AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE PURPOSE and FOCUS—Updated September 2009

Charter/Bylaw Committee: (Special, Investigative) To review the Charter and Bylaws. The focus shall be on the good of the Agua Dulce community and the Council, and shall be with the intent of clarifying the Charter or Bylaws, or recommending the addition of an item previously overlooked by other Councils. If changes are deemed necessary or desirable, recommend appropriate language to the Council. Publicize and educate the community regarding Council authorized, proposed changes. If changes to the Charter are recommended and approved by the Council, work with the Election Committee to hold a community vote on the changes. This committee is to be reformed each year, at the direction of the Council, and disbanded when its tasks are completed.

Community Options Committee: (Investigative) "To research and present to the Town Council choices for the unincorporated community such as ours." (*Stated as proposed by the COC and adopted by the 1997/98 ADTC.*)

Community Standards Revisions Committee: (Investigative)

CSD INTENT AND PURPOSE: "Established to protect the secluded rural character of the community, to enhance the community's unique appeal, and to avoid the premature need for costly linear service systems such as sewers and water systems within the community. There have been a number of studies of Agua Dulce and its existing service systems. These studies have shown that, in 1983, 71% of the existing parcels were two acres in size or larger, and that increased densities might require expensive public sewage and water systems. The Santa Clarita Valley Area Wide General Plan contains policy which clearly defines standards for the future development of Agua Dulce."

CSD REVISIONS COMMITTEE: To review the existing Agua Dulce CSD; to determine whether it should be revised in order to strengthen it; if it should be revised, make recommendations to the Town Council regarding methods, specific areas and proposed language to be used; educate the Agua Dulce community on the process and content; draft a revised CSD for Town Council and community discussion and vote; assist the Council in the L.A. County approval process.

Election Committee: (Special, Independent, Action) As defined by the Agua Dulce Town Council Charter and Bylaws. This committee is to be reformed each years, at the direction of the Council and disbanded when its tasks are completed.

Film Committee: (Investigative) To be a liaison between the Agua Dulce community and those companies filming in Agua Dulce; to ensure that the views and complaints of community members are heard and acted upon; to watchdog the standards and policies dealing with filming done under a permit from the Entertainment Industry Development Corporation (EIDC) Beyond this scope, seek a Town Council decision or approval for a recommended action. (*Stated, in part, as adopted by the 1997/98 ADTC.*)

Land-Use Committee: (Investigative) To discover, research, provide documents and knowledge to the Council regarding land-use issues affecting the Agua Dulce community; update the Council, and the community as directed by the Council; recommend Council actions; when requested, represent the Council at public County hearings and present the Council's and community's point of view as directed by the Council.

Parks and Trails Committee: (Investigative) Determine community interest in public facilities such as parks, trails, youth center, library, etc.; research and report trails and parks issues; investigate both public and private grants available, and assist the Council as directed in applying for appropriate grants; liaison with appropriate organizations (i.e., PCT, Acton-Agua Dulce Trails Council); work with Land-Use Committee to insure protection of or provisions for trails, trailheads, and other public facilities; recommend actions to the Council.

Traffic & Safety Committee: (Investigative) To research and tabulate traffic & safety statistics; liaison with the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and other agencies as directed; pursue additional Sheriff and/or Fire Department protection, as deemed necessary by the Council; pursue revision of road designation by the County in the General Plan, if deemed necessary by the Council; recommend actions to the Council.

Water Stewardship Committee: (Investigative) To research and report on general and specific water issues, regulations, new technology, new research and laws pertaining to the groundwater, wells, septics, public water, and other applicable topics. Liaison with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Region) and State Water Resources Board, as well as appropriate departments in the County of Los Angeles.

Ways & Means Committee: (Action) To suggest means of raising funds for the Council; to organize and stage any special events approved by the Council for this purpose with the assistance of the Council, other committees and community members.

Disaster Planning Committee: (Investigative, Action) The purpose of the committee is to establish a working network of local area and county focal points from which residents can obtain information relative to disaster planning and disaster related events that occur in the surrounding community. In addition, the committee is responsible to create a comprehensive disaster plan document that will include critical information that can be used by area residents to help prepare and respond to emergencies that affect the Agua Dulce community. This document shall be reviewed annually to determine the need for any revisions.
The committee may call meetings to facilitate disaster preparedness training activities for the community and organize community events to enhance public awareness. The committee will inform the Agua Dulce Town Council in advance of planned community activities. Committee members shall determine the types of officers required for the Committee's purpose. Committee officers shall be elected by the committee members for a term of one year. Election of officers shall take place during the first regular committee meeting in January or if a committee office is vacant. The committee treasury shall follow the same requirements in the Bylaws as the Agua Dulce Town Council treasurer's duties, submit monthly reports to the Council, and prepare an annual financial report by December 31. The committee shall be financially self-sufficient and shall adhere to financial obligations contained in the Articles of Incorporation of The Agua Dulce Town Council.
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