

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

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

In Person Location: Agua Dulce Women’s Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87932241028?pwd=dnNhNnJFQk9tejZrTnBWdExDdWNydz09>

Meeting ID: 879 3224 1028 * Passcode: 272947 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Treasurer-Chris Yewdall (CY) (departed at 8:30 PM), Clerk-Kathryn Segura (KS), Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 17 (on line), 9 (in person) (6 council) for a total of 32 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:30 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, KS, CC, CG, MJ Absent: SK 6 of 7 members present, quorum established		
3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda noting the draft Minutes are from May 10, 2023	M: MJ S: KS	6-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023	M: CY S: KS	6-0-0
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Hybrid Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 16.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Minimum acreage for land subdivision: referred to Agua Dulce Community Standards District link		
b. Commercial Concert Venue: referred to Zoning Enforcement and Palmdale Sheriff		
c. Planning and Building buying land in Agua Dulce: referred to Regional Planning		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. MJ Was not able to submit comments on Climate Action Plan by the deadline		
ii. MJ attended Canyon Coyotes 4-H Leadership Appreciation Dinner and presented retiring Club leader, Shirley Byrne a Certificate of Recognition & Appreciation from the ADTC for her 36 years of service.		
iii. Union Bank merge with US Bank—glitch with Business Accounts		
iv. Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer’s Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: \$ 2,776.17.		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: \$ 13,750.46		
b. CA Dept of Justice-Registry of Charitable Trusts Annual fee: \$ 25.00		
c. Ending Balance: \$ 13,725.46		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$ 16,501.63		

iv.	Union Bank merging with US Bank		
v.	Union Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY. No action		
vi.	Expenses going forward: Host Papa Website Domain Renewal, Country Fair Parade Entry MSP: Move to participate in the AD Country Fair Parade and approve the non-profit entry fee (usually \$25)	M: MJ S: CY	6-0-0
D.	Association of Rural Town Councils: May 31, 2023: LA County Water Plan, Pearblossom Town Council Joshua Tree Protection, ARTC Election 2023, General Plan Implementation Council, Livestock Pass Program, Metro Transportation Complex		
E.	Other:		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM:			
6.	Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CY		
7.	President: Hybrid Meeting Format: First attempt at Hybrid – 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.		
8.	Recognition and Appreciation of recently retired Council Members by 5 th District Deputy, Stephanie English: Lou Vince, Ed Porter, Troy Fosberg: SE presented scrolls of appreciation to Ed Porter and Lou Vince indicating the Supervisor’s recognition of the important work of Town Councils. Ed Porter thanked the Council for magnifying the voice of the community and preserving our lifestyle.		
9.	Agency Reports		
A.	Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. May 2023 stats: 0 Part 1 crimes, 1 Property crime (petty theft). 146 calls for service. Homeless encampments on Sierra Highway across from Sierra Motel-dry camping, they have been given homeless resources, but don’t care to use those services. Property owners must give Sheriff authority to give citations for trespassing.		
B.	California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Glauser: gglauter@chp.ca.gov Officer Delgado: cdelgado@chp.ca.gov Chain installation at Freeway on-ramps-thinks Caltrans installed as snow gates to close during heavy snow events. May stats from Officer Allen: 68 citations, 4 arrests (2 drug possession, 1 dui, 1 public intoxication). Large CHP presence during Memorial Day weekend.		
C.	Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov Absent: Division 3, Acting Chief Pat Sprengel: May 2023 stats: 38 reports: 1 fire (outside storage/chicken coop), 1 hazardous condition, 29 EMS, 1 service call, and 6 good intent. Safety tip of the month: All fireworks are illegal. Fire Dept will respond to illegal firework incidents. Homeless encampments are monitored by local fire station for brush clearance issues. For homeless issues, FD works with Sheriff. Contact Maria, the community service rep. Inspections in the area are nearly complete. Compliance notices will be sent shortly. If you are noncompliant, you probably already received notice.		
D.	Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. For details and to register, go to: https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/ Summer reading program started June 1, 2023. Closures: June 19 for Juneteenth and July 4 for Independence Day.		
E.	Other:		
10.	Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESSs) June 6, 2023, motion by Supervisor Barger report back in 45 days-Regional Planning, Fire Dept, Public Works, and more for best practices for permitting BESSs. Report to include details of projects already approved, details of pending applications, recommendations to avoid overconcentration of BESS projects, and review of other jurisdictions and their permitting requirements. CARE Court (Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment Court) launches December 1, 2023. CARE Court will allow family members, behavioral health providers and medical professionals, among others, to petition a judge to order an evaluation and, if warranted, a treatment plan that might include medication and housing. BOS Motion to recruit and hire new employees to support the program. Identify potential properties and facilities needed to support, referral system, peer support program. Participants can still deny treatment. CY indicated that Gary Hebdon of Acton Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club had to jump thru many difficult steps to get approval for his event at the		

Acton Park. SE most departments are understaffed and overworked.		
A. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley. Yosh Morisaku, Public Works-Building and Safety: County Counsel has indicated the defendants have retained legal counsel. The court date is July 7, 2023 to deal with on-going violations from Fire, Regional Planning, and Building and Safety. County Counsel has intent to fire a preliminary injunction, but will wait and hear from defendants legal counsel. Tanks are still closed down.		
B. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system. Homeowner has hired a contractor to repair and replace OWTS. Contractor to submit plans for approval. Making progress.		
C. Well Permitting: Purpose of Regional Planning Approvals and Permits		
D. Livestock Pass Program		
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.		
11. CA 34 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov 661-267-7636: Absent		
12. 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?		
13. US 27 th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov Absent		
14. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Upcoming community education events: June 22 6:30-8pm; Climate Change - Impacts and Opportunities for Open Space Watershed health (Final WaterTalks Community Event) https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMpceippzwiGdZSbLWlUkzNtmICXr6bfIF0#/registration Save the dates: July 19 - 6-8pm - Private Well Maintenance Training webinar (Save the Date) and July 20 - 6-8pm - Private Septic System Maintenance Training webinar (Save the Date) On line version from the May workshop held at the library.		
A. No meeting in June. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: July 20, 2023, 1PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd. Review of the Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan		
B. MJ is looking for alternate to serve on the committee: Looking for volunteer to serve as her alternate.		
15. Presentations/Discussions:		
16. Old Business:		
A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall		
i. Report back on in person meeting with SE, Anish Saraiya, Art Vander Vis of Public Works and Regional Planning staffer and DH, CY, MJ and Cindy Grimes from the community. Purpose of meeting was for the County to understand the community concerns and how to address those concerns. Key issues: Why are some aspects of planning documents being disregarded? Mr. Vander Vis explained the County perspective is that once a map gets recorded, all those approvals in the planning process are set in stone according to the CA Subdivision Map Act. On this point, we agreed to disagree. Bonds: Amounts and validity of bonds is still in questions. Permits: Grading permit for phase 1 is issued. According to Mr. Vander Vis, no permits for the water, road, or storm drain infrastructure would be issued until there are new multiple agreement bonds in place. MJ indicated that the County would be doing additional monitoring of grading and random inspections. CY indicated that the 20" main coming into the project has been chlorinated and filled to the boundary of the property.		
ii. Determination on next steps and actions required. MSP: Move to send letter to County officials in attendance of the meeting seeking confirmation of discussion topics and to confirm that no permits for water, road, and storm drain infrastructure will be issued until multiple agreement bonds for those projects are in place.	M: CC S: KS	6-0-0
iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com Group is in a holding pattern right now. Dealing with water board issues. Facebook group is a private group. There have been requests		

from a large number of new potential members that can't be verified with legit profiles. New members will only be admitted if there is a current member that recommends a new member be added.		
17. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. 2023 ADTC Meeting Format:		
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. Input from Cindy Grimes: audio from audience is hard to pick up and it's not clear who is speaking. Audience members wishing to speak need to go to podium to get audio picked up on microphone. CY acknowledged efforts of MJ in getting equipment for hybrid meeting.		
ii. Formal Approval of Actions Taken at April and May Virtual Meetings MSP: Move to approve all previously motions made at virtual meetings in April and May of 2023. Those actual motions are listed below.	M: MJ S: KS	6-0-0
a. MSP: Move to send letter to Supervisor Barger regarding construction activity outside of recorded maps approved in 1994 and 2007 related to Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385		
b. MSP: Move to send letter to Supervisor Barger seeking clarification and validity of bonds related to Agua Dulce Residential Project 50385		
c. MSP: Move to send a comment letter related to the Revised Draft 2045 Climate Action Plan if there are areas that directly affect our community if time permits		
iii. Public Works Road Maintenance:		
a. Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Escondido Canyon Rd to Castlehaven) Summer 2023		
b. Agua Dulce Canyon Rd (Soledad Canyon Rd to Burke Rd) Summer 2023		
c. Escondido Canyon Rd (SR-14 to Syracuse Ave) Summer 2023		
d. Sierra Highway (Center St to Agua Dulce Canyon Rd) Fall 2023		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
i. 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 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 Jackie Ayer reported that this was approved with 5th District Commissioner Hastings opposing.		
D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. 11426 Sierra Highway, DACC referral for an existing dog training facility in A-2 zone		
b. 31650 Spring Canyon Rd, removal of existing wireless communication facility		
c. APN: 3216019010, Zoning Conformance Review for Tract 50385 to ensure compliance with Finding No. 17 of Conditions of Approval		
d. 34155 Castlehaven Rd, new detached ADU, swimming pool, storage & equestrian arena and horse stalls		
e. 34714 Sweetwater Dr, ground mount solar		

f. 33319 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, re-zoning a commercial office space into a small café		
g. 33106 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, ground mount solar		
h. 34012 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, new 980 SF attached garage addition to existing SFR		
i. APN: 3212005024, new water well construction		
18. Open Forum: None		
19. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent		
20. New Business:		
A. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and any action In an effort fast track and achieve the California ambitious green energy goals, CA State legislature and Governor Newsome has enacted new regulations superseding local jurisdictions for approval of utility scale BESSs. There are a number of proposed projects in Acton and possibly a project within Agua Dulce. Jackie Ayer explained that getting any information on the projects is difficult and cumbersome. Acton TC is writing to Assemblyman Lackey, Senator Wilk, and Congressman Garcia. MSP: Move to collaborate and support the Acton Town Council opposing BESSs.	M: MJ S: CC	5-0-0 (CY left at 8:30 PM)
21. Committee Reports:		
A. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Absent		
B. Film: Candy Clemente: 13 shoots		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: well water levels appear to be rising		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent		
F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Update on CERT supplies and classes. Gary Hebdon: Committee was formed about 15 years ago with the emphasis on providing a set of resources that resulted in the production of an Emergency Hand Book. The handbook needs to be reviewed for accuracy and updates. They no longer maintain a website, but continue to post updates on the Acton Agua Dulce Emergency and Community Watch. After that handbook was created, the committee shifted focus to training and awareness and resulted in the formation of the Acton-Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club. They help to educate residents to get their HAM radio license, hold contests, explain how to build antennas, and more. National Field Day, June 24, 2023, at Acton Park. See info at Agenda Item 22.C. GH will work on updating handbook; once updated, the Handbook can be posted on the ADTC website. Deputy Martinez: Search & Rescue looking for new recruits, if anyone from Disaster Planning wants to be part of it, contact Deputy Martinez.		
G. Other:		
22. Announcements		
A. Red Cross Blood Drive: June 21, 2023, 10 AM to 4 PM, Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd		
B. Fentanyl Awareness and Hands Only CPR: June 22, 2023, 7 PM, Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd		
C. FREE Mattress Recycling: 9 AM to 2 PM: June 17, 2023, PW Yard #551, 4859 West Ave L 12, Quartz Hill		
D. Acton Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club Field Day: June 24, 2023, 11 AM to 10 PM, Acton Park Pavilion, 3751 Syracuse Avenue, Acton, CA		
E. 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		
F. Association of Rural Town Council: June 28, 2023, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
G. Next regular ADTC meeting: July 12, 2023 Format will be virtual via Zoom		
H. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: July 20, 2023, 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita. Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events."		

I. Summer Beach Bus to Santa Monica Beach: visit www.LAGoBus.com		
23. Future Agenda Items: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD, SB 552		
24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:10 AM	M: CG S: KS	5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2023
Approved: July 12, 2023

APPROVED