

ACONA Meeting Notes

March 27, 2018

Following introductions the following topics were covered.

Trash Pick-up in Altadena - Jessica Aldridge, Sustainability Manager, Athens Services

(See Resources on the ACONAOnline.org website for a 7-minute video of the sorting process.)

Website: <http://www.athensservices.com>

What goes in what can? Detailed in the slides.

Athens doesn't accept household hazardous waste. S.A.F.E Collection Centers will accept. (4600 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles 90039)

Urban Wildlife and Coyotes - Jim Hartman, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, LA County Department of Agricultural Commissioner

(See Resources for the LA Times article on coyotes.)

Website: <http://acwm.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/acwm>

Coyote Cacher website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher>

Coyotes are found throughout the county. They think of humans as wallpaper — not a food source, mostly not a significant threat.

Coyotes are classified as predator animals, so intentional feeding of them is prohibited.

Take in pet food containers, bird feeders at night; dispose of food scraps. (Unintentional feeding)

Coyotes are omnivores. Cover compost piles and fallen fruit. Don't leave small pets out at night.

CSD Update - Department of Regional Planning, Zoning Enforcement East: Richard Marshalian, Senior Regional Planner; Mark Herwick, Supervising Regional Planner; Alex Garcia, Supervising Regional Planner LA County Public Works: Barbara Childers, Principal Engineer

Standards have been loosened for fences, walls and hedges in Altadena. Current standards as of January 11 (when the new CSD was adopted) are in the slides.

For ones that exceed standard heights, there is a voluntary compliance registration program that allows you to keep the current height for 15 years. Have to have been in place before Jan. 11 2018. Can get a registration application online. (<http://planning.lacounty.gov/apps>)

To know where your property lines are, you need to have a study done. The registration program protects your fences only if they're on private property.

Registration doesn't legalize your fence; it protects you from enforcement of the standards. Enforcement is complaint-driven.

If your fence is on the public right of way (sidewalk, roadway), the Dept. of Public Works is in charge of enforcement. Also complaint-driven.

Q&A

Q: Athens leaves trash on the street. Where do we leave pick-up items if it's street sweeping day? Is there going to be a price increase? A: Don't know about the price increase. Bulky items should be on the curb, not on the street. If materials fly out of the container, let Athens know and they will send someone by to pick it up.

Q: aren't raccoons also susceptible to canine illnesses? A: yes, that's true.

Q: rodenticides: will eating a contaminated rat result in illness to a predator? A: some second-generation rodenticides can bioaccumulate so they have been removed from consumer outlets.

Q: does the 15-year forgiveness still apply if the property is sold? A: yes it stays with the property.

Q: what about private drives? What's the rule there? A: it's a little more complicated.

Q: where is the right of way with regard to the curb? A: the best way to find out is to do a land survey, but the county has an app that can give you an idea. (See Resource tab for a link.)

Q: there are no curbs on Santa Rosa and sometimes the bins end up in the gutter. A: let us know and our route supervisor will look into it.

Q: can you give a price break to people who are doing their best to minimize waste? A: could be a proposal for when the contract comes up for renegotiation in two years. But it's a hard provision to implement.

Senior rollout program: Athens will roll out bins for free for seniors and disabled people.

LA County Dept. Of Animal Care and Control takes care of complaints about people feeding wild animals.

Q: are people allowed to shoot the coyotes? A: coyotes have no legal protection. However the method of killing is regulated.