

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, July 9, 2025 APPROVED Minutes

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

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Meeting ID: 848 7026 9225 * Passcode: 102466 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128

Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Clerk-Kathryn Segura (KS), Cliff Grimes (CG),

Council Members Absent: Treasurer-Chris Yewdall (CY), Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 22 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:44 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, KS, CG, MJ Absent: CY, SK 4 out of 6 members, a quorum is established		
3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as Submitted	M: MJ S: KS	4-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 11, 2025 as submitted	M: CG S: MJ	4-0-0
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Virtual Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 18.B., C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Realtor Business Projects wanted to address Council; responded they could speak during Open Forum portion of meeting		
b. Meadowlark School Parent Support wanted to address Council; responded they could speak during Open Forum portion of meeting		
B. Secretary Report: HostPapa web hosting renewal and domain renewal: MJ confirmed that web hosting will be \$131.88 for a 2-year renewal (50% discount) It appears that domain renewal will increase by \$1 to \$23.99		
C. Treasurer's Report: No Change from June 2025		
i. Election Committee Account:		
a. Balance: \$3,126.17		
ii. General Account:		
a. Balance: \$11,617.50		
iii. Combined Account Balance: \$14,743.67		
iv. US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for MJ and CY		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: June 25, 2025: Housing Ordinance Update, DarkSky LA County, Renewable Energy Ordinance		
E. Other:		
i. Formally cancel August meeting for Summer Break		
ii. Determine participation in the Agua Dulce Parade, Saturday, September 20, 2025. Scott Keller will provide truck		

for transportation and MJ will coordinate parade participation and fair entry passes for Council members and their spouses.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM: Open to Public		
6. Call to order by DH at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by CG		
7. President: Virtual 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 general chat or direct message to co-host Cindy Grimes.		
8. Agency Reports		
A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: eamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. June 2025 stats reported. Clarification that unmarked vehicles seen in the community were Sheriff's detectives conducting follow-up investigations, not ICE agents.		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Allen: DAllen@chp.ca.gov June 2025 stats reported, noting lower numbers due to resource allocation to downtown LA activity.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov June 2025 responses were reported. 2 fires: 1 trash fire, 1 vehicle fire. Plans for a fall CERT class in late Sept, early Oct. Will follow up with Anne Marenco.		
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/ Blood drive July 10. Closure on Monday, September 1, 2025 for Labor Day.		
E. Dept of Public Works: Josie Gutierrez: JGutierr@dpw.lacounty.gov (626) 458-7135		
i. Rural Roadway Safety Plan Feedback Form available at: https://lacounty.pw.rrsp Provide feedback before August 31, 2025		
ii. DPW Traffic Investigations Group		
a. Multi way stop control for Agua Dulce Canyon Rd and Davenport Rd- DPW recommends and is requesting funding		
b. Speed on Escondido Canyon between Agua Dulce Canyon and Tyndall: still working on completing study.		
c. Free Mattress recycling-see details agenda item 22. B.		
iii. Sierra Highway Resurfacing Project postponed until Summer 2026		
F. LA County Parks-Vasquez Rocks: Park Superintendent Sarah Brewer sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov (661) 268-0840 Cell: (626) 696-6805: Absent Announcement of upcoming programs and activities. Celebration of Western Songs: July 13, 2025, 5:30 PM – 8 PM. See website for details: https://parks.lacounty.gov/vasquez-rocks-natural-area-and-nature-center/		
G. Other:		
9. Fifth District Report: Isabell Yaralian: IYaralian@bos.lacounty.gov (661) 287-3657		
A. Update: 5 th District coordinated a meeting with Parks staff, equestrians, and ADTC Parks & Trails Chair, MJ, in light of community concerns at Vasquez Rocks. Productive discussions and improved communication and changes are being implemented. MJ expressed appreciation from the 5 th district staff and is optimistic about finding common ground. Proposed concert venue at 12120 Sierra Highway with up to 24,000 participants in a pre-application is not yet approved an lacks community support.		
10. CA 34 th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: 661-267-7636 Anna Zarley Anna.Zarley@asm.ca.gov Absent		
11. CA 23 rd Senate District: Senator Suzette Martinez Valladares: (661) 257-1204 Thomas Moreno: Reported on proposed bills and State budget.		
12. US 27 th Congressional District: George Whitesides: Shannon Hurst, Field Representative, Shannon.Hurst@mail.house.gov (661) 477-6012, Maria Unzueta, District Director, Maria.Unzueta@mail.house.gov (661) 568-4855 Reported on proposed bills addressing heat risks, the Congressional App Challenge, and Service Academy applications.		

13. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Heather Turpin hturpin@treepeople.org 818-522-9738 Absent		
A. Hauled Water Reimbursement: Rural Water Supply Reliability Program Round 2. Deadline to apply is June 27, 2025 for hauled water relief from 10/2023 thru 9/2024. To apply, go to: https://forms.gle/NEunv3VLy8R9qBrb6		
B. At June meeting, Committee approved Tree People to continue to serve as our Watershed Coordinator.		
C. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: July 17, 2025, 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd. For more information, visit: https://safecleanwaterla.org/watersheds/santa-clara-river/ Links and details can be found on agenda at https://safecleanwaterla.org/santa-clara-river-watershed-area/ under "Meetings and Events."		
D. SB 552: Small, At-Risk Task Force Working Group for LA County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to achieve meaningful and long-term improvements in water resilience. MJ included as a representative of domestic well owners. CY invited as a small water system representative.		
14. Waste Management: Kwinicy Little: klittle@wm.com 661-902-1993 Announced the monthly collection of household hazardous waste-See Agenda Item 22.A.		
15. Presentations/Discussions:		
16. New Business:		
17. Old Business:		
A. PSPS-SCE		
i. Collaboration with Acton Town Council, City of Santa Clarita, Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District		
B. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall: Absent		
i. General Update		
ii. Determination on next steps		
iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com Absent		
18. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. 2025 ADTC Meeting Format: In an effort to be most inclusive with community participation and effective communication, the Council will continue with virtual meetings and have an in-person/hybrid meeting twice a year. Virtual meetings will be January, February, March, May, June, July, October, November. The in-person/hybrid meetings will be April and September. Location of the In-Person meetings will be the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce. December will be In-Person ONLY. August is dark for Summer Break. Based on public participation, we may revisit and amend this schedule and format		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. Response from Kim Bosell regarding concerns at Vasquez Rocks received June 10, 2025		
a. Reply and Clarifications: Based on promising cooperation at the June 26 th meeting, while there are still some outstanding issues (actual boundary of ecological area designated in 1972 as National Registry of Historic Places, sign blight, enforcement), I am hopeful with additional community engagement most matters will be resolved. No need for response at this time		
C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:		
D. Regional Planning Hearing Officer Public Hearing for CUP to authorize construction, operation, and maintenance of a new wireless communications facility consisting of a 55-foot-tall faux water tank and appurtenant facilities for AT&T. Project Location: 33433 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA. DELAYED TO June 24, 2025-APPROVED Regional Planning Hearing Officer: June 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM, Hall of Records, 320 W Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Virtual (Online) at https://bit.ly/ZOOM-HQ . Hearing will consider a CUP to authorize construction, operation, and maintenance of a new wireless communications facility consisting of a 55-foot-tall faux water tank and appurtenant facilities for AT&T. Case Materials available at: https://bit.ly/PRJ2023-002552 Incoming		

Correspondence for Notice		
i. Housing Ordinance Update: Recent changes in State housing law requires that LA County update it local regulations. For details, go to: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/housing-ordinances-update/ Draft Ordinance Link: https://planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Housing-Ordinances-Update-Preliminary-Public-Review-Draft.pdf		
ii. Regional Planning Plans Filed:		
a. 9140 Soledad Canyon Rd, 30' x 50' metal agricultural building		
b. APN: 3216008004, vicinity of Baldur & Penman, certificate of compliance, grading for new SFR		
c. 33735 Sierra Vallejo Rd, new detached garage		
d. 33432 Steele St, Pre-application counseling for proposed new guest ranch, 29 new guest rooms, lodge, storage barn, wine tasting room, spa room, community pavilion, picnic pavilion, trailhead pavilion, bird watching blind, exterior meditation, relaxation pavilion, stargazing platform, nature blind, observation platform, outdoor music venue. infrastructure improvements to existing roads, domestic water, fire water, septic, solar power, reactivate existing landing strip.		
e. 11113 Darling Rd, proposed new temporary housing (4 units total) for residents displace by the Eaton Fire. Units are Park Model RVs, each 400 sq ft. equipped with a self-contained above grade wastewater storage tank and a potable water storage tank. A contract with a county licensed sewage pumping company will be provided. Concerns about “temporary housing”, clarification of timeframes, and environmental impacts. MJ to forward to Isabell for clarification.		
f. 34289 Rocking Horse Rd, Carousel Ranch, hosting 29 th annual Heart of the West fundraising event Saturday, August 23, 2025. Silent and Live auction, dinner, and demonstration by students on horseback		
g. 35333 Anthony Rd, new 1766 sq ft single family dwelling with 390 sq ft covered patio, 74 sq ft porch, and 765 sq ft garage		
h. 32910 Deerglen, new free standing pool cabana 30x37 with gable roof		
19. Open Forum: Fatemah Sartawi-commercial property for sale at 33301 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. Sweetwater Market and Maria Bonita's current leased property. 3 vacant properties.		
20. High Speed Rail: No report		
21. Committee Reports:		
A. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie lornaleslie@gmail.com Election Committee Recruitment: 2025 election details: 4 seats would be up for election. From now through November, LL will create outreach and awareness. Preliminary Timeline: July 9: Notice of Election, August 6: Nominations Open, Sept 20: Nominations Close, Nov 4: Election Day. Contact LL to join the Election Committee		
B. Film: Kathryn Segura: 7 production shoots		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson:		
i. Update on meeting with equestrian leaders and Parks staff: Thanks to Stephanie English and Isabell Yaralian of Supervisor Barger's office, Park Management Kevin Regan and Kim Bosell, and VR Park Superintendent, Sarah Brewer along with equestrians Karen Dagnan and Laurie Henry. Meeting had good open commination and many issues were discussed. While some issues will take additional engagement, I am hopeful that mutual compromises will result finding common ground.		
ii. Cindy Grimes expressed interest in being involved with discussions about the Darrell Readmond trail alignment. MJ clarified that the proposed alignment follows the proposed re-alignment of the Pacific Crest Trail off the main road for the safety of hikers and equestrian. This has been in the works for many years and unlikely to happen soon due to property acquisition challenges.		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Water hauling costs have increased significantly since 2008. \$300 to \$400 per load		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller: Absent		

F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Absent Weather Ballon Release and was able to track it's path.		
22. 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. FREE Mattress Collection, June 12, 2025, Public Works Yard #557, 38126 N Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA		
C. Association of Rural Town Councils: July 30, 2025, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
D. Next ADTC meeting September 10, 2025. (August Meeting is cancelled) Meeting will be Hybrid. In person meeting location: Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA. Zoom details and links can be found on the ADTC website at www.adtowncouncil.com		
23. Future Agenda Items: Discussion on realtor's request for a business presentation about a property for sale. Decision was made that such presentations should only be allowed when they involve community impact or require Council approval or input.		
24. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:01 PM	M: KS S. CG	4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2025 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: September 10, 2025