

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

This meeting will be In-Person Only

Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA

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 17 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:35 PM		
2. Roll Call: DH, CY, KS, CC, CG, SK, MJ		
3. MSP: Move to approve Agenda as submitted	M: CC S: CG	7-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 8, 2023 as submitted	M: CC S: CC	7-0-0
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. To Supervisor Barger requesting maintenance of Sierra Youth Sports Fields at 3880 Crown Valley Rd, Acton sent 2/22/2023. MJ: No response to date. SK: Road to fields is thru a wash. Needs to be cleared.		
b. To Regional Planning Staff with comments of the Draft Residential Design Standards Ordinance sent 2/27/2023: Invite them to attend May meeting		
c. To Public Works Staff with comments on NOP for Draft EIR for North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project (GDDs) sent 3/2/2023: They have requested to be on our April agenda for an update		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 16.A, B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. AD resident and commercial banker regarding Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385 (RTG) and questions surrounding foreign connections. Indicated ADTC is aware and referred her to LA County documents link and the concerned neighborhood group.		
b. Questions regarding using a train caboose as living quarters. Referred him to LA County Regional Planning.		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. LA County Dept of Economic Opportunity: Grant opportunity for non-profits including 501(c)4s. MSP: Move to submit grant application to invest in effective hardware and software necessary to have meaningful hybrid community meetings.	M: MJ S: KS	7-0-0
ii. Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
iii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report: (no change from February 2023)		
i. Election Committee Account: \$2,776.17.		

ii.	General Account: \$ 14,000.42		
iii.	Combined Account Balance: \$16,776.59		
D.	Association of Rural Town Councils: February 22, 2023: ARTC Election 2023, Title 22 Tune-Up, Cal Fire expansion of Fire Hazard Zones, General Plan Implementation Council, AV Garbage Disposal Districts Update, Civilian Oversight Commission Virtual Conference, Water Conservation Ordinance		
E.	Other: CC: Checked with CHP on status of CHP Community Advisory Committee. No meetings in 4 years. Officer Delgado will report back		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:			
6.	Call to order by DH at: 7:06 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by SK		
7.	President: In-Person Meeting Format: Speakers will have 3 minutes to comment on agenda items. Discussion on future meeting format see Agenda Item 16.A.i.		
8.	Agency Reports		
A.	Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: amartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. February 2023 Stats: 0 Part 1 Crimes, 2 Property Crimes. Be mindful of the weather and road closure signs and flash flood conditions. Firearm Safety Symposium, Wed, March 15, 2023, 5 PM to 8 PM, 42210 6 th Street West, Lancaster, CA: Very BASIC firearm safety. Do NOT bring firearms to meeting.		
B.	California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Delgado is replacing Officer Glauser: cdelgado@chp.ca.gov February 2023 stats: 14 citations, 1 felony DUI, 1 DUI. Tesla video showing identification of 2 cars racing on Sierra Highway. CHP contacted those drivers that didn't deny it was them. Charges are pending. Snow storm brought lots of chaos for cars stopping to play.		
C.	Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov January 2023: 36 responses: 2 fires (1 structure, 1 car) 27 EMS, 4 service calls, 3 good intent. February 2023: 31 responses: 4 fires (2 vehicle, 1 structure, 1 trash) 16 EMS, 11 good intent. KS: Toy Drive during AD Fair. AB 3074: Defensible Space Zones (Zones 1 and 2) currently make up the 100 feet of defensible space required by law. A new Zone was introduced in Assembly Bill 3074 in 2020. This new law requires a third zone (Zone 0) to be defined and made part of the defensible space. It now requires the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop the regulation by January 1, 2023. The board is to create a new ember-resistant zone (Zone 0) within 0 to 5 feet of a home . This year will be education not enforcement. CG: Bigger threat is vacant land with no clearance. Vacant land is inspected by Agricultural Commission of Weights and Measures.		
D.	Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Announcements of upcoming programs and activities. Closures: March 9 for staff development and March 27 for Cesar Chavez Day.		
E.	Other:		
9.	Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov Illegal Truck operation in Sleepy Valley Sleepy Valley Water Company Update: County is working to secure compliance from the property owner with bad septic system thru administrative enforcement efforts. Case may be referred for criminal and/or civil prosecution. SV Water Company sent detailed letter to Sup. Barger. Potential contamination to SEA that is part of the Santa Clara River watershed. Fire Inspection Fee Illegal Dumping: Trees and limb debris from snow storm. Can we get free dump passes or get a localized chipping event? Maria from FD will look into that option. Deputy Martinez: there needs to be an officer assigned to search out illegal dumping. Enforcement goes after the company and truck assets. Rural areas don't benefit from cameras. We need additional manpower. BOS governance Gun Regulation Measure SB 552 is a real concern for our community. Regulations and reporting.		
A.	Report from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley: No report, just written update from SE.		

B. Report from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system: No report, just written update from SE.		
C. Invitation for LA County staff agencies to attend meetings going forward. Current issues include Regional Planning Ordinances: Residential Design Standards Ordinance, Wildfire Protection Ordinance, Water Conservation Ordinance and any info on LA County response to SB 552 and rural communities and domestic well owners. Dept of Public Works is scheduled for April for an Update on the North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project (GDDs)		
10. CA 34 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov 661-267-7636: Veterans Event: March 18, 2023, 38315 9 th St E, Palmdale. RSVP to 661-627-7825. California Child Abuse data base is used by state and county social services and welfare departments, adoption agencies and other agencies. The state data base doesn't always include County reports, and County reports may not include CA state reports.		
11. CA 21 st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Brandon Roque: Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov : Absent		
SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic well owners?		
12. US 27 th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov Absent		
Due to disaster related taxpayers in Los Angeles County, the IRS extended the tax filing deadline to October 16, 2023.		
13. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey: Absent petermassey@treepeople.org Report back on the Rural Water Supply Reliability Community Meeting on February 15, 2023 7-9 PM virtually. Summary from PM (for ADTC 3.8.23): - SCWP Update - there was no Steering Committee held in March. The meetings are returning to an in-person format and a regular time and place is being identified. - Rural Water Supply Reliability Program Update: On Feb 15, a Community Meeting was hosted by TreePeople to gain feedback on aspects of how the program should be designed. Eight residents from Acton and Aqua Dulce participated in lively discussions and polling. Results include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants in the program should be prioritized based on the length of time their wells are dry each year. (100% support) • Benefits of the program should include providing additional tanks for water storage to residential well owners. (75%) • A groundwater analysis of the area would be helpful for the community, but if individual well information is requested/collected, it should be done anonymously to protect well owners from regulatory concerns, such as County municipal codes. (68%) The next step is for TreePeople to draft an Action Plan and send it around for comment. We also plan to provide a free training event as early as May on private well maintenance and water quality testing. TreePeople offers their sincere gratitude for residents who joined the meeting on the 15th.		
14. Presentations/Discussions:		
15. Old Business:		
A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall		
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 new deadline of March 17, 2023 outlining community concerns over decisions made by the LARWQCB in February of 2022 and any other salient comments.		
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.		
iii. Email sent by CY to Bond company to determine the existence and validity of bonds.		
iv. See Request for Final Tract map: Agenda Item 16. D.i.b. This is the first recorded tract for Phase 2. It is 38 acres of open space. Regional Planning requires that open space lots be recorded first. CY: But the waste water treatment plant is not designed yet in violation of the SEIR.		
v. Determination on next steps and actions required. No action other than the letters noted above.		
vi. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com Nothing new, progressing		

slowly through the documents and entitlements. Looking into Mello-Roos issues		
16. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. 2023 ADTC Meeting format and California Brown Act:		
<p>Brown Act: Governor Newsome rescinded the CA state of emergency on February 28, 2023, thereby suspending the ability to meet virtually with few exceptions. While the ADTC is an advisory board and does not have any legislative power, a 2005 judgment declared the ADTC is subject to the Brown Act. Since that time, the ADTC has followed all provisions of the Brown Act which requires local government business to be conducted at open and public meetings.</p> <p>MJ gave background information on history, Pandemic & Virtual Meetings, 2023 Brown Act New Regs, Consequences of Violating Brown Act, and the Risks Worth Taking.</p>		
2023 ADTC Meeting Format Approved January 2023:		
<p>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.</p> <p>DH: Are we mandated to have a meeting once a month? We are not signing laws; we are writing letters based on community input. Zoom allows more participation. CG: Would agencies be able to come back and indicate the letters were not approved at a physical meeting location. CY: At our in-person meetings, we can "reapprove" all motions made during virtual meetings. DH: Hybrid meeting: Not comfortable that those who make the effort to attend in person may not be heard as opposed to those attending virtually.</p>		
Determination of Meeting Format in light of termination of the CA State of Emergency		
<p>MSP: In an effort to be most inclusive with meeting participation, I move to uphold the motion from January 2023 to continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person meeting once every quarter. At in-person meetings, all motions made during virtual meetings will be repeated for formal approval. 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.</p>		<p>M: MJ S: CY</p>
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
<p>i. California Fire Releases Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for Public Comment. Public Comment Period Extended. 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 Public comment period has been extended to April 4, 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</p>		
C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
<p>i. Board of Supervisors Public Hearing for Regional Planning Tune Up Ordinance: March 14, 2023. The ordinance amends Title 22 to correct errors and to improve consistency and coherency. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting: https://bos.lacounty.gov/board-meeting-agendas/how-to-participate</p>		
<p>ii. Cannabis Equity Program Community Meeting: In-Person: Saturday, March 18, 2023, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM, Quartz Hill Library, 5040 West Avenue M-2, Quartz Hill, CA Virtual: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. To register, click HERE. Purpose is to help determine what an equitable cannabis industry in LA County looks like. Feedback from the session will inform final recommendations to the County's future Cannabis Equity Program and follows the release of the County's Cannabis Equity Assessment. For more information about the Office of Cannabis Management, click HERE</p>		
<p>iii. Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: Continued to June 14, 2023, 9:00 AM, 320 West Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Online. Visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc and select hearing date for more information. Project No. PRJ2020-002395 / Advance</p>		

<p>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 https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/cwpo-documents/ Submit comments via email at safety@planning.lacounty.gov</p> <p>MJ to request Staff attend the April or May meeting to disclose how the ordinance will affect our community.</p>		
D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. 36240 Anthony Road, ground mount PV solar installation		
b. APN: 3213008043, request for final map for Tract No. 50385-02-ENFL2022000403 (Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385 – RTG Investments, LLC		
c. 9857 Sierra Highway, 330 sq ft two bedroom addition to existing SFR		
d. APN: 3213006017, vicinity Johnnie Dr/Unity Ave, DHP well		
e. 34012 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, attached garage addition to existing SFR		
f. 35055 Caprock Rd, new swimming pool/spa/cabana/patio cover and storage		
g. 3212013059, need zoning verification letter for a loan for a land purchase		
h. 11180 Lewis Hill Dr, new 15 x 30 pool and 7' spa		
i. 11735 Laramie Way, ground mount solar PV installation		
17. Open Forum: Josie Gutierrez from Public Works: Sierra Highway-Davenport to Center Street road maintenance will begin in Mid April. Agua Dulce Canyon Rd from Escondido Canyon Rd to Castlehaven will begin in May. Agua Dulce Canyon Rd from Soledad Canyon Rd to Burke Rd will take place in June. CG: what is the process for turning a private road into a county maintained road? 2 ways: County Improvement District (assessments to property owners) or a private engineer specs and physically bringing the road to County standards. Cindy Grimes: request a street name sign of private road be replaced with corrected "Private Street." Carlo Basail: Santa Clara River March 15 th tour		
18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
19. New Business:		
20. Committee Reports:		
A. CHP Community Advisory Committee Meeting: Candy Clemente Remove from future agendas for now		
B. Bylaws Revision Committee: Inactive		
C. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Absent		
D. Film: Candy Clemente: 5 shoots		
E. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
F. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Snow and rain will help our water table. Will dig into SB 552		
G. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
H. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Working with Maria Grycan to get Agua Dulce CERT supplies to Agua Dulce.		
I. Other:		
21. 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: March Cat Adoption promotion: Adoption fees will be reduced to \$14 for all cats. (Fee includes adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed) Dog Adoption Promotion: March 25-26: Adoption fees will be reduced to \$14 for all dogs. (Fee includes adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed)		
C. Rye Canyon Rd construction on I-5: Monday, Mar 6 and Tuesday Mar 7 if needed from 7 PM 5 AM full closure. Intermittent		

lane closures March 6-12 from 7 AM to 4 PM and 7 PM to 5 AM as needed.		
D. Association of Rural Town Council: March 29, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
E. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: TBD: Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events."		
F. Next regular ADTC meeting: April 12, 2023 Format Virtual via Zoom. Links will be posted on the ADTC website: www.adtowncouncil.com		
22. Future Agenda Items: April: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project Regional Planning: Residential Design Standards Ordinance, Wildfire Protection Ordinance, Water Conservation Ordinance, and any info on LA County regulations relating to SB 552 and rural communities and domestic well owners.		
23. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:54 PM	M: SK S: KS	7-0-0

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, 2023 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: April 12, 2023

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