

## AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 10, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

In an effort to allow the most inclusive participation, this meeting will be held virtually.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632709341?pwd=ZHQxcDkxeHUwalZoYmVsQzJCZYIyQT09>  
**Meeting ID: 896 3270 9341 \* Passcode: 811258 \* 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 6:45 PM), Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG), Scott Keller (SK)

**Council Members Absent:**

**Community Members:** About 25 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 6:31 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, CC, CG, SK, MJ Absent: KS (arrived at 6:45 PM) Quorum established		
<b>3. MSP: Move Approve Agenda as Submitted</b>	<b>M: MJ S: CG</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>
<b>4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023 as submitted</b>	<b>M: CY S: SK</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. To Supervisor Barger regarding Unpermitted Grading Outside of Approved Map Area of Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385 sent April 18, 2023		
b. To Supervisor Barger requesting Clarification of Bonds related to Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 16.A, B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. 501(c)4 Tax Documents electronically filed and sent May 9, 2023		
ii. Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY. MJ to compose letter with copy of minutes with new officers with copies of Driver's Licenses for MJ and DH and will deliver to DH business. CY can take documents to bank and see if the documents and CY's signature added to approved signers will suffice.		
iii. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$ 2,776.17.		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$ 14,000.42		
b. State Farm Insurance Policy Premium: \$ 249.96		
c. Ending Balance: \$ 13,750.46		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$ 16,526.63		
iv. Union Bank merging with US Bank		

D. Association of Rural Town Councils: April 26, 2023: Climate Action Plan, Re-circulated Draft EIR, ARTC Election 2023, General Plan Implementation Council, Livestock Pass Program		
E. Other:		
<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 SK		
7. 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.		
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. April stats: 0 Part 1 crimes, 2 Property crimes. 114 calls for service. CY: Brown bear in Sleepy Valley. Fish & Game has been involved. Deputy Martinez indicated that there is no interagency communication.		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Delgado: <a href="mailto:cdelgado@chp.ca.gov">cdelgado@chp.ca.gov</a> April stats: 271 citations, 1 DUI arrest, 1 DUI misdemeanor hit & run, 20 arrests. Collisions: 1 non-injury, 2 hit & runs. DH: collision on Escondido Canyon and Freeway; no information available.		
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> April stats: 38 responses: 28 ems, 10 good intent. No fires.		
i. Zonehaven: Sent names to Council, ADTC was fine with area names. MG will let us know when it goes live.		
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 on May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day observance. Summer reading program starts June 11, 2023.		
E. Other:		
9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: <a href="mailto:SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov">SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov</a> Small business grants available. Sup Barger is in Washington DC participating in the National group dealing with Mental Health & Homelessness. Current Federal policies allow for funding of only 16 beds in any given unit which doesn't allow for adequate funding. DH: Livestock Pass program: will LA County have this program? SE will research and report back. Supervisor Barger has suggested that SE facilitate a meeting with Public Works, Regional Planning to discuss the on-going issues with the RTG project with CY, DH, and MJ for meaningful conversation.		
A. Tree, branch, and green waste debris from snowstorms-Public Works facilitating rolloff to be placed at Vasquez Rocks: No issues, community is thankful for this service.		
B. CY: Sierra Highway resurfacing: Concerns about the length of one-way traffic and extended waiting times. Josie Gutierrez: Road maintenance staff to contact CY for follow up questions.		
C. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley Yosh Morisaku: County Counsel has filed civil complaint, property owners have been served. Waiting for court date to request a preliminary injunction. Fire Dept has photo documents of the tank being removed from the property.		
D. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system.		
E. Current ongoing issues: Regional Planning-Residential Design Standards Ordinance, Wildfire Protection Ordinance, Water Conservation Ordinance. Public Works-GDDs. LA County response to SB 552. DH: Is there some explanation on the need for Regional Planning to approve water wells and then a second approval to test the well? SE will research and report back.		
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: Brandon Roque: <a href="mailto:Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov">Brandon.Roque@sen.ca.gov</a> Absent		
<b>SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic 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>		

A.	Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: May 18, 2023, 1PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd		
B.	Water Talks Education Series: Upper Santa Clara River		
i.	Report on Private Well & Septic System Operation & Maintenance Community Workshop, May 6, 2023. This type of program will be repeated this summer virtually and available to review online.		
ii.	Upcoming Events: Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant to see how imported water from State Water Project aqueduct is treated and managed, May 13, 2023, 10 AM to 11:30 AM, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita (Central Park) Watershed Health Site Tour at TreePeople's San Francisquito Restoration Site, Saturday May 27th 9:30am -11:30am, 32300 San Francisquito Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91390.		
iii.	Flooding issues in Acton analysis presentation at Acton Town Council meeting, May 1, 2023: Good feedback from community moving forward.		
	14. Presentations/Discussions:		
	15. Old Business:		
A.	<b>RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385:</b> Chris Yewdall (see attachment)		
i.	Letter sent to Supervisor Barger regarding Unpermitted Grading Outside of Approved Map Area of Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385 sent April 18, 2023 and any response received: Yosh Morisaku: Weekly inspections, contact with contractor's new foreman, moving materials off easements and parcel that is not part of the project. No specific timeline, but there will be continuing monitoring and communication.		
ii.	Letter to Supervisor Barger requesting Clarification of Bonds related to Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385 and any response received.		
iii.	Follow up with Traveler's Insurance to determine the existence and validity of bonds.		
iv.	<b>Determination on next steps and actions required.</b> Supervisor Barger has suggested that SE facilitate a meeting with Public Works, Regional Planning to discuss the on-going issues with the RTG project with CY, DH, and MJ for meaningful conversation. MJ suggested an in-person meeting at SE office location. SE will facilitate time and date.		
v.	Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: <a href="mailto:adneighbors2021@gmail.com">adneighbors2021@gmail.com</a> Facebook group has had influx of questionable requests to join private group. At this point, unless there is an initiation from a known entity, or a personal reference, random requests will not be granted.		
	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 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. MJ indicated that Supervisor Barger gave a generous \$5,000 grant for audio visual equipment for hybrid community meetings. Hoping the equipment will be in place for a test for a hybrid meeting for our June meeting.		
ii.	<b>Public Works Road Maintenance:</b>		
a.	Sierra Highway (Davenport to Center St) 4/10/23-5/14/23		
b.	Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Escondido Canyon Rd to Castlehaven) Summer 2023 Rosie Heffley indicated that the Agua Dulce Fair and Parade is September 16, 2023 and is requesting that there is no road construction in Agua Dulce during that timeframe. Josie Gutierrez of Public Works will follow up with that request.		
c.	Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Soledad Canyon Rd to Burke Rd) Summer 2023		
d.	Escondido Canyon Rd (SR-14 to Syracuse Ave) Summer 2023		
e.	Sierra Highway (Center St to Agua Dulce Canyon Rd) Fall 2023		
iii.	<b>SB 552 Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities</b>		

B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
<p>i. <b>LA County Revised Draft 2045 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Recirculated DEIR</b> is available for public review. The CAP is LA County's path toward achieving carbon neutrality for the unincorporated areas. Comments must be submitted by May 15, 2023 by 5 PM. Send comments by USPS to LA County, Dept of Regional Planning, Attn, Thuy Hua, 320 W. Temple St, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or by email to <a href="mailto:climate@planning.lacounty.gov">climate@planning.lacounty.gov</a> For details and documents, go to <a href="https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/los-angeles-county-cap/">https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/los-angeles-county-cap/</a> Please note there are 2 separate documents: 1) Recirculated DEIR of 2045 Climate Action Plan, and 2) Revised Draft 2045 Climate Action Plan. Separate comment letters are requested.</p> <p><b>MSP: Move to send a comment letter if there are areas that directly affect our community (all electric, no natural gas, no propane, regular PSPS events)</b></p>	M: MJ S: CG	7-0-0
C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
<p>i. <b>Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance-Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: Continued to June 14, 2023</b>, 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>		
D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. 34012 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, new 980 SF attached garage addition to existing SFR		
b. 9726 Escondido Canyon Rd, new 1200 SF detached ADU		
c. 7816 Lupine Rd, ground mount solar		
d. 33319 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, site plan review, business license referral		
e. 14153 W Ponte Corvo Rd, old case on corrections from RPAP2020004762		
f. APN: 3214013016, parcel map issue, pre-application counseling required		
g. APN: 3213009001, new SFR and ADU		
h. 9805 Sweetwater Drive, convert unpermitted structure to ADU. Other unpermitted structures to be legalized under a separate case		
i. APN: 3213019019, DPH referral for new water well for vacant land		
j. 36240 Anthony Rd, ground mount solar		
17. Open Forum: Rosie Heffley: Election Committee will be gearing up in the next couple of months. Council members whose terms expire are DH, CY, and SK. Agua Dulce Country Fair and Parade is scheduled for September 16, 2023		
18. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter:		
19. New Business:		
20. Committee Reports:		
A. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: see Item 17. Open Forum		
B. Film: Candy Clemente 12 shoots		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson Nothing to report		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry:		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Community concern about vendors popping up at popular road intersections. Traffic and safety concerns. SE: Public Health, SE will follow up with regulations.		
F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Update on CERT supplies and classes. AV CERT has confirmed they will		

<p>relocate 2 crates of supplies to the Agua Dulce Women's Club. Waiting for confirmation on date of actual delivery. Attended a SCE Wildfire Planning Seminar and indicated their notification system didn't work back in June of 2022. CY received a follow up call from Rochelle Silsbee. CY will forward our letter to her.</p> <p>June 22, 2023-The Agua Dulce Women's Club will have a presentation by LA County Public Health on Fentanyl Awareness and Hands Only CPR, 7:00 PM at Agua Dulce Women's Clubhouse.</p> <p>SE: May 31, 2023, State of The County Address at Hyatt Valencia.</p>		
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. Animal Care & Control: May Flowers Cat adoption promotion: Adoption fees will be reduced to \$15 for all cats. (Fee includes adoption, microchip, vaccinations, and spay/neuter if needed)		
C. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: May 18, 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."		
D. Association of Rural Town Council: May 31, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
E. FREE Mattress Recycling: 9 AM to 2 PM: June 10, 2023, PW Yard #557, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale; June 17, 2023, PW Yard #551, 4859 West Ave L 12, Quartz Hill		
F. <b>Next regular ADTC meeting: June 14, 2023 Format will be in person at Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce</b>		
22. Future Agenda Items: June: Recognition and Appreciation Certificates to be distributed to outgoing Council members: Lou Vince, Ed Porter, Troy Fosberg. SE will attend in person Future: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD and SB 552		
<b>23. MSP: Move to adjourn at 8:27 PM</b>	<b>M: CY S: SK</b>	<b>7-0-0</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary

APPROVED: June 14, 2023

Attachment: 5-10-23 Agua Dulce Residential Project Power Point