

## AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

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**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), Scott Keller (SK)

**Council Members Absent:**

**Community Members:** About 30 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:</b>		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:34 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, KS, CC, CG, SK, MJ		
<b>3. MSP: Move to Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361</b>	<b>M: MJ S: CY</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
<b>4. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted</b>	<b>M: CY S: CC</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
<b>5. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023 as submitted</b>	<b>M: CY S: CC</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>
6. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. To Acton-Agua Dulce Library indicating Acton Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club is a sub-committee of the ADTC and is covered under ADTC liability insurance sent 1/12/2023		
b. To Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement Condition 30 sent 1/12/2023		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 17.A, B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Response sent to WOW! Events regarding a \$6,000 deposit to Gardens of Paradise that they have not been refunded. Directed them to contact Supervisor Barger's office in Santa Clarita.		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Conflict of Interest Policy for signatures: Still need CC, SK, KS: Received CC and KS. SK sent to DH email- Completed		
ii. Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
iii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$2,776.17.		
ii. General Account: Expenses Paid: December Holiday Celebration Expenses of \$377.77. Ending Balance \$ 14,000.42		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$16,776.59		

D. Association of Rural Town Councils: January 25, 2023: ARTC Election 2023, Short-Term Rentals Ordinance, Cal Fire expansion of Fire Hazard Zones, General Plan Implementation Council, Garbage Disposal Districts Update		
E. Other:		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:</b>		
7. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by SK		
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: <a href="mailto:oamartin@lasd.org">oamartin@lasd.org</a> Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400 January stats: 1 Part 1 Crimes, 8 Property Crimes. Marijuana grow house enforcement has diminished, the Team still wants notification to be emailed to <a href="mailto:marijuanatips@lasd.org">marijuanatips@lasd.org</a>		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Glauser: <a href="mailto:gglouser@chp.ca.gov">gglouser@chp.ca.gov</a> January stats: 45 citations, 3 DUIs, 6 collisions-3 non-injury, 1 injury, and 2 hit & run. Last night fatality on Soledad Canyon Rd near Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. Vehicle vs. motorcycle. Ford truck made a u-turn as motorcycle was passing. Hit & Run. Suspect still outstanding. Truck has been located, search continues for suspect. Speed and crossing double yellow lines is bulk of enforcement.		
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> Absent		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: <a href="mailto:jwall@library.lacounty.gov">jwall@library.lacounty.gov</a> Closures: President's Day, February 20 and Staff Training Day, March 9. Announcements of programs and activities. See website for details: <a href="https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/">https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/</a> Free COVID-19 rapid tests available for distribution.		
E. Other:		
10. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: <a href="mailto:SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov">SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov</a> For County issues related to Public Works-permitting, illegal dumping, flood control, graffiti-go to website: <a href="https://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/">https://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/</a> Contact info at: <a href="https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contact/">https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contact/</a> For urgent issues: 800-675-4357. BOS: New gun regulations. Fire: Developer fees increased for building new fire stations. CalFire extended deadline for comments on new HFSZ maps until April 4, 2023. Fire inspection fees to pay for staffing of brush inspections. California State regulations regarding defensible space and if selling home a brush clearance certificate is required. AB 3074 & AB 38. BOS 5 signature letter to the State about spike in natural gas prices. Gas Companies are reporting that prices should be decreasing in February. Carlo Basail: Questions on gun issues: gun insurance, collecting data for easy accessibility for law enforcement. SE read the entire motion.		
A. Status of illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley and other Sleepy Valley issues: Anthony Thorpe checking on status of complaint on trucking business. CY: Sleepy Valley Water Company has a private well serving the community. Adjacent property has failed septic system that resulted in high nitrate levels for the required water testing. Public Health requested the septic system be repaired. Nothing is happening. Water company obligated to provide safe water. Looking for assistance from SE on an effective resolution. SE: There will be an "all hands on deck" meeting to get status and update. Will report back at the next ADTC meeting.		
11. 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> Office contact 661-267-7636. Contact office for legislative ideas. Gas prices. Relief may be available from the PUC with credits to uses.		
A. Mobile Office Hours: February 8, 2023, 10 AM to 12 PM at Dignified Home Loans Office, 33321 Santiago Rd, Acton, CA. RSVP is required-call 661-267-7636 9 people attended.		
12. CA 21 <sup>st</sup> Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: <a href="mailto:Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov">Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov</a> Absent		
13. 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		
14. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey <a href="mailto:petermassey@treepeople.org">petermassey@treepeople.org</a> At the February 2, 2023 meeting, the WASC Committee approved the Stormwater Investment Plan with a new infrastructure project in the City of Santa Clarita in Canyon Country. Project is the Via Princessa Park and Regional Infiltration BMP Project. The previously approved Newhall Park Project has been put on hold for the current timeframe. Be sure to attend the		

Rural Water Supply Reliability Community Meeting on February 15, 2023 7-9 PM virtually. See Item 17.C.i.		
15. Presentations/Discussions:		
16. Old Business:		
A. <b>RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385:</b> Chris Yewdall: Looked at documents obtained by the AD Concerned Neighbors group. A couple of concerning issues from the application for water meters.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7. <i>SEE ATTACHED COPY OF extension of the Bonds dated 4/19/2012 from LA County. Owner stopped extending.</i> The ADTC has maintained the bonds may not be current</li> <li>• <i>REQUEST #2: Critical to confirm availability of water supply for the remainder of the project.</i> At the February 2022 Water Board meeting, the applicant indicated that they have NOT secured water supply for Phase 2.</li> <li>• These issues will be included in the letters the ADTC will submit to the State Water Resources Control Board and to Supervisor Barger.</li> </ul>		
i. Letter to be sent to State Water Resources Control Board regarding the grievances filed with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and submitting ADTC comments prior to the February 24, 2023 deadline outlining community concerns over decisions made by the LARWQCB in February of 2022 and any other salient comments. <b>Letter to be sent including new information obtained.</b>		
ii. Letter to Supervisor Barger in response to her letter of October 12, 2022 in light of the Public Records Requests highlighting our concerns of the lack of supporting evidence regarding the bonds in place. <b>Letter to be sent including new information obtained.</b>		
iii. <b>Determination on next steps and actions required.</b> CY: Establishing the existence of the bonds has been problematic. Does the Council think we should contact the Bond company <b>MSP: Move to send a letter to the Bond Holder with a request to receive a copy of the current Bond and/or validation of existence of the Bonds.</b>		
iv. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: <a href="mailto:adneighbors2021@gmail.com">adneighbors2021@gmail.com</a> They are meeting with their attorney regularly. It's a complex project and slow process.		
17. 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 meeting once every quarter. Those in-person 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. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. <b>California Fire Releases Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for Public Comment. Public Comment Period Extended.</b> 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: <a href="http://www.osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ">www.osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ</a> <b>Public comment period has been extended to April 4, 2023.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov">FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov</a>		
ii. <b>Draft Residential Design Standards Ordinance available for public review and comment.</b> Project Overview: To provide clear, measurable, and objective requirements to guide the design of residential projects. Will apply to all projects including single family residences. To download the draft ordinance, go to: <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/residentialdesign/documents">https://planning.lacounty.gov/residentialdesign/documents</a> Submit public comments via email to <a href="mailto:design@planning.lacounty.gov">design@planning.lacounty.gov</a> Public comments must be received by February 27, 2023. These design standards are clearly developed with an urban setting focus. It is inappropriate and wrong to implement urban standards for the entire unincorporated area. There needs to be a separate set of standards for rural settings. A number of conflicting issues are:		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct pedestrian pathway to the right of way of the street. (exemption for Pearblossom Highway). On lots greater than 1 acre, the direct pathway can be thru the driveway. What about flag lots?</li> <li>• Canopy Tree requirement. Exemption for properties on a “limited secondary highway or parkway where no sidewalks or curbs or gutters are required.</li> <li>• Landscaping, walls, fences, and screening: 20% of the lot area not used for building shall be landscaped with a combination of trees, ground cover, shrubbery, planters, or flowers. This doesn’t take into account the brush clearance of native plants and ornamentals required by LA County Fire for defensible space for wildfire protection.</li> <li>• Fences: Chain-link, wired and electrified fences is prohibited. There is no distinction for livestock fencing. Many of our residents have chain link fencing. When you are fencing a large property, chain link is an effective and economical choice.</li> <li>• Screening: Trash enclosures-I think this only applies to residential with 4 or more units. Mechanical and Utilities: “must be screend from view from the street with a wall, fence or landscaping.” Propane tanks, water tanks, generators, etc...</li> </ul> <p><b>MSP: Move to send letter to Regional Planning outlining concerns relating standards in the draft ordinance as urban focus pointing out the inappropriate standards as related to our rural setting.</b></p>	<p><b>M: MJ S: SK</b></p>	<p><b>7-0-0</b></p>
<p>C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:</p>		
<p>i. <b>Rural Water Supply Reliability Community Meeting:</b> February 15, 2023, 7:00 PM via Zoom. This is focused on serving private well owners in Agua Dulce and Acton who are experiencing dry wells or reduced production. The Rural Water Supply Reliability project seeks to identify ways to support short-term water needs and identify long-term solutions for water supply reliability. To register: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdeCtrDwrEt1JiJDWaSpP370kZ_2WaPaQ">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdeCtrDwrEt1JiJDWaSpP370kZ_2WaPaQ</a></p>		
<p>ii. <b>Garbage Disposal District: North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project: Scoping Meeting for proposed Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</b> February 16, 2023, 6:00 PM via Zoom. Register online: <a href="https://pwlacounty.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WggGuK1EQDCmTqpHwwtEZw">https://pwlacounty.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WggGuK1EQDCmTqpHwwtEZw</a> The proposed project consists of executing new contracts with solid waste haulers to establish either residential or commercial franchises or garbage disposal district for the Acton/Agua Dulce area. Selected waste haulers would provide refuse, recyclables, and organic waste hauling services to commercial and residential properties as well as bulky item pickup. If the necessary voter approval is not achieved to establish garbage disposal districts, residential and commercial franchises would be established instead. Documents can be viewed at: <a href="https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/NorthCountySolidWasteCollectionsvcs/CEQA.cfm">https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/NorthCountySolidWasteCollectionsvcs/CEQA.cfm</a> Public Works is soliciting input as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be evaluated in the proposed Project EIR. Submit comments via USPS to Dept of Public Works, Attn. Krystle K. Jafari, P.E., P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, CA 91802-1460 or via email to <a href="mailto:NoCoSolidWasteEIR@pw.lacounty.gov">NoCoSolidWasteEIR@pw.lacounty.gov</a> Comments must be received by March 3, 2023.</p> <p>Why is the GDD being initiated instead of Residential Franchise? How are vacant parcels included in services and fees? Why are there no alternatives offered? Central drop off recycling...biweekly instead of every week pickup of organic and recycling. Using a split body truck with separate compartments for different types of waste. What is the need for Public Works employees and trucks on routes? Is that current operating procedures in current GDDs? Contract length of 25 years is way too long.</p> <p>Issues brought up in July 2022 in response to the previous recirculated negative declaration: Directors Fund, AV illegal dumping task force funding, vacant parcel funding. Conflicting information on services available to vacant parcels. Homeless encampments occupied and abandoned services supplied by subsidized by the GDD. No incentive to reduce waste. What about part time residents who only use the services on a limited basis? A citizen’s advisory council should be considered. Clean up and waste disposal of homeless encampments should not become the financial burden of our community nor should illegal dumping.</p> <p>According to CEQA, an EIR must describe a reasonable range of alternatives to a proposed project that could feasibly attain most of the basic project objectives, and would avoid or substantially lessen any of the proposed project’s significant effects. Additionally, a “No Project” alternative must be analyzed.</p> <p><b>MSP: Move to send letter to Public Works outlining concerns discussed here and also include any pertinent concerns to be discussed at the Scoping Meeting to request those concerns are included for evaluation in the proposed project EIR.</b></p>	<p><b>M: MJ S: CC</b></p>	<p><b>7-0-0</b></p>

<p>iii. <b>Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing:</b> March 1, 2023, 9:00 AM, 320 West Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Online. Visit <a href="http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc">http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc</a> and select hearing date for more information. Project No. PRJ2020-002395 / Advance Planning Project No. RPPL202007456. Project Description: Amendments to Title 21 and Title 22 of Los Angeles County Code to strengthen standards for development located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) and Hillside Management Areas to reduce risks to life and property from wildfires. Case materials can be viewed at <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/cwpo-documents/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/cwpo-documents/</a> Submit comments via email at <a href="mailto:safety@planning.lacounty.gov">safety@planning.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p>Developed to reduce and manage wildfire and disaster risks to people and property in VHFHSZ and Hillside Management Areas. NEW subdivisions: reduce the number of units or parcels that can be created with only a single means of access, increase road requirements for emergency access, and require analysis of evac routes during the tentative map application. NEW development: require a Hillside Management Area CUP where primary structures are proposed on terrain with 50% slope or steeper, and provide additional standards for site planning, road circulation, building design, and landscaping.</p>		
<p>iv. <b>Multifamily Residential Parking Ordinance-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing:</b> March 1, 2023, 9:00 AM, 320 West Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Online. Visit <a href="http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc">http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc</a> and select hearing date for more information. Project No. PRJ2022-003630-(1-5), Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2022009338. Amendment to Title 22 of Los Angeles County Code to revise parking standards for multifamily residential development. Case materials can be viewed at <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/parking_study">https://planning.lacounty.gov/parking_study</a> Submit comments to <a href="mailto:parking@planning.lacounty.gov">parking@planning.lacounty.gov</a></p>		
<p>D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		
<p>i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:</p>		
<p>a. APN: 3212013059, zoning verification letter for a loan for land purchase. Vacant M-1</p>		
<p>b. 35030 Caprock Rd, new pool and spa</p>		
<p>c. 33359 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Homemade Restaurant, public eating business license</p>		
<p>d. APN: 3212010047 drinking water program referral</p>		
<p>e. 35655 Buckhaven Rd, DPH application for replacement well on lot with existing SFR</p>		
<p>f. 33106 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, 1,200 sq ft detached accessory dwelling unit</p>		
<p>18. Open Forum: None</p>		
<p>19. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent</p>		
<p>20. New Business:</p>		
<p>21. Committee Reports:</p>		
<p>A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente: no meeting CY: Tesla cameras caught 2 cars racing on Sierra Highway. Video has been turned over to CHP for review.</p>		
<p>B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Inactive</p>		
<p>C. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Absent</p>		
<p>D. Film: Candy Clemente: 14 shoots</p>		
<p>E. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report. SK: Response on Sierra Youth Sports Fields. MJ: Property is not for sale, and LA County will continue to support. <b>MSP: Move to send follow up to 5<sup>th</sup> District and request LA County to maintain fields as all other parks are maintained.</b></p>	<p><b>M: MJ</b> <b>S: SK</b></p>	<p><b>7-0-0</b></p>
<p>F. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Report that lakes at Sweetwater Movieland Ranch</p>		
<p>G. Ways &amp; Means: Scott Keller:</p>		
<p>H. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: A/AD Amateur Radio holding classes at library for FCC general license. Dates Feb 23, Mar 2,8, 16. Link on their website: <a href="https://www.aadarc.org/">https://www.aadarc.org/</a> CERT volunteers were invited to attend urban search and rescue training drill with K-9 units.</p>		
<p>I. Other:</p>		

22. Announcements		
A. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection: First & Third Saturday of each month (closed February 18, 2023) 9 AM to 3 PM, 1200 West City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, Environmental Collection Center		
B. Animal Care & Control: February Cat Adoption promotion: Adoption fees will be reduced to \$14 for all cats. (Fee includes adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed)		
C. Rye Canyon Rd construction on I-5: Monday, Feb 6 to Friday Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> lane closures		
D. FREE Mattress Recycling: February 11, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, Lakes Community Center, 17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd, Lake Hughes, February 25, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, Public Works Yard #555, 17341 East Avenue J, Lancaster, March 4, 2023, 9 AM to 2 PM, Public Works Yard #551, 4859 West Avenue L-12, Quartz Hill		
E. Association of Rural Town Council: February 22, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
F. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: March 2, 2023. 3:00 PM. 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."		
G. Youth Preparedness Council: FEMA is accepting applications for a program that brings teens together interested in community preparedness. Students in grades 8 thru 11 are eligible to apply. For details: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/youth-preparedness-council">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/youth-preparedness-council</a> Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on March 6, 2023		
<b>H. Next regular ADTC meeting: March 8, 2023 Format will be in person at Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce</b>		
23. Future Agenda Items: CY: Will try providing update on Sierra Highway roadwork in the Sleepy Valley area. MJ: Do we want to invite rep from Gas Company to attend future meeting? At this point, no.		
<b>24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:30 PM</b>	<b>M: CY S: KS</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2023 ADTC Secretary  
APPROVED: March 8, 2023