

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

Due to LA County's Recommended Social Distancing and greater participation, this meeting will be held virtually

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Meeting ID: 875 5918 3024 * Passcode: 695070 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Treasurer-Chris Yewdall (CY), Clerk-Kathryn Segura (KS)(arrived at 6:33 PM), Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 32 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:30 PM		
2. Roll Call: DH, CY, CC, CG, MJ KS (arrived at 6:33 PM) Absent SK		
3. MSP: Move to Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361	M: MJ S: CC	5-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: MJ S: CY	5-0-0
5. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 9, 2022 correcting typo on 17.c.ii.g. "Sweetwater" and Minutes of Non-Business/Holiday Celebration Meeting of December 21, 2022 as submitted	M: CY S: CG	5-0-0
6. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Letter to Supervisor Barger requesting preservation of Sports Fields in Acton sent November 14, 2022. Response received from Donna Termeer indicating no sale pending and commitment to preserving fields for use and accessibility.		
b. High Speed Rail Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS response Evaluation of Build Alternatives regarding Noise and Vibration sent December 1, 2022		
c. High Speed Rail Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS Joint response with Acton Town Council pertaining to Public Utilities and Energy (Section 3.6) sent Dec 1, 2022.		
d. High Speed Rail Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS Joint response with Acton Town Council pertaining to Hydrology and Water Resources (Section 3.8)		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 17.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Zoom Subscription Paid		
ii. Conflict of Interest Policy for signatures		
iii. ADTC Member Roster for verification		
iv. Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
v. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		

C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$2,776.17.		
ii. General Account: Expenses Paid: Zoom Subscription: \$104.08. Ending Balance \$ 14,378.19		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$17,154.36		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: December 13, 2022 Special Meeting: Short-Term Rentals Ordinance. Notice of Officers needed for ARTC Board positions. MJ: Currently there are no restrictions on STRs. Unhosted rentals limited to 2 night minimum and max of 90 days a year. Not perfect, but it's an attempt. Potential problems for our area relate to hosting in a high fire hazard zone and parking issues and evacuation concerns. Registration is required annually.		
E. Other: Has Supervisor Barger stated her stance on RTG project? Not that we are aware of.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:		
7. Call to order by DH at 7:01 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CY		
8. President: Virtual Zoom Meeting Format – Introduction of Cindy Grimes-Community Volunteer co-host of meeting. If participants want to record the meeting, press the record icon, request permission in chat to general chat or direct message to co-host Cynthia Grimes.		
9. Agency Reports		
A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400: 2022 stats: 1,101 calls for service. Part 1 Crimes=5, Property Crimes=24. Reduction of 29% in crime from 2021. Be mindful of road conditions with storms. Mud and rock slides. Escondido Canyon Rd between Agua Dulce and Acton was treacherous.		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Glauser: gglauuser@chp.ca.gov : Lots of flooding and mud slides. December 2022 stats: 40 citations, 2 accidents, both non-injury. 1 hit and run, 1 recovered stolen vehicle, 2 DUI arrests.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov : December 2022 Stats: 32 responses: 1 fire (vehicle freeway), 21 EMS, 2 service calls, 8 good intent calls. Safety Tip: flood hazards. KS: Christmas Toy Drive for next year. Spark of Love Toy Drive. Donations could be collected at the Agua Dulce Parade and Fair in September. KS and MG to connect for further discussion.		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Closed on Monday, January 16 th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Craig Johnson, author of Longmire Series will be at library February 10, 2023 at 6 PM. January 30 th , Star Party (weather permitting). Announcements of programs and activities. See website for details: https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/		
E. Other:		
10. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov LA County has aligned with LA City with an emergency proclamation to address homelessness. Services to be expedited, timelines accelerated, funding easier. Fentanyl Town Hall, January 12 th at Canyon Country Community Center. Agencies and resources available as well as 150 free doses of Narcan. Brown Act changes coming at end of February. Gov Newsome is ending the State of Emergency February 28, 2023. Public agencies will need to meet in person at public location. Exceptions are narrow and limited. January 14, 2022 Community meeting presented by Cal Fire is changing the boundaries of High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This may have significant adverse impacts on insurance rates. Anthony Thorpe: Concerns about the commercial operation in Sleepy Valley is still continuing their operation. Wanting an update. SE requested Anthony follow up with an email to her. CY: Insurance is an unintended consequence of Cal Fire re-zoning. Advocating with the Insurance Commission is necessary.		
11. CA 34 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov Looking for suggestions on proposed legislation for 2023. Local office is 661-267-7636. Issues with State Agencies, contact their office.		
12. CA 21 st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov : Absent		
13. US 27 th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov New office location: 1043 West Avenue M-4, Palmdale. Jackie's cell 661-289-6108. The Congressman will continue to serve on the appropriations committee. Introduced 3 bills: 1. Inflation Prevention Act, 2. SALT Fairness Act, 3. Prioritizing troops over tax collectors. Available for assistance with federal constituent services.		

<p>14. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org: Join TreePeople online Feb 15, 7-9pm, to learn more about the Rural Water Supply Reliability Project and help determine key elements of the program. Focused on serving private well-owners in Acton and Agua Dulce who are experiencing dry wells or reduced production, RWSR seeks to identify ways to support short-term water needs and identify long-term solutions for water supply reliability Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8446121269</p>		
15. Presentations/Discussions:		
16. Old Business:		
<p>A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall (See attachment for Presentation)</p>		
<p>i. Responses from County agencies to public records requests related to the October 4, 2022 letter from Supervisor Barger</p>		
<p>ii. ADTC response to State Water Board grievance prior to the January 20, 2023 deadline. Extended to February 24, 2023.</p>		
<p>iii. Estes vs. RTG Investments for Breach of Contract: Motion denied due to lack of emergency. LA County verbally agreed to a new proposal that will allow the required residential connections to be made within the next six months.</p>		
<p>iv. Determination on next steps and actions required. MSP: Move to write letter to Supervisor Barger in response to her letter of Oct 12, 2022 in light of the Public Records Requests highlighting our concerns of the lack of supporting evidence regarding the bonds in place. MSP: Move to write letter to State Water Resources Control Board regarding the grievances filed with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and submitting our comments prior to the February 24, 2023 deadline outlining our concerns over the decisions made by the LARWQCB in February of 2022 and any other salient comments.</p>	<p>M: CY S: MJ</p> <p>M: CY S: KS</p>	<p>6-0-0</p> <p>6-0-0</p>
<p>v. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com : Marcy Winter was absent, but sent this update: “we're in a bit of a holding pattern with getting our complaint filed. Our attorney has really been deep-diving into the details of the project and where things stand, and he keeps uncovering more concerns to use in the filing. He's received some documents from the County and is still waiting on some others. I will post updates to the Facebook group as I get them.” Facebook group: Agua Dulce/Acton Concerned Neighbors: https://www.facebook.com/groups/190369183226742/</p>		
17. President's Report		
<p>A. General:</p>		
<p>i. 2023 ADTC Meeting format: Virtual/In Person/Combination: CG: It's important the community see and make sure the Council members are the ones who are actually making decisions. Use video function to validate our presence. Community Member Comments: Like the option of zoom. Virtual is easy to listen in and participate—probably wouldn't attend in-person meetings. Deputy Martinez: Attendance and participation is far greater with virtual meetings as opposed to in person. Perhaps a Hybrid option would work. MJ: Hybrid meetings are challenging. Set up with adequate audio and video for effective communication for both the people attending in person and for those attending via Zoom takes really good quality equipment and set up time. As volunteers with a limited budget and limited resources, effective hybrid meetings won't work at this time. The Council received a formal invite from the Agua Dulce Women's Club to hold our meetings at their renovated Clubhouse. Perhaps we can work with them to make a hybrid meeting effective with good quality equipment necessary for hybrid meetings. CY: The Brown Act hasn't come up to date with virtual meetings. DH: With a hybrid meeting, it's hard to strike a balance with people who make the effort to attend in person with those who are joining virtually. MSP: Move to continue virtual meetings and have an in person meeting once every quarter. In-person: March, June, September, December. Based on public participation at In-Person meetings, we may revisit and</p>	<p>M: MJ S: CY</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>

	amend the format going forward. MJ to confirm the Agua Dulce Women's Club is available for our March 8, 2023 meeting.		
ii.	Southern California Edison PSPS event October 23-24		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inquiry to SCE rep regarding increased PSPS warning thresholds for Agua Dulce circuits after line hardening in light of the October 23rd PSPS warning. <i>Letter approved at the November 9, 2022 meeting was never sent.</i> MJ: Overlooked this letter to be sent. In light of the fact that we have not had any other PSPS warnings and winds have exceeded the thresholds on October 23-24, is this letter necessary? DH: Not necessary 		
	B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement: DH: There has been no discussion or community input concerning the AD Airport at any recent meetings. MSP: Move to send standard letter response indicating the Council will not initiate agendizing the Airport at this time. 	M: MJ SP CY	6-0-0
	C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Letter received by Peg Spry impersonating ADTC regarding illegal dumping. ADTC did NOT send the letter, the illegal dumping is not on Ms. Spry's property, Ms. Spry has attempted to contact the rightful owner and code enforcement to remedy. 		
	ii. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 7601 Soledad Canyon Rd, Acton (Acton KOA-Los Angeles RV Resort), Updated Exhibit A for existing RV Park CUP-200400059 b. 9825 Sweetwater Dr, Retroactive approval of unpermitted detached 3,025 SF pre-fab metal building for an existing SFR RPCE2022002974 and RPAP2022012475 c. APN: 3212010047, new one-story 1027 SF SFR with attached 451 SF ADU and 776 SF 3 car garage d. APN: 3212001046 Grading Plan review rectifying illegal grading and providing legal access to existing SFR with HMA. GRAD:220629000342 e. APN: 3211001040, new single family residence with accessory building and ag use and water well f. 34734 Sweetwater Dr, yard modification for detached 840 SF garage for existing SFR g. 34289 Rocking Horse Rd (Carousel Ranch), special event permit for 12/11/22 Holiday Event, 11 am to 2 pm h. 33677 Sierra Vallejo Rd ground mount solar PV system for existing SFR i. 34155 Castlehaven Rd, 2-unit townhome, new 10,854 SF equestrian facility (stables, shared computer room, tack room, feeding room, storage, and arena) with existing SFR on 5 acres j. 11220 Davenport Rd, new 30'x33' detached barn/garage building k. APN: 3216007012 new water well vacant land, no approved structures l. 33301 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Sweetwater Market), reopening of market for food and alcohol m. APN: 3213009001, new well n. APN: 3223012008, subdivide 120 acres into 6 parcels o. 33106 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, 1,200 detached ADU p. 9654 Hierba Rd, ground mount solar PV system for existing SFR q. 35728 Beautivista Ln, new 15x30 pool with spa r. 9857 Sierra Highway, 2 bedroom addition 		
	D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. California Fire Releases Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for Public Comment. This is an update to the 2007 map that includes California State Responsibility Area (SRA) for rural, unincorporated areas. (Most of Agua Dulce was included in the VHFHSZ in 2007.) For more information, go to: www.osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ Community 		

Input Meeting: Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10 AM at College of the Canyons, University Center, Room 258, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA. Public comments must be submitted by February 3, 2023. Written comments can be submitted by USPS to: Office of the State Fire Marshall, C/O FHSZ Comments, California Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 or by email to FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov		
18. Open Forum: None		
19. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
20. New Business:		
21. Committee Reports:		
A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: No meeting		
B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Inactive		
C. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Nothing to report		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: 13 Shoots		
E. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
F. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Regional Planning has to approve well drilling prior to the health department and drinking water dept. Rain forecast is promising		
G. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent		
H. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Request from the Acton-Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club to update insurance coverage. MSP: Move to send letter to Acton-Agua Dulce Library indicating the Acton-Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club is a subcommittee of the Agua Dulce Town Council and is therefore covered under the ADTC insurance policy.	M: MJ S: CY	6-0-0
I. Other:		
22. Announcements		
A. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month (closed holidays) 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center		
B. Animal Care & Control: January Cat and Rabbit Adoption promotion: DACC will waive fees for cats and rabbits for adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed.		
C. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: February 2, 2023. 3:00 PM. Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events."		
D. Rosie Heffley: Long time resident, Candy Poulous passed away recently. There will be a celebration of life February 4, 2023 at 1:00 at the Good Shepherd Church in Agua Dulce.		
E. Next regular ADTC meeting: February 8, 2023 Format to be virtual		
F. Association of Rural Town Council: January 25, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
23. Future Agenda Items:		
24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:36 PM	M: CG S: KS	6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2023 ADTC Secretary

APPROVED: February 8, 2022

Attachment: January 11, 2023 Agua Dulce Residential Project Presentation RTG