

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 14, 2016 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-Ed Porter (EP), Candy Clemente (CC), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 15 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:41 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda	M: EP S: CC	6-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 13, 2016 adding Ed Porter as Council Members Absent	M: MJ S: LV	6-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. 7-20-16: Hauled Water Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development Comments		
b. 8-31-16: Letter to Regional Planning requesting continuance of Access Requirements Ordinance and additional community outreach in our area. Received response: RP is planning on scheduling a meeting in the Antelope Valley "in the near future." I requested a meeting in the Santa Clarita Valley. No locations or dates have been set. Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Agua Dulce MSP: Move to send letter to RP to request continuance and additional outreach for Access Requirements Ordinance. Motion made after action was done. Letter sent 8-31-16.	M: DH S: EP	6-0-0
c. 9-7-16: Letter to Acton Town Council: New membership on Acton Town Council: request approval and support of Acton/Agua Dulce Community Resiliency Coalition		
d. 9-7-16: Letter to Acton Town Council: Joint meeting with Public Works for discussion of Trash Franchise Options. Received response. ATC wants to participate. Special meeting middle to end of October. MJ to work with RW to facilitate.		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 12.B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. California Statement of Information Filed on-line (\$20.00)		
ii. Change of Contact Info for PayPal Account from Scott Griffin to Mary Johnson		
iii. Receipt of 2016 State Farm Liability Insurance Renewal Declarations: MSP: Move to pay all future insurance premiums upon receipt.	M: MJ S: CC	6-0-0
C. Treasurer's Report		
i. Beginning Balance: \$2,667.36		
ii. Expenses Paid: eSolutions Domain Renewal: \$17.00, CA Statement of Information Filing: \$20.00		

iii. Income: September 2015 donation from Lou Vince: \$96.80		
iv. Ending Balance: \$2,727.16		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils:		
i. July 28, 2016 (Fox Field-Lancaster)		
a. Assemblyman Scott Wilk, Antelope Valley Transportation Authority, Mulch, San Gabriel National Monument Update, ARTC Election 2017, Title 10-Animal Control enforcement changes, Regional Conservation Plan Framework Meeting		
ii. August 24, 2016 (Fox Field-Lancaster)		
a. Mitch Glaser, Regional Planning-Access Requirement Ordinance and EPIC-LA, Title 10-Animal Control Enforcement Changes and community meetings, San Gabriel National Monument Update, ARTC Election 2017, Regional Conservation Plan Framework Meeting, Northwest Highway 138 DEIR release, High Desert Corridor FEIR released.		
E. Other: Declaration of Incumbents for re-election: Members whose terms are up in December 2016 are Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Ed Porter. Ed Porter, Don Henry both declared their candidacy. Scott Keller-absent		
5. Other Business:		
A. Details on Future BBQ meeting at Library inviting Supervisor Antonovich: October meeting? TF indicated possibly November.		
B. ADTC participation in the Agua Dulce Parade: MSP: Move to pay \$20 non-profit entry fee for 2016 parade entry.	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order at 7:08 PM by DH. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Announcement of ADTC 25 Year Anniversary: 1991-2016		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Christopher Proper: Officer Proper is filling in until and new officer is hired in early 2017. Stats: 8 Collisions: 4 with injury, 4 property damage only, 0 fatalities. Cal Trans employee fatality on Hwy 14 at Crown Valley hit by commercial truck. 2 DUI arrests. CHP will participate in the Agua Dulce Parade. CHP volunteers will be out to assist with traffic control. September is Child Safety Awareness month. CC commented on traffic issues day of the Sand Fire. Hwy. 14 was closed, filming activity on Sierra Highway at the Halfway House caused a huge traffic backup. Questioned public safety. Sierra Highway rush hour traffic concerns.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: Again-golf carts and small electric vehicles are illegal on any road with a speed limit higher than 25 mph. Sand Fire: Oasis Park all destroyed except for caretaker's quarters, missed the backside of White Rock, Rio Market survived, the riverbed at KOA burned, and fencing at Shambala. Shambala shelters in place. Reports: 2 misdemeanor graffiti, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 drug arrest, 1 grand theft from open building, 1 petty theft from unlocked vehicle. If incidents aren't reported, patrol checks aren't dispatched, additional services aren't requested. Palmdale station handles most of Agua Dulce. Exceptions: West of LeChene to Wagon Wheel on Davenport. That area is covered by Santa Clarita. Mail theft. Report taken, forwarded to postal inspectors. Mail found in trash cans in Acton. New Captain at Palmdale station: Dennis Kneer. Would like to come to a future meeting to introduce himself.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Absent		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian John Elford: Summer reading program numbers were down from previous year. Staff changes children's librarian is leaving, Lancaster children's library assistant will fill in until the position is filled. Announcement of upcoming programs and activities.		
E. CA Board of Equalization: Andre Hollings: Fire Fee: No significant movement to overturn. George Runner support AB 1559, signed by Gov. Brown. Changes the allowed tax relief from 30 days to 90 days for any business owner impacted by any disaster. Current scams: IRS fake calls looking for \$ for prepaid debit card. Most government agencies contact by USPS.		
F. Other		

<p>9. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Access Requirement Ordinance has been continued to January 11, 2017. Community Outreach is Saturday, November 5, 10 am to noon at Acton Agua Dulce Library. Revised Title 10-Animals has been changed to streamline the excessive noise complaint process. BOS has designated up to \$35 million of emergency funds for mitigation of mud and debris flow. RW indicated if there is a filming situation that becomes a public safety issue, to call her to get immediate help. DH: Hauled water: If Gov Brown signs AB 1263, will the Hauled Water ordinance go forward? Probably not. Vasquez Canyon Road: Waiting for the courts to handle the eminent domain issue. Anticipated to start work in early 2017.</p>		
<p>10. CA Assembly District 38: Assemblyman Scott Wilk: Spoke about current legislation and CA state issues that directly affect our area: Cemex: Wilk introduced AB 1986 that would allow public comment through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) water permit application process. Once he declared he was running for a Senate seat, the bill has been held in committee. High Speed Rail: All Republicans are against the project. 1/3 of the Democrats are for it, 1/3 of Dems are mixed, 1/3 of Dems are against it but don't want to vote against Gov. Brown. Wilk believes the next Governor will kill the project. Project is out of compliance on many levels and thinks the Courts will determine the project is not what the voters approved and will stop the project. SB 1263: Bill sitting on Gov. Brown's desk. The bill prohibits hauled water as a source of water for new construction. He feels it's an erosion of property rights. DH asked about timeline. Went to the Governor on Sept 8. He has 30 days to sign. To submit a comment to Gov. Brown, call 916-445-2841. For details see: https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB1263/id/1425935 EP commended Assemblyman Wilk for pursuing state matching funds for schools. VHS was one of 4 schools state-wide to receive matching funds. EP also asked about status and repercussions of AB 1739 and SB 1168 relating to ground water resources. Talked about Prop 54. The proposition would require budget and bills to be in print and on line for 72 hours prior to vote. DH asked about a proposition aimed at nullifying Prop 13. None on for November. Personal email: swilk@wilkforca.com, cell: 661-713-4794. Will be participating in the Agua Dulce parade.</p>		
<p>11. Presentations/Discussions:</p>		
<p>12. President's Report</p>		
<p>A. General:</p>		
<p>i. Amendment to Title 10: Animals: Excessive Animal Noise: Animal Facilities. For details see: http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/106893.pdf The original language exempted animal facilities from noise complaints. Language was changed eliminating that exemption. Complaints cannot be anonymous. There are still some areas of refinement Animal Control is working through.</p>		
<p>a. Meeting with Edel Vizcarra, 5th District Land Use Deputy to discuss land use options and notification for new animal facilities. September 22, 2016 Community Comments: Check to make sure community is in agreement with previously sent comments. Previously sent comments allowed Breeding Facilities on only M-1 zoned properties. Community was looking for some kind of public hearing for other Animal Facilities. Conditional Use Permit seems to be the direction. We still need to determine a threshold, minimum acreage, etc. CC will attend that meeting with MJ.</p>		
<p>ii. Access Requirements Ordinance: For details see: http://planning.lacounty.gov/aro Saturday, November 5, 2016 community meeting hosted by Regional Planning for additional outreach Definition of "legal" access and "physical" access. The County is looking to make sure the physical access is located in the same position as the legal access. This will affect all residents living on private roads. In the past, the resolution has been taken care of via a judgement in civil litigation. This could hinder future property sales.</p>		
<p>B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:</p>		
<p>i. Land Sea Air: Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement LA County Permit (1404-5) MSP: Move to send our regular response indicating the Town Council will not initiate agendizing the airport at this time.</p>	<p>M: EP S: LV</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		
<p>D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:</p>		
<p>i. Notice of Public Hearing: Verizon Wireless is requesting a CUP to authorize construction, operation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility disguised as a water tower at 7975 Sierra Highway, Agua Dulce. Project No. 2016-000440, Permit CUP RPPL20160022440. October 4, 2016, 9:00 AM, 320 West Temple St,</p>		

Room 150, Los Angeles. Submit comments via E-mail: thua@planning.lacounty.gov Submit comments via USPS: Thuy Hua, Los Angeles County Dept of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Community Comments: None		
ii. Community Meeting: California High Speed Rail Authority: Palmdale to Burbank Project Section: Community Open House Meetings. Three alignment alternatives are recommended to be carried forward for full analysis in an Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS). Website: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/palmdale_burbank.html Pam Wolter: CHSRA met with community working group. PW is looking to start reviewing the Hanford area EIR so we can get a head start in the review of our EIR prior to its release. That is available on line along with the CHSRA responses to their comments. All above ground sections need to be place underground. The proximity to VHS is still a critical issue.		
a. September 14, 2016: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA		
b. September 17, 2016: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, High Desert School, 3620 Antelope Woods Rd, Acton, CA		
c. September 22, 2016: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fernangeles Recreation Center, 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Sun Valley, CA		
iii. San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan and Environmental Assessment. Official Project Website: http://bit.ly/monumentpublicmeeting		
a. September 15, 2016: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, The Centre, 20880 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA		
13. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: See 12.ii.		
A. Community Working Group Meeting: August 30, 2016		
B. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail		
14. Committee Reports:		
A. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Inactive		
B. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Inactive		
C. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
i. Committee Members: Lorna Leslie-Chair, Lucy Matsumoto-Treasurer, Sarah Ash-Secretary, Rosie Heffley-Rep at ADTC meetings		
ii. Timeline: Nominating period is open. October 1, 2016, 8:00 PM Candidate applications are due October 1, 2016 at 8:00 PM. Candidate verification will take place on October 3, 2016. October 25, 2016 is the last day for receipt of absentee ballot applications. Election Day is November 8, 2016 at Agua Dulce Women's Club. Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: For filming problems, contact Film LA or CC. CC handled a problem with parking and trash. The Country Journal will publish Candy Clemente's number along with Film LA to report and/or handle filming issues.		
E. Land Stewardship: Ed Porter: EP and Justin Henry of Boston Henry have been painting over graffiti with paint donated by Trish Brewer of the Agua Dulce Hardware Store. Deputy Short requested they take a picture to document and to forward to the Deputy. Public Works has a task force to deal with it, but it takes too long. Realtor signs: Excessive size and excessive amounts of directional signs. Pam Wolter will investigate and report problems. The Agua Dulce CSD limits signs. Real Estate Report: Average price \$691,000. Average of 82 days on market.		
F. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Trails alignment along Sierra Highway: MJ and RW drove Sierra Highway to determine where the trail along Sierra Highway should be placed. Currently, the trail is located on the North side of Sierra Highway. After consideration, we determined the trail should be on the North side from Crown Valley Road to the Penman area. At that area, the trail can cross and tie in with the proposed Coussoulis development trail and stay on the South side of Sierra to Agua Dulce Canyon road. Parks is talking with Public Works to determine the requirements for a trail crossing on Sierra Hwy.		
G. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Wells are making it through the summer. We are fortunate to have local water hauling companies. Waiting to hear about hauled water ordinance and state bill.		

H. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Noting to report		
I. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Absent		
J. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Last year of using the traditional calendar starting after Labor Day. Next year, school will start one week earlier, the following year, school will start 2 weeks earlier. VHS: Phase 2 (Gym) slated for early October. New driveway should be completed soon from Escondido Canyon Rd. Vacancy on board will be filled with an election. 3 people have filed for candidacy to fill the balance of Matt Ridenour term of 1 year. \$4 million surplus. Credit rating increased. Portable classrooms gone. Tennis courts, girls softball, basketball courts—Phase 3. 18 months to groundbreak, 9 months construction.		
K. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Election coming up, same stuff as ADWC		
L. Other:		
15. Open Forum: Ken Phalzgraf: Candidate for AADUSD board member. Lives in Acton for 12 years, 5 kids...36 to 10 years. He is an arborist works for a municipality. Trash being left on side of road. Contact Sheriff Dept.		
16. Announcements		
A. Agua Dulce Country Fair and Parade, September 17, Parade starts at 4:00, Fair starts following parade at Agua Dulce Women's Club		
B. Free Movie and Meal Night for Kids, Zootopia, September 24, Registration at 5:30. Movie starts at 6:00 PM, pick up at 8:00 PM		
C. Association of Rural Town Councils: September 29, 7:00 PM, Fox Airfield Lobby, 4555 W Ave G, Lancaster, CA		
D. ADTC Candidate Application deadline to submit: October 1, 2016, 8:00 PM		
E. ADTC Election Absentee Ballot Application deadline to submit: October 25, 2016		
F. Next regular ADTC meeting: October 12, 2016		
G. Election Day: November 8, 2016 at Agua Dulce Women's Club. Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM		
17. Unfinished Business: None		
18. New Business: None		
19. Future Agenda Items:		
A. Public Works: Trash Franchise options: MJ to contact RW to facilitate a joint meeting.		
B. Access Requirements Ordinance: Important for realtors to attend.		
C. Community discussion of roadblocks developers and builders are experiencing when attempting to build single family homes-septic's, water, juniper woodlands, grading, etc.		
D. Richard Bruckner of Regional Planning, Dennis Hunter of Building & Safety, Environmental Health, and Fire Dept. for discussion of development roadblocks Adjournment		
E. Palmdale Sheriff Captain Dennis Kneer introduction		
20. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:41 PM	M: EP S: CC	6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2016 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: October 12, 2016