

## Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 8, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

In an effort to allow the most inclusive participation, this meeting will be held in a Virtual setting

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89448923629?pwd=cGVtV2Q0bk1BT3FFbDBhVENBY3cwQT09>

**Meeting ID: 894 4892 3629 \* Passcode: 704866 \* 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), (Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG)

**Council Members Absent:** Scott Keller (SK)

**Community Members:** About 22 community members in attendance virtually

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:</b>		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:35 PM		
2. Roll Call: DH, CY, KS, CC, CG, MJ-Present SK-Absent 6 out of 7 Council Members are Present. A Quorum is established		
<b>3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted</b>	<b>M: MJ S: KS</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
<b>4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular meeting of July 12, 2023 as submitted</b>	<b>M: MJ S: CG</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
<b>MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular meeting of October 11, 2023 as submitted</b>	<b>M: CG S: KS</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Email to Regional Planning Staff requesting clarification on allowable used on Vacant Land sent October 30, 2023. See response Item 16.B.i.		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 16.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Questions about location of 300-home development (RTG Project). Replied with a map of the project with streets and landmarks shown		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. LA Economic Opportunity Grant (EOG) Program: Application is still under review		
ii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$ 2,776.17.		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$13,387.43		
b. Expenses: State Farm Liability Insurance - \$249.96		
c. Ending Balance: \$13,137.47		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$ 15,913.64		
iv. US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: October 25, 2023: BESS Report, Joshua Tree Protection, Littlerock Cell Tower, General Plan Implementation Council, Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing-PRO Housing Grant, Climate Action Plan, Final PEIR, Letter to Regional Planning/Supervisor Barger placing CSDs awaiting approval on the BOS Consent Calendar.		

E. Other: CY: BESS Report with pictures, graphs, statistics but it fails to deal with impacts within VHFHSZ and thermal runaway and toxic gas and the ground water supply. There is a potential project listed in the Santa Clarita Valley (Quercus) but no location was given. CC: Gardens of Paradise-barricades have been moved.		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:</b>		
6. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CG		
7. President: Virtual 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 Cindy Grimes. Next meeting will be December 13, 2023 as a Non-Business Holiday Celebration in a Hybrid meeting setting via Zoom. Physical Location will be the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA.		
8. Agency Reports		
A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: <a href="mailto:oamartin@lasd.org">oamartin@lasd.org</a> Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. October Stats: 0 Part 1 crimes, 3 property crimes, 13 misc reports. CC: 33206 Barber Road (Party House). DM: The Short Term Rental Ordinance is not in effect. (there are 3 in AD, 4 in Acton. Not being rented through the traditional vacation rental sites. Continue to call Palmdale Station during the event for documentation-call volume is important. CY: significant increase in auto thefts in our area. DM: There were a number of thefts (19) from the storage yards on Davenport. Suspect is in custody. Some vehicles have been recovered.		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Delgado: <a href="mailto:cdelgado@chp.ca.gov">cdelgado@chp.ca.gov</a> October Stats: 48 citations, Arrests: 1 DUI, 3 misdemeanor DUIs. Collisions: 1 property damage, 2 injury, 1 misdemeanor hit and run.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: <a href="mailto:maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov">maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov</a> October Reports: 36 responses, 24 EMS, 1 Service, 7 good intent, 4 fires (3 vehicle, 1 structure on Anthony Road (abandoned SFR-turned over to Arson Investigation \$570,000 property damage).		
i. CERT training for Fall 2023: 22 students in class. 3 more classes to go. December 5 <sup>th</sup> is final CERT class 6-9 PM. That will be the drill simulating an emergency. Looking for community volunteers to be victims. KS is part of the class.		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: <a href="mailto:jwall@library.lacounty.gov">jwall@library.lacounty.gov</a> Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. For details and to register, go to: <a href="https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/">https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/</a> Closed Nov 10 and 11 for observance of Veterans Day. Closed Nov 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.		
E. Other:		
9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: <a href="mailto:SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov">SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov</a> CY: Gardens of Paradise-barricades have been moved. Deputy Martinez-moved for maintenance. He has been in contact with some of the neighbors.		
A. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley Yosh Morisaku from B & S. Report from neighbor indicating dump trucks on the property. Time stamp photos verified. Staff from B&S and Zoning Enforcement from RP interviewed neighbor and reported back to County Counsel and DAs office. County Counsel they will be seeking orders from the Court. If anyone sees questionable activity, email YM directly at <a href="mailto:ymorisaku@pw.lacounty.gov">ymorisaku@pw.lacounty.gov</a> CY: Looks like an oak tree was chopped down.		
B. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system. No update at this time. CY: Sleepy Valley Water Co working on setting up a meeting with Public Health and US Forest Service about potential backup well locations and permitting on USFS land. Nitrate Filtration system is on line and nitrate level is 5 (half the state mandated level)		
C. Current ongoing issues: Water Conservation Ordinance. Public Works-GDDs. LA County response to SB 552, Clarification on Allowable Uses on Vacant Land: Council is concerned about vacant land uses. SE asked that ADTC email her specifics about the vacant land issues.		
10. CA 34 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: <a href="mailto:carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov">carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov</a> 661-267-7636 Absent		
11. CA 21 <sup>st</sup> Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Jack Danielson: <a href="mailto:jack.danielson@sen.ca.gov">jack.danielson@sen.ca.gov</a> Absent		
<b>A. SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic</b>		

<b>well owners?</b>		
12. US 27 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: <a href="mailto:Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov">Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov</a> Absent		
13. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey <a href="mailto:petermassey@treepeople.org">petermassey@treepeople.org</a> Amanda Begley <a href="mailto:abegley@treepeople.org">abegley@treepeople.org</a> Golden Spotted Oak Borer Free Workshop and Animal Sanctuary Tour at Animal Tracks in Agua Dulce. November 8 and November 17, 2 PM to 4 PM. To register go to <a href="http://www.TreePeople.org/volunteer">www.TreePeople.org/volunteer</a> and click on the calendar date you want to attend. Committee is reviewing 2 feasibility studies and 1 scientific study for possible funding.		
A. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: November 16, 2023, 1PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd		
<b>14. Presentations/Discussions:</b>		
15. Old Business:		
A. <b>RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385:</b> Chris Yewdall		
i. General Update: Neighbors were notified that the ADTC would not be taking action on reported clearing on RTG property. The neighborhood group reported it and LA County replied that the property is adjacent to the RTG property. A proposed development East of the RTG property in the Acton CSD on 54 acres for a 250-bed nursing home. 6527 Valley Sage Rd, Acton. APN: 3216018011, zoned A2-2, owned by Pacific Jazz Investments, Inc. RTG reps have indicated that RTG owns that property. Acton Town Council has submitted correspondence to RP listing concerns of evacuation issues, inconsistency with General Plan, groundwater supplies, traffic, VHFHSZ. It appears that the water mains were put in using the bonds issued in 2002 which are expired and no longer enforceable. CY will continue his analysis to determine if any replacement bonds have been issued	Water main	
<b>ii. Determination on next steps and actions required. No action</b>		
iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: <a href="mailto:adneighbors2021@gmail.com">adneighbors2021@gmail.com</a> No report		
a. Contact with Public Works regarding work on unrecorded portion of project Tract 50385-09 and response (See 15.A.i. above)		
<b>B. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESSs)</b>		
i. Update-Report back to BOS on establishing best practices and policies for future Energy Storage Projects: CY: BESS Report with pictures, graphs, statistics but it fails to deal with impacts within VHFHSZ and thermal runaway and toxic gas and the ground water supply. The public safety aspect is not addressed. There is a potential project listed in the Santa Clarita Valley (Quercus) but no location was given. Acton residents have formed an organization that is litigating LA County decisions regarding BESSs within Acton.		
<b>ii. Determination on next steps and actions required. No action</b>		
16. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. <b>2023 ADTC Meeting Format:</b> In an effort to be most inclusive with meeting participation, the Council will continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person/hybrid meeting once every quarter. Those in-person/hybrid meetings will be March, June, September, and December and the location will be the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. Based on public participation at in-person meetings, we may revisit and amend this schedule and format. <b>MSP: Move to have an In-Person only (not hybrid) meeting for our non-business Holiday December meeting</b>	<b>M: KS S: CY</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. Response from Regional Planning Staff to Email sent October 30, 2023 requesting clarification on allowable uses on Vacant Land. <b>ADTC to send concerns to SE.</b>		
ii. SCE Response to June 2022 Outage: MJ contacted Rochelle Silsbee who indicated she had replied to the inquiry. The response that was sent was sent through the webmail account and it was sent to both the Acton TC and ADTC.		

	MJ apologized for overlooking the response. CY: will request a PRR from CPUC on SCE report on the 2022 June outage.		
	C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:		
	i. <b>Climate Action Plan-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing:</b> November 15, 2023. Overview of the structure and function of the Draft 2045 CAP. The Revised Draft 2045 CAP identifies strategies, measures, and actions to mitigate emissions from community activities, which may include some municipal operations. For details: <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/</a>		
	ii. <b>Multifamily Residential Parking Ordinance-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing:</b> November 29, 2023, 9:00 AM, 313 N. Figueroa St (First Floor Auditorium), Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Online. Proposed project will revise parking standards for multifamily residential development to be consistent with state law, to streamline review of alternative parking arrangements, and to modify parking standards with mandatory measures. For details, go to <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/multifamily-residential-parking-study/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/multifamily-residential-parking-study/</a> To submit comments by email, send to: <a href="mailto:parking@planning.lacounty.gov">parking@planning.lacounty.gov</a>		
	D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
	i. Thank you reply from Sheriff Luna for condolences sent following the tragic loss of Deputy Clinkinbroomer.		
	ii. <b>Regional Planning Plans Filed:</b>		
	a. 13025 Sierra Highway, New ADU, legalize unpermitted storage (192.27 sq ft) and retaining wall, demolish unpermitted storage (506.90 sq ft and 48.0 sq ft)		
	b. APN: 3214044002, Certificate of Compliance clearance of conditions		
	c. 7707 Tasha Trail, Pre-Application Counseling request for recreation building, sleeping quarters for up to 22 youth and staff, commercial kitchen, bathroom facilities, swimming pool, garden, parking, retention pond, hiking trails. MJ has sent inquiry to RP staff for clarification on a personal basis.		
	d. 34289 Rocking Horse Rd, Carousel Ranch, Santa Day, special events permit		
	e. APN: 3211015057, SEA Counseling for proposed SFR and associated development		
	f. APN: 3213019036, Submitting site plan for review for grading permit with no intended purpose		
	g. APN: 3213015049, Legalize two storage sheds, one outhouse, two open pergola structures, and one attached pergola structure on the property. <b><i>This is the property the ADTC has concerns regarding the permitted uses on "vacant land."</i></b>		
	h. APN: 3213009001, Clearance COC application for an unconditional certificate of compliance		
	i. 32521 Wagon Wheel Rd, yard modification		
	j. APN: 3213020002, Single family residence		
	k. APN: 3211004052, Certificate of exception convert to a certificate of compliance, new one-story single family residence		
	17. Open Forum: Cindy Grimes: Question to Deputy Martinez. Is there something the community can do to create a timely response from the Sheriff's Station. She lives a distance away and is affected by the nuisance. Those who live closer must have a very difficult time dealing with the nuisance. DM: Residents need to make calls to the Palmdale Sheriff Station. If a report isn't generated, there is no record of it. The response from the Station will be a 3-4-hour response time. Report and ask for an incident number. If there are a lot of calls, they can do a special operation for enforcement. More calls are better. MJ suggested when a party is in the works, that a post on social media with the Palmdale Sheriff Station phone number and instructions on the correct action to take is posted. Kat Hupp: Update on Rosie Heffley, at home, using a walker and looking forward to attending the ADWC Parade of Tables. KS: Based on news reports, the SAG AFTRA strike is over.		
	18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
	19. New Business:		
	20. Committee Reports:		
	A. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley:		

i. Election Committee Update November 8, 2023: There was no election on November 7, 2023. Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Chris Yewdall filed to be re-elected to a two-year term ending in December 2025. No other candidate applications were received. The 3 returning Council Members will be officially installed at the December 13, 2023, non-business/holiday celebration meeting that will be in an In Person at the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce.		
B. Film: Candy Clemente: Called FilmLA. 2 shoots, Arturo no longer at FilmLA		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: December will be the start of the rainy season		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent		
F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Update on CERT supplies and classes and HAM Radio Classes for LA County Sheriff		
G. Other:		
21. Announcements		
A. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month, 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center		
B. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: November 16, 2023, 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita. Links and details can be found on agenda at <a href="https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/">https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/</a> under "Meetings and Events."		
C. <b>Next ADTC meeting will be a non-business/holiday celebration: December 13, 2023. Format will be In person at Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce. DH: Pizza from Big Mouth Pizza. DH will place order for Pizza, Salad. ADTC members to supply desserts.</b>		
D. Free Mattress Recycling: December 16, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM Public Works Yard #557, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550		
E. Association of Rural Town Council: January 31, 2024, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
22. Future Agenda Items:		
Future: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD, SB 552, clarification on allowable uses on vacant land:		
<b>23. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:15 PM</b>	<b>M: KS S: CY</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2023

Approved: January 10, 2024