

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 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/89842524839?pwd=S3lzR2FHMXVZcGFmWVVLU2Y2RlV6QT09>

Meeting ID: 898 4252 4839 * Passcode: 156433 * 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), (Candy Clemente (CC), Cliff Grimes (CG), Scott Keller (SK)

Council Members Absent:

Community Members: About 14 community members in attendance in person, 23 community members in attendance virtually

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM:		
1. Call to order by DH at 6:36 PM		
2. Roll Call: DH, CY, KS, CC, CG, SK, MJ 7 of 7 members in attendance in person, quorum established		
3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: MJ S: KS	7-0-0
4. MSP: Move to Table Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 12, 2023	M: MJ S: CY	7-0-0
5. Council Reports:		
A. President Report		
i. General: Hybrid Meeting Format: Cindy Grimes, volunteer co-host of meeting		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
a. Email to Anish Saraiya, 5 th District Planning & Public Works Deputy regarding BOS Public Hearing for Residential Design Standards Ordinance with concerns with fencing and screening sent July 14, 2023		
b. Letter to Anish Saraiya, 5 th District Planning & Public Works Deputy requesting clarification on replacement bonds for RTG Project TT-50385-01 sent July 31, 2023		
c. Letter to Travelers Insurance related to questions about Gulf Insurance Bonds issued for RTG Project TT-50385-01		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 17.A. B, C., and D.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
a. Reply from Anish Saraiya, 5 th District Planning & Public Works Deputy confirming approval of Supervisor Barger's motion to exempt the Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley from the prohibition on chain link fencing within the Residential Design Standards Ordinance (see item 5.A.ii.a.)		
b. Purchasing land questions about inspection & easement. Referred to Regional Planning and suggested working with a local realtor.		
c. Short term rental questions. Referred to Treasurer & Tax Collector and STR FAQs.		
d. Business license questions. Referred to Regional Planning		
e. Illegal shooting on Briggs Rd. Suggested they continue to contact Palmdale Sheriff Station		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. Ordered replacement banners \$103.16		
ii. LA Economic Opportunity Grant (EOG) Program: Application is under review		

iii.	AV Equipment for Hybrid meeting-thanks for assistance		
iv.	Parade and Fair: Participation in Parade (\$25 entry), purchased 7 presale Fair tickets (\$56) SK will provide his truck for transportation. DH will be in his own entry. SK, MJ, CY, KS and CG will participate. ABC may cover the parade because of the toy drive and Spark of Love.		
v.	Website-HostPapa-Web hosting 2 year renewal \$131.88 due on 8/29/23 reflects 50% nonprofit discount.		
vi.	Clerk Duties-Need for revision		
C. Treasurer's Report:			
i.	Election Committee Account: \$ 2,776.17.		
ii.	General Account:		
	a. Beginning Balance: \$ 13,725.46		
	b. Expenses: Website Domain-\$21.99, Website Hosting-\$131.88, Banners-\$103.16, Parade Entry-\$25. Total Expenses: \$282.032		
	c. Ending Balance: \$13,443.43		
iii.	Combined Account Balance: \$ 16,219.61		
iv.	US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for DH, MJ, and CY		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: August 30, 2023: Climate Action Plan, ARTC Election Results 2023, LA County Water Plan, Joshua Tree Protection, Short Term Rentals, General Plan Implementation Council.			
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 SK		
7.	President: Hybrid 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 Cindy Grimes. Next meeting will be October 11, 2023 as a Virtual meeting via Zoom.		
8.	Agency Reports		
	A. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Martinez: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. August 2023 stats: 0 Part 1 Crimes, 19 property crimes (2 residential burglaries, balance is mostly storage yards on Davenport Rd) Assisted with iLEAD evacuation to Vasquez Rocks during recent fire.		
	B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Glauser: gglauser@chp.ca.gov Officer Delgado: cdelgado@chp.ca.gov August 2023 stats: 194 citations, 2 DUI arrests on Sierra Highway, 13 arrests on 14 Freeway. Collisions: 4 with injury, 3 with property damage. Recent 4 hour enforcement on Sierra Highway at LeChene resulted in 28 speeding violations and 7 vehicles impounded.		
	C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov August 2023 stats: Total responses 33. 2 fires (brush fire on freeway, brush fire (Baker Incident) at 32080 Avenida Donari-16 acres-welding), 23 EMS calls, 1 service call, 7 good intent calls. Assistant Chief Pat Sprengel fielded questions about response policies for fires. CY asked for assistance in moving the CERT container to the ADWC and list of supplies for CERT response. MG will facilitate and compile a list of supplies with priorities.		
i.	Evacuation Format: Genasys Protect (formerly Zonehaven) For details: https://protect.genasys.com/ Genasys Protect designed to keep residents informed about the status of a wildland fire threatening their community. Zone maps are updated in real time. Website: https://protect.genasys.com and app is available for download (Genasys Protect).		
ii.	CERT training for Fall 2023: CERT classes are starting at Agua Dulce Women's Club location. Tuesdays evenings 6 to 9 PM. 7 classes-October 10-December 5. No class on Halloween or week of Thanksgiving. Free classes learning to be self sufficient in the face of a disaster.		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Jim Wall: jwall@library.lacounty.gov Announcement of upcoming programs and			

<p>activities. For details and to register, go to: https://lacountylibrary.org/acton-agua-dulce-library/ Friends of Library book sale, Sept 16-17. September 23, 2023 Library Fest. Lots of activities. Closed October 9, 2023 for Indigenous Peoples Day.</p>		
<p>E. Other:</p>		
<p>9. Fifth District Report: Stephanie English: SEnglish@bos.lacounty.gov</p>		
<p>A. Report back from LA County Staff regarding illegal commercial trucking business at 13025 Sierra Highway in Sleepy Valley: Amir Bashar-Zoning Inspector: Fuel tank has been removed. Commercial trucks are no longer on the property. A few Zoning violations still exist, but working on resolutions. Yosh Morisaku ymorisaku@dpw.lacounty.gov from B&S reported owners have hire attorney and submitted info on unpermitted building and illegal grading. Working on resolutions.</p>		
<p>B. Report back from LA County Staff regarding Sleepy Valley Water Company and failed adjacent septic system. Tigran Khachatryan tkhachatryan@ph.lacounty.gov -Drinking Water reported that Sleepy Valley Water Company wells have acceptable nitrate levels. Adjacent failing septic system-working with homeowner to repair or replace system. Contact info: Environmental Health Land Use-626-430-5380, Drinking Water-626-430-5420. CY: Sleepy Valley Water company is looking into options. Previously homeowner had been directed to reach out to RCAC for a low interest loan to replace septic. RCAC has no record of receiving anything from homeowner. SVW Co is looking into paying to replace septic and then put lien on property. Working with Congressman Garcia on getting permit from Forest Service for placing a well within the boundary of the Angeles National Forest to move well location away from septic systems. Forest Service wants assurance that LA County will permit the well.</p>		
<p>C. Well Permitting: Purpose of Regional Planning Approvals and Permits: Tina Carlon ccarlon@planning.lacounty.gov (Regional Planning): Adding Regional Planning into the permit process assures the property will be in compliance with the proper use of the property. In the past, once a well was drilled, the property owner could put in an illegal cannabis farm or an rv encampment. The added layer assures if there is a residence approved, the permit goes right through. If there is no approved residence and the well is drilled for future development, then the owner is alerted to vegetation preservation, well access and the well permit is approved with notation that there is no approved residence. This was put in place to head off illegal uses. DH questioned issue related to well yield testing. TC indicated that if the well was permitted, RP signs off with no issues.</p>		
<p>D. Current ongoing issues: Wildfire Protection Ordinance, Water Conservation Ordinance. Public Works-GDDs. LA County response to SB 552. Cameron Robertson Regional Planner-Wildfire Protection Ordinance not approved by BOS yet.</p>		
<p>10. CA 34th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail: carlo.basail@asm.ca.gov 661-267-7636 Last week of legislative session-over 300 bills.</p>		
<p>A. CA 21st Senate District: Senator Scott Wilk: Jack Danielson: jack.danielson@sen.ca.gov Absent</p>		
<p>B. SB 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities: How does this affect private domestic well owners?</p>		
<p>11. US 27th Congressional District: Mike Garcia: Jackie Owens: Jacqueline.owens@mail.house.gov FIRE Act: Fire Information and Reaction Enhancement Act. Bipartisan support. Act would enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to develop technology that improves the prediction of wildfire intensification, the forecast of smoke dispersion, information dissemination and risk communication, and early detection of wildfires. Visited both Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff Stations to offer his support.</p>		
<p>A. Upcoming Mobile Office Hours: Agua Dulce: September 22, mobile office at Agua Dulce Women's Club from 3 PM to 6 PM. Jackie will be in attendance to offer help with any federal agencies.</p>		

<p>12. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Peter Massey petermassey@treepeople.org Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Working on flooding analysis in Acton. If anyone knows of actual flooding associated with Hurricane Hillary August 20, 2023, please contact Peter with location and details. Guarding Our Oaks workshops – (Information on the Golden Spotted Oak Borer) - Virtual Presentation Thurs Sept 21 7-8pm. Zoom ID 936 5323 5744, Passcode: Program - In person Presentation Thurs Sept 28, 4-5pm Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Road</p>		
<p>A. SB552 Workshop for Small Water Systems, September 26, 2023, 10 AM to 11:30 AM virtual Link: https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0uceyhpgigiGteNEVMqQ7yRfZ5K0Ds0mnyY</p>		
<p>B. Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: October 19, 2023, 1PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd</p>		
<p>13. Presentations/Discussions:</p>		
<p>A. Climate Action Plan Workshop: Cameron Robertson, Dept of Regional Planning. The Revised Draft 2045 CAP identifies strategies, measures, and actions to mitigate emissions from community activities, which may include some municipal operations. For details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/ See attached Power Point Presentation. CY: What are adjacent Counties doing regarding Climate Action? Are they more or less aggressive than what LA County is proposing? CR: Other jurisdictions are pursuing climate action plans. Most are fairly similar. LA county want to assure they meet the state requirements, but don't exceed standards that may lead to judicial challenges. Any impact changes based on additional EV on the road in LA County? CR: Data is from 2018. COVID may skew results because there were far fewer cars on the road during the pandemic. DH: Is there a cost/benefit analysis? CR: Cost/benefit analysis done on a regional level...not on a business or individual basis. SK: what is cost estimate? CR: Cost expectations have not been examined. Cameron will be back for the October 11, 2023 Agua Dulce Town Council Meeting to have community engagement to determine community priorities and conflict resolutions. CY: Consideration of housing density near transportation corridors but be sure to take into account our location within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and the availability and cost of insurance because of that. MJ: Be sure include elimination of natural gas and propane as power sources in light of our community that loses electric power during PSPS events. CG: Is part of the overall plan to include battery storage facilities?</p>		
<p>14. Old Business:</p>		
<p>A. RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385: Chris Yewdall: See attached Power Point Presentation</p>		
<p>i. General Update and Update of August 1, 2023 meeting with County agencies Expired contractor's license Dust mitigation Hours of operation Valley Sage Road condition Temporary Water connection Vendor non payment Site stoppages Estes easement 2022 grading letter of credit Phase 2 recording 2002 Bonds CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement</p>		
<p>ii. Reply from Public Works (Art Vander Vis) regarding clarification of replacement bonds (See item 5.A. ii.b.)</p>		
<p>iii. Reply from Travelers Insurance related to questions about Gulf Insurance Bonds issued for RTG Project TT-50385-01 (See item 5.A.ii.c.)</p>		

<p>iv. Determination on next steps and actions required. MSP: Move to write follow up letter to Travelers Insurance thanking them for taking the time to respond and confirming the extensions to the 2002 Multiple Agreements that the Council is aware of. MJ-should we schedule additional meetings with Public Works regarding this? And thanks to County staff for providing updates. DH-We have to remember that the developer has property rights.</p>	<p>M: CC S: SK</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>v. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com There needs to be an actionable offense in order to file a lawsuit.</p>		
<p>B. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESSs)</p>		
<p>i. Update: No update</p>		
<p>ii. Determination on next steps and actions required.</p>		
<p>15. President's Report</p>		
<p>A. General:</p>		
<p>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/hybrid meeting once every quarter. Those in-person/hybrid 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>ii. Formal Approval of Actions Taken at July Virtual Meeting</p>		
<p>a. No actions taken</p>		
<p>B. Incoming Correspondence for Action:</p>		
<p>i. Land Sea Air-Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Requirement: Action for Response MSP: Move to send standard reply indicating the ADTC will not initiate agendizing AD Airport</p>	<p>M: MJ S: KS</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>ii. Draft LA County Water Plan available for public review: To download the document, go to: https://lacountywaterplan.org/ The recording for the Public Information Session held on Wednesday, August 9 has been posted HERE. Please refer to the posted slides for the most current information. The deadline to submit comments has been extending to September 18, 2023. To provide comments, go to this link: https://forms.office.com/r/YxWWtn3G3Z Action? MSP: Move to have MJ review and submit comments that may benefit Agua Dulce if time permits</p>	<p>M: MJ S: CC</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>iii. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Update: To download the draft ordinance and the updated financial feasibility study, go to: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/inclusionary-housing/ This ordinance aims to facilitate the development of affordable housing units and mixed income housing projects. Submit comments to housing@planning.lacounty.gov by October 5, 2023 Action? No action</p>		
<p>C. Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:</p>		
<p>i. Short Term Rentals Ordinance-Board of Supervisors Public Hearing: September 19, 2023, 9:30 AM, Room 381B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Online. Visit https://bos.lacounty.gov/board-meeting-agendas/ for details on how to listen to the meeting and/or address the board. The proposed Ordinance regulates Short Term Rentals and aims to strike a balance between the economic benefits of STRs and potential impacts to housing, neighborhood character, and quality of life for residents. For FAQs: https://ttc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/FAQs-for-Online-Hosting-Platform-FINAL.pdf Submit comments via USPS to: Public Hearing Section at the above address. Action? No Action</p>		
<p>D. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:</p>		

<p>i. Public Works LED Streetlight Conversion Project: Both County owned streetlights and SCE owned streetlights will be converted to LED lighting and is scheduled to begin in Mid-September. All fixtures are full shielded by design and will comply with Dark Skies. For more information go to https://pw.lacounty.gov/tsm/proj/LED-Conversion/</p>		
<p>ii. Regional Planning Plans Filed:</p>		
<p>a. 33671 Sierra Vallejo Rd, Site plan review for SFR with attached 3 car garage/certificate of compliance</p>		
<p>b. 32521 Wagon Wheel Rd, new 422 sq ft master suite and bathroom, new 55 sq ft extension of dining area, new 239 sq ft outdoor trellis, interior remodel of kitchen and new powder rm</p>		
<p>c. APN: 3211004052, new SFR, certificate of compliance</p>		
<p>d. 33314 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Special Event Permit of Agua Dulce Country Fair</p>		
<p>e. 7816 Lupine Rd, ground mount solar</p>		
<p>f. APN: 3211001040, certificate of compliance/Homeless veteran housing, community standard waiver as necessary, 3-1200 sq ft structures for medical, legal, and food service, and 53 400 sq ft stand along ADUs: MJ to check with planner to get details and verify compliance with our CSD and access.</p>		
<p>g. 33314 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, tenant improvement for a retail space/grab and go coffee</p>		
<p>h. 31650 Spring Canyon Rd, Dish Wireless to collocate to existing WCF with a 45' monopole</p>		
<p>i. 35720 Buckhaven Rd, storage shed</p>		
<p>j. 33433 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, new AT&T WCF with a 55' antenna disguised as a water tank</p>		
<p>k. 9810 Bald Mountain Ct, new detached 4,000 sq ft steel storage building</p>		
<p>l. 33319 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, minor parking deviation for new café (Starship)</p>		
<p>m. 35023 Caprock Rd, revised application to change guest house to ADU</p>		
<p>n. 33906 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, ground mount solar</p>		
<p>o. 8300 Soledad Canyon, 1,043 sq ft addition to SFR</p>		
<p>p. 35464 Thomas Rd, 658 sq ft second story balcony with covered patio below</p>		
<p>16. Open Forum: None</p>		
<p>17. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter: Absent</p>		
<p>18. New Business:</p>		
<p>19. Committee Reports:</p>		
<p>A. Election Committee: Chair: Rosie Heffley: Absent, but sent Timeline to MJ</p>		
<p>i. Election Day: November 7, 2023. Polling place: Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd.</p>		
<p>ii. 3 seats are open for a 2-year term: Don Henry, Scott Keller, and Chris Yewdall. Declaration of intent to run by incumbents</p>		
<p>iii. Notice of Election, Candidate Application, Timeline, and Absentee Ballot Applications forms will be available on the ADTC Website shortly. Timeline: September 23rd deadline for candidate applications to be submitted. September 28th verification of candidates. October 8th determination of Election, October 24th last day for receipt of absentee ballot applications. November 7th Election day.</p>		
<p>iv. If candidates are unopposed or there is less than a full slate of candidates, an election will not be held and those candidates will be elected by acclamation</p>		
<p>B. Film: Candy Clemente: 11 shoots</p>		
<p>C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson:</p>		
<p>i. Parking restrictions on Escondido Canyon Rd near Vasquez Rocks in an effort to reduce potential vehicle and pedestrian conflicts. No parking signs installed. Parking prohibited on the North/West side of Escondido Canyon Rd. The other side adjacent to the park is open for parking.</p>		
<p>ii. Vasquez Rocks Annual Park Community Meeting, Friday, September 22, 2023, 6 PM to 7 PM, 10700 Escondido Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA 91390</p>		

iii. Nature Knowledge Nights, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 PM to 7 PM, thru October 31, 2023		
iv. Nature Center Discovery, Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Hurricane Hillary great for our wells		
E. Ways & Means: Scott Keller:		
F. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon/Chris Yewdall: Update on CERT supplies and classes. Requested assistance from Maria Grycan (LA County Fire rep) to get the CERT container moved to the Agua Dulce Women's Club location. For the upcoming CERT classes, the Acton-Agua Dulce Amateur Radio Club will be invited to present and explain how to get a HAM radio license.		
G. Other:		
20. 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. Association of Rural Town Council: September 27, 2023, 2023, 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
C. Next regular ADTC meeting: October 11, 2023. (Dark in August) Format will be virtual.		
D. FREE Disposal Day, October 14, 2023, 8 AM to 2 PM, Lancaster Landfill, 600 East Avenue F, Lancaster, CA 93535		
E. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: October 19, 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."		
21. Future Agenda Items:		
October: Regional Planning: Climate Action Plan Part 2, Zoe International Update and Future Plans: Sheriff and Fire spending a lot of resources at location. Deputy Martinez has a meeting scheduled with them on Friday		
Future: Public Works: Update on North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project-GDD, SB 552		
22. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:41 PM	M: SK S: KS	7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2023

Attachments: Los Angeles County 2045 CAP Power Point Presentation
9-13-23 Agua Dulce Residential Project Power Point Presentation

Approved: October 11, 2023