

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 9, 2022 APPROVED Minutes

Due to LA County's Recommended Social Distancing and greater participation, this meeting was held virtually
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Meeting ID: 813 8361 1651 * **Passcode:** 825344 * **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 6:42 PM), Candy Clemente (CC), Lou Vince (LV) (arrived at 6:40 PM)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 50 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:31 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, KS (arrived at 6:42 PM), CC, LV (arrived at 6:40 PM), MJ Absent: SK. Quorum with 4 members is established		
3. MSP: Move to Authorize Continuing Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361	M: MJ S: CY	4-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as Submitted	M: MJ S: CY	4-0-0
5. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 12, 2022 as submitted	M: MJ S: CC	4-0-0
6. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Letter to Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board outlining concerns on financial assurance instrument for Order No. R4-2022-066 sent October 24, 2022		
b. Letter to LA County Public Works requesting plans for the 16" water main on Escondido Canyon Rd revealed in the CA High Speed Rail Draft EIR Palmdale to Burbank. (Formal letter not sent-CY submitted a Public Records Request to LA Co DPW and CA HSR)		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 17.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Littering on Vasquez Canyon Road, (outside of Agua Dulce) referred to Public Works		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
ii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$2,776.17. \$200 received in candidate fees in October.		
ii. General Account: Expenses Paid: State Farm Ins Premium \$249.96. Ending Balance \$ 14,482.27		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$17,258.44		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: October 26, 2022: Short-Term Rentals Ordinance, ARTC Election 2023, Community Coalition of the Antelope Valley Broadband Internet, General Plan Implementation Council, Wireless Facilities Ordinance		

<p>E. Other: December meeting format: December 21, 2022 (moving date to 3rd Wednesday) Rattler’s catering, Pot luck, Pizza. All council members are available. MJ to contact SE to request her presence to install. MSP: Move to use Rattler’s catering for the December Holiday Celebration/non business meeting</p>	<p>By Consensus</p>	
<p>i. Local Roadwork: Sierra Highway update: CC (moved to Item 17.A.i.)</p>		
<p>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:</p>		
<p>7. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by LV</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
<p>9. Agency Reports</p>		
<p>A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400: October stats: 0 Part One crimes and 0 Property crimes. 115 calls for service.</p>		
<p>B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Glauser: gglaiser@chp.ca.gov : Absent</p>		
<p>C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov: October stats: 2 fires (2 vehicle fires SR-14), 33 EMS calls, 6 good intent calls for a total of 41 responses. Safety tip of the month is cooking for the holidays. Currently there are no sand bags at Station 81. MG will make sure that sand bags will be supplied to the station.</p>		
<p>D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov: Check website for programs and activities: www.lacountylibrary.org Nov 17, aprons for kids, Closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. Free rapid COVID-19 tests available.</p>		
<p>E. Other:</p>		
<p>10. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov: LAVote.gov for election results. Cali Lake RV-State Dept of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has jurisdiction of the RV Park, LA County has jurisdiction of the land use. June of 2000 CUP approved for 47 spaces for short term RV use 90 days-never intended for permanent use. Located in a VHFHSZ and Flood Zone. In 2018 LA County discovered illegal grading and unpermitted improvements and expanded capacity to 103 units and the park was being used as permanent long term housing. Owner has been working to comply. Nov 1, 2022 motion by Sup Barger to have various county departments review to try to deal with relocation and long term housing options. HCD is requiring a draw down back to 47 spaces by end of year. Team of County Departments will be on the property Nov 10 to assess. The old Senior Center in Newhall to be converted to an Arts and Veterans Center. Sierra Youth Sports Field: there is no pending sale of the facility.</p>		
<p>11. CA 38th Assembly District: Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares: Patsy Ayala: patsy.ayala@asm.ca.gov: Absent</p>		
<p>12. CA 21st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov: Gas tax rebate is slowly being rolled out. In January 2023 new district boundaries and numbering: CA Assembly will be 34th Assembly District and Congressional District number will change to the 27th Congressional District. Senator Wilk has sent an inquiry to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the grievances related to the RTG project.</p>		
<p>13. US 25th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov: Absent</p>		
<p>14. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org Water Talks Workshop Series-Community Engaged Planning, December 13, 2022, 10 AM to 12 PM via Zoom. You must preregister to gain access to virtual meeting information at: https://www.watershedhealth.org/watertalks-workshop-2 Next meeting is December 1, 2022. Details at www.safeandcleanwaterla.org Rain barrel distribution will be explored. If anyone is interested, contact PM directly.</p>		
<p>15. Presentations/Discussions:</p>		
<p>16. Old Business:</p>		
<p>A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall</p>		

i.	Correspondence or updates received from agencies: CA State Water Quality Control Board, Anish Saraiya, Dept of Public Works, Dept of Regional Planning		
ii.	Reply from Supervisor Barger dated October 4, 2022 to issues raised in ADTC letter dated August 12, 2022 to Anish Saraiya		
iii.	New information learned since last meeting		
	a. Minor Map Amendment and large parcel recording for Tentative Tract Map:		
	b. Subdivision of Parcel Map into 6 relatively equal size lots		
	c. Grievance petition submitted to State Water Quality Control Board		
	d. CA High Speed Rail construction requirements		
iv.	Determination on next steps and actions required. CC: What can we expect going forward? CY: Litigation is probably the next step. Interpretation of the original EIR and SEIR is inconsistent. Peg Spry: concerned about lot dimensions in Phase 1. CY: 2 acre gross lots. Some lot dimensions were required to be adjusted. Jacki Ayer: questions about large lot phasing. Secondary access issue. 20" water main. Retention basins and sediment basins-stop at property boundary. The problem is that the clean water release to downstream properties causing lots of erosion.		
v.	Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com Attorney has sent a letter to State Water Board regarding grievances. LA County's next actionable step may trigger litigation. Update on financial donations. Goal \$10,000. Collected: \$5350.00 plus \$2000 in pledges. Need \$2650. Continuing to garner community support. Get the word out about the project to your neighbors. Organization has been accepted for fiscal sponsorship by Environment in the Public Interest (EPI). Once that has been formalized, income will be able to be received through various channels and grant proposals.		
17. President's Report			
A. General:			
i.	Sierra Highway Resurfacing Phase 3 (Davenport to Sleepy Valley) postponed until Spring 2023		
ii.	Southern California Edison PSPS event October 23-24		
	a. Inquiry to SCE rep regarding increased PSPS warning thresholds for Agua Dulce circuits after line hardening in light of the October 23 rd PSPS warning. CY: All local circuits were threatened with PSPS with minimal wind gusts. Have thresholds been raised after all the circuits have been hardened. SCE Update? MSP: Move to send letter to SCE rep verifying threshold levels raised for the hardened circuits within Agua Dulce Deputy Martinez: "Preparation" for potential shut offs. CY: Undue stress on community if the warning is not warranted. Jacki Ayer: PSPS events are disruptive to the public, CA Public Utilities Commission indicate PSPS should not be issued for "preparation." Imminent danger is necessary. There is a 10 day timeframe on PSPS post report to the CPUC. Actual statistics should be indicated within the report. JA will forward the report.	M: MJ S: CY	6-0-0
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:			
i.	Notice of Availability: Palmdale to Burbank Project Section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Statement (DEIR/EIS) for the California High Speed Rail Project. For project details: www.hsr.ca.gov and https://meethsrsoal.org/p-b/ Interactive map with directly affected parcels: https://geografika.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=ccac46af003e4a2da4528b2a7595141b Comment period extended through December 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Submit written comments via USPS to California High Speed Rail Authority, Attn: Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS Comment, 355 S Grand Ave, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071; via email to Palmdale_Burbank@hsr.ca.gov with the subject line "Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS Comment"; through the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov); by phone at (800) 630-1039; or by oral testimony at the online Public Hearing to be held on October 18, 2022 from 3 pm to 8 pm.		

<p>a. Summary of issues identified so far: Proposed 16" existing water main doesn't exist. The amount of water required for tunnel boring is astronomical- 35 million gallons of water that equates to 108 acre feet. There is no indication within the DEIR/EIS on where the water supply will come from. AVEK indicates the water line is outside of AVEK service area, yet the DEIR/EIS indicates all water will originate from AVEK. Local groundwater resources need to be protected. Water demand is massively overstated. Insufficient water supply for construction. Potential groundwater contamination. Groundwater supply for construction not addressed. Impacts to private and municipal wells not addressed. Local electrical utilities not properly assessed. Stormwater runoff treatment mitigations cannot be used for treating wastewater runoff.</p>		
<p>b. Community Input: Resident concerned about location based on her home and the right of way issues. JA encouraged resident to submit comment by December 1, 2022. No mitigation measures for ground water</p>		
<p>c. Next Steps: Address the proposed 16" water main. Approach Acton Town Council to submit joint letters. Jacki Ayer discovered that the project will not use AVEK water, instead they will use groundwater only. We need to emphasize they need to use AVEK water-not local groundwater. MSP: Submit a joint letter with the Acton Town Council outlining joint community issues and concerns and authorize the ADTC Secretary to have approval to submit.</p>	<p>M: CY S: MJ</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>ii. Response from Supervisor Barger regarding Agua Dulce Residential Project-50385 (see item 16.A.ii)</p>		
<p>C. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		
<p>i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:</p>		
<p>a. 33003 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, DPH referral for replacement of existing well for a SFR</p>		
<p>b. Agua Dulce Residential Project-50385, Subdivision of Parcel Map into 6 relatively equal size lots</p>		
<p>c. 33677 Sierra Vallejo Rd, install ground mount PV solar</p>		
<p>d. 33301 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, reopening of market for food and alcohol</p>		
<p>e. APN: 3212010047 New one-story SFR with attached Junior ADU and 3 car garage</p>		
<p>f. APN: 3212001046 Grading Plan review rectifying illegal grading and providing legal access to existing SFR with HMA</p>		
<p>g. 9805 Sweetwater Dr, yard modification</p>		
<p>h. 34289 Rocking Horse Rd, Carousel Ranch, Special Event, Holiday Party with Santa for special needs children</p>		
<p>ii. Garbage Disposal District Update: LA County Public Works is preparing an Environmental Impact Report that is scheduled for release in early 2023. For details https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/NewGDDs/</p>		
<p>D. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:</p>		
<p>i. Wireless Facility Ordinance: Board of Supervisors Public Hearing, November 15, 2022, 9:30 AM. For details on the proposed Ordinance https://planning.lacounty.gov/wireless For details on how to attend the meeting and provide comments: https://bos.lacounty.gov/board-meeting-agendas/</p>		
<p>18. Open Forum: Jacki Ayer: Regional Planning is extending comment period on Wildfire Ordinance (paving ½ of road to closest County road). Short term rental ordinance comment extended. (Parking issues). Kat Hupp: If you have commercial dumpster service, you can get a recycle dumpster for free. She allows her neighbors that don't have commercial service to use her recycling container.</p>		
<p>19. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: See 17.B.i.</p>		
<p>20. New Business:</p>		
<p>21. Committee Reports:</p>		
<p>A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: No meeting</p>		
<p>B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Inactive</p>		
<p>C. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley:</p>		

i.	There are 4 open seats for a 2-year term		
ii.	4 applicants filed in a timely manner and have been verified as eligible: Candy Clemente, Cliff Grimes, Mary Johnson, and Kathryn Segura		
iii.	With 4 seats open and 4 candidates, an election is not required and those eligible, verified candidates will be elected by acclamation.		
iv.	Council members will be sworn in and take office at the December 21, 2022 meeting		
v.	Thank you to Lou Vince for your many years of service to the Agua Dulce Town Council		
D.	Film: Candy Clemente: 3 shoots		
E.	Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Status on Sierra Youth Sports Fields at 3880 Crown Valley Rd, Acton. MSP: Move to send Proposed letter to Supervisor Barger requesting the ball fields be preserved and restored. (See Item 10.B.)	M: MJ S: KS	6-0-0
F.	Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Rainfall looks promising		
G.	Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent		
H.	Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Nothing to report		
I.	Other:		
22. Announcements			
A.	Natural Disasters Expo (Flood, Fire, Earthquake, Storm), Anaheim Convention Center, Wednesday November 9 th and Thursday November 10 th 2022. Free admission by registering at https://www.theearthquakeexpcalifornia.com/		
B.	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		
C.	Free Mattress Recycling Collection: November 19, 2022 9 AM – 2 PM, Road Yard 557, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale; December 10, 2022, 9 AM – 2 PM, Road Yard 551, 4859 West Avenue L12, Quartz Hill		
D.	Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste, November 19, 2022, 9 AM – 3 PM, College of the Canyons, South Parking Lot, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita		
E.	Animal Care & Control: November Senior Cat Adoption promotion: Senior Cat adoption fee-\$5 for all cats 5 years of age and older. Fee includes adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed.		
F.	Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: December 2, 2022. Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under “Meetings and Events.”		
G.	SCE STEM College Scholarships for High School Seniors: Applications are open from Oct 3, 2022 to December 9, 2022. For details: https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/edisonscholars/		
H.	Next regular ADTC meeting: December 21, 2022 Non-Business Holiday Meeting: Location: Agua Dulce Women’s Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road.		
I.	Association of Rural Town Council: January 25, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
23. Future Agenda Items:			
24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:37 PM		M: CY S: MJ	6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2022

APPROVED: January 11, 2023

Attachment: November 9, 2022 Agua Dulce Residential Project Presentation RTG

Attachment: November 9, 2022 California High Speed Rail Draft EIR Comments Presentation