Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 13, 2026 APPROVED Minutes

In an effort to allow the most inclusive participation, this meeting will be held in a **Virtual** setting
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82302722694?pwd=SiaijFr9cDBalrHinyD07nJpo1a2ba.1
Meeting ID: 823 0272 2694 * Passcode: 404672 * Dial in Number: 1 669 900 9128
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Council Members Present: President-Don Henry (DH), Secretary-Mary Johnson (MJ), Treasurer-Chris Yewdall (CY), Clerk-Kathryn Segura (KS), Cliff Grimes (CG)
Council Members Absent: Nate Frink (NF)
Community Members: About 24 community members and agency reps in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:30 PM: Open to Public		
1. Call to order by DH at: 6:32 PM		
2. Roll Call: Present: DH, CY, KS, CG, MJ Absent: NF 5 out of 6 Council members present, a quorum is established		
3. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	**M: MJ S: KS**	**5-0-0**
4. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 8, 2026 as submitted	**M: CG S: MJ**	**5-0-0**
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. Checking on Gardens of Paradise reopening with a new conditional use permit and additional concerns they are booking events. Replied the Council has not been notified of an attempt to reopen; the venue referenced is another illegal event venue called Hidden Gardens on Escondido Canyon Rd.		
b. Thanks from Joel Lava for meeting Council members at April meeting.		
c. Inquiry from landowner if any Council members new of anyone local getting a building permit with less than the required well yield.		
d. Agenda Request from Peace4Kids, a non-profit supporting foster youth, to solicit community input on their proposed Conditional Use Permit for nature retreat and summer camp at 7707 Tosha Trail, APN 3216-006-020		
e. Day of the Horse event at Vasquez Rocks, June 13, 2026		
f. Inquiry on publicizing and recognizing local talent. A neighbor's daughter made the 2028 USA Olympic artistic swimming team. Suggested they post info on local social media.		
B. Secretary Report:		
i. IRS, FTB, and Registry of Charitable Trusts Annual Forms and Fees due May 15, 2026. All filed May 13, 2026		
C. Treasurer's Report:		
i. Election Committee Account: $3,276.17		
ii. General Account:		
a. Beginning Balance: $10,963.53		
b. State Farm Liability Insurance: $250.00		

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c. Ending Balance: $10,713.53		
iii. Combined Account Balance: $13,989.70		
iv. US Bank Change in Signature card Appt needed for MJ and CY		
D. Association of Rural Town Councils: April 29, 2026: Zoning/Code Enforcement: Planning, DA, PW		
E. Moment of Silence Suggestions:		
F. Other:		
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: oamartin@lasd.org Palmdale Sheriff Station: (661) 272-2400. April 2026 stats reported		
B. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Allen: DAllen@chp.ca.gov ~~Officer Delgado: cdelgado@chp.ca.gov~~ Office Number: (661) 600-1600 April 2026 stats reported.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Maria Grycan: maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov Battalion Chief Daniel Garcia: Absent		
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/ Closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.		
E. Dept of Public Works: Josie Gutierrez: JGutierr@dpw.lacounty.gov (626) 458-7135 Absent		
i. Sierra Highway Phase IV: Pavement Resurfacing Project: 5/18/26-6/16/26, Sierra Highway from Spring Street in Sleepy Valley to Agua Dulce Canyon Road. CY raised concerns about long sections using a pilot car when no work was being done in the area to improve efficiency and reduce driver frustration.		
F. LA County Parks-Vasquez Rocks: Park Superintendent Sarah Brewer sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov (661) 268-0840 Cell: (626) 696-6805 Absent		
G. Other:		
9. Fifth District Report: Natalie Vartanian: NaVartanian@bos.lacounty.gov Isabell Berberian: IYaralian@bos.lacounty.gov (661) 287-3657		
A. Updates: Gardens of Paradise has a permanent injunction preventing unauthorized events until a proper Conditional Use Permit is obtained. June 2, 2026 Election Day gave deadlines for ballot drop offs and early voting. CY: Concerns the Agua Dulce Residential Project (RTG) emphasizing potential risks related to stormwater runoff and the impact of a possible El Nino. All grading work ceased in October 2025. Natalie acknowledged the issues and welcomed further discussion offline.		
10. CA 34th Assembly District: Assemblymember Tom Lackey: 661-267-7636 Anna Zarley Anna.Zarley@asm.ca.gov Absent		
11. CA 23rd Senate District: Senator Suzette Martinez Valladares: (661) 257-1204 Tanya Mikhail tanya.mikhail@sen.ca.gov Absent		
12. US 27th 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 Absent Introduced Containing Effects of Mining Extraction Act to address potential harms from large-scale mining operations near populated areas. (Cemex)		
13. LA County Water Plan		
A. Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee: Measure W: Watershed Coordinator Amanda Begley abegley@treepeople.org Heather Turpin hturpin@treepeople.org 818-522-9738 Next Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee meeting: May 21, 2026 1 PM to 3 PM, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd. For more		

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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."		
B. Acton & Agua Dulce Drought Resiliency Report from Tree People: Native Dryland Bioswales. MJ (and any other Council Members) to attend a presentation on the findings May 20, 2026. MJ questions about funding and implementation of proposed water storage solutions. CY questions water usage statistics had discrepancies compared to local data.		
14. Waste Management: Kwincy Little: klittle@wm.com 661-902-1993 CY questioned if trash trucks will be able to service properties along Sierra Highway during the resurfacing project.		
15. Presentations/Discussions:		
A. Draft Modification Ordinance: Report from Planning-Alyson Stewart on update to streamline the process for requesting changes to development standards and how it will affect the Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD) The proposed ordinance introduces 3 types of reviews: a ministerial process for non-impactful modifications, a modification permit process with public hearing options, and variances for significant impacts. The ordinance will affect the Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD) by moving significant ridgeline protection modifications from CUPs to variances while retaining existing findings and your modifications will fall under the new modification permits. The Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for June 17, 2026. Bruce Durbin announced an upcoming Vehicle Fuel Ordinance in August and indicated he could do a presentation at an upcoming ADTC meeting.		
16. New Business:		
17. Old Business:		
A. **PSPS-SCE:** New Government Relations Officer for SCE-Chris Perry, Government Relations; Jude Schneider, Business Resiliency, and Ryan Sisk, Engineering Senior Manager		
i. List of specific issues for discussion: grid strengthening, covered conductor lines, changes in thresholds, circuit upgrades, isolating circuits, notifications, re-energization timeline, other concerns. Two upcoming community meetings on May 19th and 21st for further in depth PSPS discussion. Presentation highlighted recent grid hardening work including the installation of 149.2 miles (all of Agua Dulce) of covered conductor and 10 additional remote-controlled switches for isolation of segmented circuits. Covered conductor increases thresholds of 31 mph sustained winds up to 40 mph sustained winds; and from 46 mph gusts to 58 mph gusts. Thresholds can be "discounted" based on various conditions. PSPS criteria requires low humidity, dry vegetation, and high winds and cannot be triggered by high temperatures or wind alone. Notification timeline explained. SCE resiliency programs including critical care battery backup program for medical baseline customers and in-event battery loan program. Rebates for generators up to $800 and portable power stations up to $200. CY expressed concerns about transmission line maintenance and requested a presentation from the transmission team, which Chris Perry agreed to facilitate getting additional information. DH questioned the history of fire from power lines in our area. SCE indicated that is not taken into account.		
B. **RTG Investments, Agua Dulce Residential Project – TT50385:** Chris Yewdall		
i. General Update: No work has been done since October 2025 and the developer sold all of the grading equipment. Storms in December of 2025 caused freeway closures from stormwater runoff. No dust mitigation raised public safety and health concerns about dust and valley fever.		
ii. Determination on next steps: MSP: Move to send letter to Supervisor Barger requesting the County take action to address dust mitigation and revegetation requirements outlined in the CUP, potentially using the developer's bond money is necessary.	**M: MJ S: KS**	**5-0-0**
iii. Information from Community Group Save Rural Agua Dulce: adneighbors2021@gmail.com Absent		
18. President's Report		
A. General:		
i. **2026 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:		
C.	**Public Hearing/Community Meetings/Workshops:**		
i.	**Board of Supervisors Public Hearing: Housing Ordinances Update,** May 12, 2026, 9:30 AM Room 318B Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To align with recent changes to State law, support affordable housing, promote housing diversity, remove zoning barriers to fair housing, simplify language and improve clarity. For project details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/housing-ordinances-update/		
ii.	**Planning: Conservation and Natural Resources Element Update to LA County 2035 General Plan,** Virtual Meeting, May 14, 2026, 6-7 PM. Register: https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TXKsTXqASC6iK2O7jux_6w#/registration The proposed revision includes updates to equitable access to open space, climate resilience, rewilding, wildlife connectivity, biodiversity, and environmental justice. For project details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/cnr/events/		
iii.	**Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: Amendment to LA County General Plan Safety Element,** May 20, 2026, 9 AM, 320 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To incorporate the 2025 County of Los Angeles Al-Hazards Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element of the General Plan. For project details: http://bit.ly/PRJ2025-004464		
iv.	**Virtual Planning Informational Workshop: 2026 ADU Ordinance Amendment:** May 21, 2026, 6-7 PM. Register at: https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZGS5bTWiQAGOpWT44hSJ8A#/registration For project details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/2026-adu-ordinance-amendment/		
v.	**SCE: Virtual Discussion on Wildfire Safety**, May 21, 2026, 6-7:30 PM, Register HERE		
vi.	**LA County Public Works Equity in Infrastructure Summit,** June 3, 2026, 8 AM to 2 PM, Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Center, 905 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90059. To identify implementation priorities, explore opportunities for partnership, and share what Public Works needs to address specific communities. Register at: https://linktr.ee/EquitySummit For project details: https://equity.pw.lacounty.gov/		
D.	**Incoming Correspondence for Notice:**		
i.	**Draft Vehicle Fueling Ordinance** The ordinance amends Title 22 to implement California law and update definitions and provisions related to vehicle fueling uses. Project details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/vfo/		
ii.	**Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP)** Update: Project team has been working with County Fire and CalFire to integrate comments received and develop a Draft Action Plan expected this summer for public review and comment: For project details: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/countywide-community-wildfire-protection-plan/		
iii.	**Regional Planning Plans Filed:**		
	a. 11853 Davenport Rd, new managers residence with ADA Public restroom, new 2-car carport, signs, dumpster enclosure		
	b. 6600 Sierra Highway, water well referral request		
	c. 11113 Darling Rd, Certificate of Exception Conversion to a Certificate of Compliance Supplemental Form		
	d. 11755 Spade Spring Canyon Rd, Pool and Spa		
19. Open Forum: None			

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20. Committee Reports:		
A. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie lornaleslie@gmail.com Absent		
B. Film: Kathryn Segura: 1 production shoot		
C. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Day of the Horse, June 13, 2026		
D. Water Stewardship: Don Henry:		
E. Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Planning: Chris Yewdall: ADTC Letter to Radio Club sent 3/19/26 with request for response by 4/20/26. No response received. Gary Hebdon was present and addressed communication concerns and proposed sending monthly updates to the Council. The Council accepted that and stressed that communication needs to improve and have open channels. The Radio Club is having their annual Field Day at the Agua Dulce Women's Club in June and needs to have a Certificate of Insurance. The Town Council will add the Agua Dulce Women's Club as additional insured on our liability insurance and forward that along with a letter indicating the Radio Club is affiliated with the Agua Dulce Town Council. DH: The Radio Club would like the ADTC to add their website link to our website. MJ suggested that we see how the communication is going forward.		
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. **FREE Community Connect: Kitchen Knife Skills Workshop**, May 23, 2026, 10 AM to Noon, Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce		
C. **FREE Mattress Recycling:** May 23, 2026, 9 AM to 2 PM, Public Works Road Yard 557, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA		
D. **Association of Rural Town Councils**: May 27, 2026 7:00 PM-via Zoom		
E. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for High Desert Culinary Arts Program, 5:30 PM, High Desert School, 3620 Antelope Woods Rd, Acton. RSVP F. **Next ADTC meeting June 10, 2026. Meeting will be Virtual via Zoom.** Zoom details and links can be found on the ADTC website at www.adtowncouncil.com		
G. **Day of the Horse:** June 13, 2026, 10 AM to 1 PM, Vasquez Rocks, 10700 Escondido Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce		
H. **FREE Community Connect: Line Dancing and Food Truck**, July 25, 2026, 5-9 PM, Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce		
22. Future Agenda Items: **Peace4Kids Conditional Use Permit presentation for community input scheduled for June, Vehicle Fuel Ordinance scheduled for July**		
23. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:20 PM	**M: KS S: CY**	**5-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, 2026 ADTC Secretary
APPROVED: June 10, 2026

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