

## AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 9, 2010 Minutes **“1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT”**

**Agua Dulce Women’s Club  
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA**

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Lianne Swanson (LS) -Secretary, Annette Fortuna (AF, Lorene Cangiano (LC), David Aiello (DA) –Treasurer and Donal MacAdam (DM). Alan DiFatta (AD) joined the meeting in progress, as noted. Donal MacAdam (DM) left the meeting in progress (as noted).

Absent: None

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

	Motion	Vote
1. Call to order 6:02 pm		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda MSP Approved 5-0-0	M:LS S: LC	5-0-0
3. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting of May 12, 2010 Approved 5-0-1		5-0-1
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. SCE TRTP update – ongoing correspondence		
b. High-Speed Rail update – wanting comments on route lines drawn that are not yet firmed up. Overhead feed electric cars, but 20 of 30 miles will be underground. Over fwy and rr crossings, it will travel above ground. AF attended stakeholder meeting, nothing different. Crosses at Santiago or Shannon Valley.		
c. Water Meeting FAQ – meeting in Juniper Hills last Wednesday, still some things up in the air. Not given a reply to DH’s letter with anything other than the FAQ list. Lillian Smith (Country Journal) has a reservation that they are asking us to sign on and agree that the ordinances and regulations are necessary in exchange for a settled hauled water policy. Lillian got several hundred responses in the water survey and is compiling the results.		
d. AT&T contacted us regarding a cell tower site off of Golden Valley Rd. MSP Motion to respond to AT&T as to other parties that we don’t support or oppose - passed 6-0-0	M:AF S: LC	6-0-0
2) Outgoing Correspondence		
a. Insurance Certificate Request (ADWC) - done		
3) Assoc of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) – meeting was re hauled water and high speed rail. DH attended. Scoping of project completed and comments need to be in during scoping.		
4) Tax Exempt application process status – working on it this month, we are in process.		
5) Other:		
B. Secretary Report – no report		
<i>ALAN DI FATTA JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:21</i>		
C. Treasurer Report – beginning balance \$4,167.48, monies rec’d .00, expenses .00, ending balance \$4,167.48.		
D. Other – DA suggested we get things like wreaths for Memorial Day as an official Agua Dulce representation. He will look into getting us badges to wear at official functions, and will look into things like that as they come up.		

<b>5. Committee Reports</b>		
A. Election Committee – Chair will begin the timeline for next election before the next TC meeting.		
B. Water Committee – Water meeting seemed productive in Acton, AF and DH attended. County was responsive and direct because the questions were good, people were respectful. If they allow hauled water they will probably require a disinfection device on your tank.		
C. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee –		
1. Acton boundary issues. Acton refuses to consider allowing the OVOV line to be the boundary, but the residences are still within OVOV. Agua Dulce can grant the right to vote within Agua Dulce to everyone within the OVOV line, regardless. LC will take this to the bylaws committee, and return with wording so we can discuss. MSP That the issue of voting OVOV boundaries go to bylaws committee - passed 7-0-0.	M:DM S: AD	7-0-0
2. CSD – what is still being discussed: Whether a developer could say “no equestrian”. RP say it’s unclear whether we could do that in the CSD. Private Road clarification re DPW. Can they mandate a width on a private road? Parks and Rec regarding trails. Commercial vehicle parking DPW not giving it up easily. Cargo containers OK’d easily. County has set next community meeting for September.		
D. Disaster Planning – treasury balance 754.85. Just had a meeting. GH met with Santa Clarita to tie in with their disaster planning, with a coalition of about 20 people there and had a dialogue with the Sand Canyon area which has disaster areas set up to evacuate horses. Starting a dialogue with some key HA’s doing disaster planning to make us more efficient. LC asked if we had put pilots and heli pilots of the AD Airport on a list for disaster. Gary says some of that is covered through CERT. GH says it sounds too complex. Would like to involve the FD in the discussion. Stephanie English of the FD wants to make the Disaster Committee a community disaster focal point. Needs a letter endorsing DC as the focal point for disaster coordination Gary will write letter, email to Lianne, who will type. DH will sign. MSP 7-0-0 passed. Next committee meeting is last Weds of this month.	M:LC S: DA	7-0-0
E. Parks and Trails – no report		
F. Ways and Means – no report		
G. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
H. Film – no report		
I. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – no report		
<b>6. Other Business</b>		
A. Web Site/Communications – AD need further information on website from LC, and will be contacting AF. Will have something to show next meeting.		
B. Other		
<b>Adjourned 6:59 DH</b>		
<b><i>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:00 PM</i></b>		
7. Call to order DH 7:12 p —Pledge of Allegiance DA		
<b>8. Agency Reports</b>		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – Reminder that ATVs and golf carts are not street legal, incl. shoulder. Brought us goodies: pens, booklets, etc. Slight decrease in traffic collisions. 17 in May, one fatal (not in this area – Plum Cyn), 3 were injury, 3 were DUI, 13 property damage only. Citation 3675 cites		

for the whole Newhall CHP area. Agua Dulce 216 cites last month. Memorial Day Weekend: 28 arrests no fatalities – up from last year. DUI checkpoints at Bill’s Market Friday 9:30 pm. Also mentioned BUI (boating) is an offense, carries same penalties. Primary collision factors: unsafe speed, following too closely, driving on shoulder, etc.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy: Deputy Scott Short – no report		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – no report		
9. 5 <sup>th</sup> District Report – no report		
10. CSD Spotlight - Revision Review, Discussion, and Public Comment – Lorene Cangiano – changes made: container permissions are now acreage-based, trucks are more clearly defined as not commercial vehicles, home-based business allow 2 FTE’s or 4 PTE’s. Lighting: County is looking at dark skies as a lighting ordinance, we are proposing a less stringent standard. We fought the battles we could. Not really a compromise; this CSD is what Agua Dulce wanted. Ten years of publication, discussion. This is Agua Dulce’s document, not the County’s.		
Updates to this document: should your house burn down or be destroyed you will not be subject to the new CSD, can rebuild same footprint. Highway and local street standards: county defined widths, fire dept wants all dirt roads paved. Can we exempt Agua Dulce? Nothing in CSD about vegetation. Doesn’t seem to be a way to preclude a no-horses development. Fighting for trail provisions in new developments. FTE s = or equivalent. Cargo container rules. Commercial vehicle definition.		
<b>Opportunity to ask questions. Input from the community:</b>		
Dave McCord: lights cite maximum and minimum – why a minimum??? LC- a typo. Utilities reserved for whom? LC: County. Signs: Define Pole-mounted signs for business: intent is to encourage Monument signs that sit down low and are not raised. Community signs can be on pole-mounts, i.e the ADWC. LC: we wanted to protect the ADWC. Signs cannot be lit but can be illuminated. Trail maintenance questions: county maintains, private trails are maintained by the development or deeded to county, homeowner access is just asking. Any development that makes trails needs to maintain with a HOA, or deed to county. Trail Maintenance: HOA or special district, needs definition: when the community wants to promote a function, i.e. equestrian special district, requires a 2/3 vote. Question about 20 percent finished surface maximum: was about drainage and permeable surfaces. Pavers are excluded, gravel, etc - drainage basins would exclude from requirements, or directing the water. It is about ground water recharge, or damage from velocity of water.		
Lillian Smith: Section 883 precludes liability for people who allow horses to cross their property.		
Nazir Khan: Exemption for people who allow easements for recreational uses, i.e. riding.		
Natural hazard you’re not liable, man-made hazard you may be liable. Now County does zoning enforcement by satellite and looks for containers and commercial trucks, illegal outdoor lighting. If your neighbor complains, it’s trespass by light. County has been using 2 lumens on the property line as trespass by light. If you compromise and give up your property rights, it’s not good. Don’t know to what extent this CSD represents a true majority. Is it a case that if a majority wants you to do something with your own property, you should be forced to? Let the majority buy my house, then. Once this becomes a document, the camel has its nose in the tent.		
Don MacAdam: The County is either going to do it with or without us. I’d rather they do it with us and let our voices be heard.		
Dave McCord: The community should vote on this before it’s given to the County.		
LC: The community has already voted; they had line-item veto in publicized surveys and meetings.		
DON MACADAM LEFT THE MEETING AT 8:26 PM.		
Carlo Basail: Wanted a recap of CSD history in the Country Journal. Why are we working on them?		

LC: This is a movement by Agua Dulce, not the County. People wanted to protect the equestrian rural lifestyle in the face of encroaching development and county rules.		
Lillian Smith: In 1985 a group of people here created the first CSD in north Los Angeles County, but the problem was when development started and people started moving into the community. Pratty drew up plans to carve up the 900 acre internal valley into something that didn't fit the original CSD, didn't fit the community. Battle at the county level made us realize how vulnerable the old document made us. Sparked the energy to cover all the new things that were happening.		
Gary Hebdon: We had a lot of discussions on how best to get the word out to the community. But the population is churning, new residents are moving in. We have an opportunity right now to hear all the opinions we've tried to seek. 160 pounds of paper are sitting in the archives right now. We took a prudent approach, a fair approach, and tried to cover concerns of all people.		
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT AND Q&amp;A CONCLUDED</b>		
<b>11. Committees</b>		
A. Water Committee – meeting coming up on hauled water, hosted by the county. The 15 <sup>th</sup> next Tuesday at High Desert middle school at 7 pm.		
B. Land Use/CSD - no further report		
C. Disaster Planning Committee – Putting banners up around town to remind about fire season. Will be working with the Fire Dept as a focal point to get info out during the next fire in our area. Licensed ham radio operators and are working on getting equipment up.		
D. Other Committee Highlights - none		
12. Announcements – meeting next Tuesday.		
13. Open Forum – none		
14. Unfinished Business - none		
15. New Business - none		
16. Future Agenda Items		
A. Continuing dialogue with Environmental Health		
B. High speed rail		
17. Adjournment MSP Motion to Adjourn 9:25 pm	M:DA S: LC	6-0-0