Fairgrounds. A dedicated Horse team helps during fires. During Annual Kennel Inspections, Animal evacuations are discussed. Most problems arise with unpermitted facilities Animal shelters are a last resort – can't take them. She was on the phone with Brittany Foundation assisting. Didn't hear from Villalobos during their evacuation. Circle of neighbors can develop a phone tree. And your neighbors look out for your neighbors. They can help evacuate. Does not work to have a private organization to evac because they will close the roads and not let anyone through. Animal control has evac teams that evac animals to safety. There is an AD volunteer equine evac team that works with Fire. Develop a Plan. Plan with your neighbors. KCAL9.com puts live feed on the internet re: fires. Numerous public sites will text your phone immediately when there is a fire.</p> <p><b><u>Suggested a further meeting with Disaster Committee for Community Plan regarding animals and evacuation, to be Agendized.</u></b></p>	
2.	<p>California Highway Patrol/COPS Team – Officer Michael Burton. 17 traffic collisions in July, 1 fatal on Bouquet Cyn N of Texas Cyn DUI. July 3, SB Sierra Hwy S of AD Cyn Rd. Not DUI. Palmdale 21yr old. Motorcycle pursuit on Escondido Cyn, fell at Hubbard, arrested/airlifted. School's back, watch speed, get sleep. Reports of 2 male suspect rolling tires into vehicle paths SB14 @ Escondido Cyn. Also fatal on</p>	
3.	<p>Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy - Deputy Scott Short. 6 reports last month, 4. domestic violence, suspected child abuse, traffic accident, Anthony fire: When they close roads, nobody gets through. Incident Command is the only command. Active Shooter Rescue Training @ Vasquez High tomorrow night, simulation exercise of terrorist takeover.</p>	
<b>9. 5<sup>th</sup> District Report – no report</b>		
<b>10. Committees</b>		
1.	<p>Water Committee – no TAC meeting. Finalizing NOWTS. Back to county counsel for verbiage. Will send it out to Councils and Newspapers for community input.</p>	
2.	<p>Bylaws – Presently doesn't reflect the boundaries. Will change, bring it back and follow procedure.</p>	
3.	<p>Other Committee Highlights</p>	

<b>11. Announcements -</b> Special meeting Acton tomorrow night. SCE settlement. OVOV		
<b>12. Open Forum –</b> Item about bees. Scott Shultz 8701 Sierra Hwy. at 8602 Sierra Hwy. doesn't live there, runs a cabinet shop on premises – he brought in beehives. He evacs bees for the County. He says he has a permit to keep bees. Neighbors are here to discuss. Not willing to work with the neighbors. Hoping the Town Council can put it on agenda. Grossly impacting his lifestyle. Kids are allergic. He's been doing this for two years, 27 hives, wasn't bad till this year, he keeps adding bees. Horse water, pigs, people have been stung. Chicken feeder, chickens won't eat. It's gotten really bad. He doesn't live on the property. Bees could be Africanized. LC says town council can't get involved in a dispute between neighbors. Must be some measures that are mandated. Bill Kinkaid (contact for group) 661 268-0785. DH will get a hold of Rosalind Wayman, and ask about what they can do.		
<b>13. Unfinished Business –</b> none		
<b>14. New Business -</b> none		
<b>15. Future Agenda Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Further discussion about community plans for animal evacuation</li> <li>b. New Fire Codes-Homes, Workshops and Barns: Chief Roy Dull, Fire Chief will be present at ADTC Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> mtg. to discuss.</li> </ul>		
<b>16. Adjournment MSP 9:02</b>	M:LS S:AD	5-0-0

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