



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
October 1, 2014

Minutes

<p>Called to order by Brenda Avadian, the General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was held October 1, 2014, 6:30 P.M. at the Juniper Hills Community Center 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>																														
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance by Brenda.</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>																														
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<p>Minutes of September 3, 2014 were approved as corrections. Motion made by Jan and seconded by Walt. All approved.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>																														
<p>Treasurer's Report – Balance as of September 30, 2014 \$ \$2,890.24 Bills submitted for approval- None Treasurer's report approved.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>																														
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association (http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm) – Report on JHCA Activities and concerns was made by Carlene November 1, 4:00:-7:00 p.m. JHCA/JHTC Wine Tasting Fundraiser November 15, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast and Boutique</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – October 4 + November 1 at 7:00 p.m.- Moonlit Hike October 25 at 8:00 p.m. Telescope Program Sundays at 1:00 p.m. – San Andreas Fault Tour</p>	<p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p>																														
<p>Bill Myers had sent out his written report of the ARTC meeting in September. Sheila will attend the October 29th, meeting.</p>	<p>ARTC</p>																														
<p>County of Los Angeles Hauled Water Scoping Meeting Team - Presentation The following are excerpts from the email sent to the community via our eblast list by Brenda.</p> <p>On October 1, the Juniper Hills Town Council hosted representatives from various Los Angeles County Departments (Public Health, Public Works, Building and Safety, Regional Planning) and Sapphos Environmental, the consultants for the Hauled Water Scoping meeting.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting was to report on then solicit community feedback re: the Environmental Impact of a Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development.</p> <p><i>The following notes are from Brenda Avadian's email sent to JHTC members and via the JH Community Notification system following this meeting.</i></p> <p>Arena Turner, LA County CEO's Office, introduced the meeting and the consultants—<u>Sapphos Environmental</u>—who made a clear, credible, and concise presentation to the 60 or so attendees from Juniper Hills and neighboring towns including Littlerock and Llano. After speaking for about 20-25 minutes, they took a few questions from the floor before encouraging attendees to visit each of the six stations where LA County and Consultants were standing by to record residents' issues, questions, and</p>	<p>Special Presentation & Public Comment: Hauled Water Scoping Meeting</p>																														

concerns.

One question from the floor had us wondering, why the County is going to such expense (taxpayers) and effort for less than 1% impact?

Dale Sakamoto, representing the lead agency sponsoring this study (Dept. of Public Works), explained that 42,677 single-family parcels in the Antelope Valley area are eligible to be considered for new development using hauled water pending the outcome of their study. This spans some 285,500 acres or 450 square miles. Of these eligible parcels, a review by the Building and Safety Department anticipates approximately 383 parcels applying for building permits that would require hauled water. *It is worth noting that the Antelope Valley portion of these 42,677 parcels do not include the 15,000 homes proposed for development in the Town and Country's Antelope Valley Plan.*

Given that this figure is less than 1% of the total, an attendee from Llano asked a question: With only a 1% population who would build, why is the County spending all this time, effort, and dollars on such a study? Brenda's thinking is (in hindsight) that these numbers will increase dramatically, should the county approve this proposal for hauled water for single-family development and create a new ordinance. Right now, no new development is permitted which is solely dependent on Hauled water.

NOTE, this does not affect residents who currently depend on Hauled Water, whether as their primary source or as a supplement when water runs low or out. This is for new development, only.

Highlighted from the Hauled Water Initiative Study (pdf)

- Project Background Section 1-7 (page 28-30) Re: State guidelines requiring potable water and property owners in 2003 wanting to develop their property using hauled water. For a brief history: Federal Guidelines, most recently in 1996 for a Safe Drinking Water Act mandated potable water for all residents. These guidelines began being implemented by the states in current fashion, during the early 2000s. LA County is carrying out the State's guidelines.

In 2014 the Board of Supervisors ordered a study in an effort to determine whether or not to draft an ordinance for hauled water as potable water.

- Environmental Checklist used for study Section 2 (page 36) I'm not certain how hauled water could have an aesthetic impact (page. 37) or a cultural one (page 40) or public services (page 46). (Ahh, it's about developing the 42,677 eligible properties, not just hauled water. See Section 3.1 Page 51)
- The meat of the study is on page 50-385 Interesting sections... e.g., for me, Noise levels Section 3.12 (page 276 & 284)

Read Mandatory findings of Significance in Section 3.18 (page 384), requiring an EIR.

- People involved in preparing this report Section 4 page 386
- Geology and Soils Technical report page 421 Interesting conclusions in Section 7 page 452 given all the hazards / significant impact noted in the meat of the study.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 P.M.
Sheila Whitehouse

ADJOURNMENT