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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:36P.

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2024	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2023-2026
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JASON GARDNER
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	AB	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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3. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by A.DeSesa. Second by J. D'Addario. Vote 7/0/0.

B. Questions and Comments _____.

Note: If a question/comment form is sent regarding a matter that is on the agenda, the question or comment will be read when the agenda item is brought up. Questions or comments on non-agenda items will be discussed during agenda item #10 Open Discussion.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Rooney / Captain Justin Diez.

- Deputy Rooney/Captain Diez/Deputy Diaz: Rooney; 21 part one crimes, Jan/Feb 72 total arrests. Council: Was Sheriff or CHP called to accident at Del Valle & Hasley. Rooney; that is CHP. Deputy Diaz; Member of HOST. Homeless Encampment on Castaic Rd. Member of homeless team. Behind Sr. Living Center. Encampment was 8 tons in wash behind. One received housing, other left. Other encampment down the street behind Santa Clarita Towing, has been cleared out. 3-5 persons there. All refused services except one veteran, Mr. Hastings, who has received housing. CHP discretion to remove vehicle with possessions. Council; what does HOST stand for? Diaz; Homeless Outreach Services Team. Assigned to Santa Clarita area as part of Supervisor Barger assignment. Send any homeless related questions to him to address. He will send his email to Council. Any other concerns or community groups helping with homeless in Castaic? Council; Not that we are aware of. Only service was food distribution, that has closed. Food pantry in Val Verde. Food Pantry on Old Road at Higher Vision church next to CHP offices. Community; food giveaway at Jesus Loves You on Fridays.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Offc. Wilson/ Offc. Delgado/ Cape Kruesey: Capt. Kruesey; Couple of Operation Snow Flakes last month. Runs traffic break beginning at Hasley. Takes 1-1.5 hours to get operation set up. Normally keep Parker Rd. open. New Sgt. closed Parker down. Made substantial difference which made Northern Castaic traffic stay extremely light. County working with Google to show road closed. Proposing Hasley be the last off ramp open. Received both angry and thankful messages due to closing Parker, but dramatically benefited traffic in Castaic. Council: How would public be notified Hasley is last exit? Capt.; One issue is haven't been consistent in Hasley being last exit. Key is consistency. Council: How does public know Hasley is last exit? Capt; Recommends once closing, once is public is problematic. Can't do on Fwy. CMS signage as is announcing closure. Public just has to be informed ahead of time and know this is the practice. Council: Noted Old Rd. was empty and traffic was flowing well as result of Parker closing. Great job! Capt. Kruesey, closing Parker surprised how well worked. Believes County working with Google/Waze aided in success. Off. Wilson; Re: letting residents thru closed off ramp. Let truck go through due to tire related issue. If lets one go through, all will try. Did open Parker briefly. Once opened, everybody followed and they closed ramp back down to keep Castaic from being plugged up. Council; situation worked. Never got stuck on The Old Road. County signage assisted. Received complaint from business on Fantastic Lane due to trucks double parking on Castaic Rd. and blocking egress. Should residents call local office or call 9-1-1. Capt; will provide non-emergency dispatch number to Council. Parking on Castaic Rd. noted as same as normal day. Council: Email received from Charles Slocum; extend Castaic Rd. south to Hasley Roundabout, companion roadway east of I-5 to provide 2 North/South roadways. Question on Facebook; Can traffic be routed off I-5 at 126?



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Capt; Traffic is like water, if opening public will find it. Takes more personnel if closed Hasley which is not available. Council: Email received from Susie Evans, suggests to authorities to make arrangements for Big Rigs to park during I-5 closure. Capt. Kruesey; will include in working group discussions. Council: Is closure of Parker & Lake Hughes only utilized for Operation Snowflake? Capt.; depends on South bound traffic. IF can use snow gate will close both, if cannot open gate, then will stay open. Will be situational. When left open traffic backed up during fire event last summer. Council; Parker closure is key to controlling traffic. Off. Wilson; will send traffic stats to Town Council tomorrow.

3. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email Report.
- Maria Grycan/ Assistant Chief Sprengel; Reviewed stats sent by email to Town Council. Council: Zero chimney fire on Sloan, what is zero clearance? Assistant Chief Sprengel; over packed fire box causes excessive heat and embers escape to attic on zero clearance. Caution amount of material loaded. Zero Clearance is construction feature related to chimney in relation to studs in attic. Is a modern construction related issue, older homes most likely traditional chimney construction. (53:39)

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Report from 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English.

1. I-5 Task Force - L.A. County Dept. Public Works - Deputy Director Steve Burger.

a. Update of Emergency Traffic Circulation Plans for I-5 & The Old Road.

- Public Works Adrian Garcia; Continue to meet monthly. Good to hear positive impact on community. Testing theories and plans and receiving feedback. Council: Hasley/Cambridge area. Julian; Creating project for left light. Will require full update of signal. In process of programming project. Regarding signals @ Parker & Castaic. Bruce Perelman Public Works; Project headed by Ami Mabrook (Attendee). Re; High School traffic. H.S. has communicated. Spoken with contractor. Work will occur during spring break to focus on curb work. RE; closing both lanes will attempted to be avoided. Contractor will attempt to not work during drop off and pick up times at H.S. RE; alternative routes off I-5. Showed map (1:03) re; signage. Reviewed project map. Discussing with CalTrans for permission to put signs on I-5. Council: Yes, would like on I-5 to direct traffic to Lake Hughes. Bruce; propose sign 1,000 and 500 feet prior to Parker off ramp. Yellow sign placement on map will not be deployed. Recommend he discuss with CHP Offc. Wilson to coordinate. Truck traffic is transitory, residents will learn pattern, but suggest signs throughout construction period. Discussion re; what signs remain during period. Will adjust as note traffic patterns during period. Council: As going through process, if starts backing up at Parker, can traffic control be applied (i.e. flag men). Bruce; Re; weekend work request. Contractor will shift some work onto the weekends. First March 25/26 weekend will experience construction. Council: Has survey been done on traffic patterns at 40 minute peak periods. Bruce; only on weekends. Council: 7:30a-8:45a is peak and requested this time be studied. Julian; On-going study is happening to see how project impacts traffic. Establishing baseline to see how project impacts will continue. Julian; re: CalTrans signage coordination. Gap in CMS signage is being studied for permanent sign placement in addition to location of temporary signage. Council: Has anyone suggested communication to parents of H.S. (i.e. flyer) to notify them to adjust drop off/pick up plans? Bruce; Will look into this.

b. Update on sound wall design.

- Julian; Being constructed per plans. Will share plans.

2. Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Castaic - April 4, 2023 end of comment period to Cal Fire.

- Will consolidate all Fire Hazard Zones/Insurance agenda topics here. Sen. Wilks office addressing and Kris Hough attending meeting. Kris; Written letter to Insurance Commissioner requesting identify solutions. Critical situation. All relates to designation of High Fire Severity Zones. Sent out survey to all High Fire Severity Zone Residents. Sent link to Council. Requests how insurance is affected



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ing life. More comments received drives Commissioner action to push forward solutions. Fair Plan has been asked to increase coverage. If big loss, may not be able to cover cost!! Re; Zones; April 2nd constituent feedback extended for making public comment asking for review of areas. Cal Fire states most of Castaic has been designed High Fire since 2007. Link provided to Town Council for distribution. Council: Resident of Val Verde went from \$1100 to over \$10,000 to renew policy on 1,200 sq. ft. home. Kris; please share to her to pass to Sen. Wilk. Can't apply to Fair Plan if offered renewal from private insurance company? Kris; will ask and find out. Council: Are Insurance companies studying home by home, or carte blanche re; renewals? Never received letter advising high fire severity from Cal Fire. Kris; unaware if ever happened. Council: Feels complaints will be ignored. Kris: will cause people to lose insurance due to cost and is critical issue. Council: Andrew Talban from Assembly Schiavo's office could not attend, but has been brought up to date re: Sen. Wilks efforts to coordinate. Kris; coordination is occurring. (1:30) Council: map driven by 'ember cast'. What criteria was used to determine zones? Ember cast, History of brush fire, etc? Asst. Captain Sprengel; LA County fire is responding to State mandates. Factors used to determine; vegetation, topography, worst case conditions, History, Flame length, burn probability and ember cast. Spotting ahead of fire in high winds is 1-1.5 miles ahead of fire common in Castaic. Tick/Buck Wheat fires are examples. Bobcat Fire lost 171 structures. 27 in Tick Fire. 1,500 structures lost in Malibu. Ember cast is major concern in mapping zones. (1:34) Brush inspections mandated now by State. Council: Homeowners insurance rates are being greatly affected. Was inspection benefit of assessment? Sprengel; does help LACoFire to defend structures. Gives opportunity to defend structures. I.e. Tick Fire, many folks did not realize fire would get to their property. Citizens need to prepare. Inspection benefits home owners to save property. Will be another wind driven fire in Castaic based upon history. Not a lot of response time, i.e. Tick fire had only 7 minutes before reached structures. Council: Insurance companies are using to raise rates. Sprengel; Recommend citizens contact Sen. Wilks and CalFire to make impacts noticed. This year will be heavier load due to rains. Worst fire seasons follow heavy rain seasons. Council: Issue with neighboring properties not being cleared. Can passing inspection assist in acquiring insurance? Kris; fire department does not inspect vacant lots. County Ag does inspect vacant lots. They only enforce if overgrown brush or dead tress within 200' of neighboring structures. Council: does this include sheds or wooden fencing? Kris/Sprengel; will get with County Ag to determine what constitutes a "Structure". Council: Know officials her frustration. LaCo Fire Department is trying to keep constituents safe. Surprised in Saturday meeting to hear classification since 2007. Residents never notified of this classification. Who got letters and who didn't not clear. Not every property owner received letters to notify. Residents are surprised and this is not acceptable. Read Email from resident; PW employees not aware of fire zone related issues. Brush clearing unit not communicated to Public Works. Local fire department clueless re: new inspection program. Discrepancy between policies of PW and Fire policies. Sprengel; Feb. 1 notices then updated notices sent out within last 2 weeks to further clarify inspection requirements. Grass and tree requirements are 90% of what inspection is looking for. Zone zero is state mandate that will be enforced next year, not this year relating to zero vegetation within 5' of structures. Council: If residents did not receive brush clearance letter, who would they contact to get information: Maria; Are small portions not in severity zones. Small pockets are not subject to brush inspections. Council: Cherry Drive example given. Maria: inspections being driven from 2007 maps. 2022 maps are still being reviewed and not yet finalized. Sprengel; Brush Clearance Ph. Number 626-969-2375. Council: Flyer from Maria will be disseminated post meeting, for meeting occurring on March 22nd. Will be posted in CATC page and community board. Council: Who are personnel doing inspections? Sprengel; 22,000 inspections. All personnel being trained to handle task. Majority will be station personnel from local stations. May 1 through possibly up to a couple of months to complete. Council: Will homeowners be able to interact? Sprengel; prefer yes. Will check at door. If not home, will leave notice and door hangar with results of inspection. Will see engines in neighborhoods. Council: if neighborhood in compliance, why keep inspecting and paying



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fees? Sprengel; is State mandate. (2:06) California Resource 4291. Sprengel; reach out to the State.

3. Proposed Residential Design Standard Ordinance - Public Hearing April 5, 2023.

- Recommend sending letter clarifying brush clearing requirements in conflict with proposed revisions to Title 22. In letter include CSD being honored. In letter address min. parking requirements in Castaic with no/limited public transportation opportunities. Consensus of Council to do so.

4. Sloan Canyon Road Traffic & Safety & Secondary Road status - Julian Garcia.

- Julian; Still working. Access for secondary road being worked on. Road controls being addressed next week. Council: How are plans being reviewed/shared? Julian; submit to land development and traffic safety, discussions occur prior, PW has not seen yet, waiting on geotechnical studies and access to property. Legal access rights has to be granted and is in process. Design features shared with developer i.e. no long down hill road segments. Council: Can preliminary plans be shared with Council? Julian; no plans seen. Council: Neighbors have seen plans and been contacted. Exists and not being shared with Council. Julian; will go back to review team to see if conceptual exist and can be shared.

5. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

- Julian; finished layout. Waiting to meet with CHP. Will hopefully occur next week to ensure proposal is aligned with CHP input. Will be striping and bollards.

6. County update on runoff from Castaic High School water retention basins into Romero Canyon.

- James Chon PW Land Development Division; Met with School District rep. on March 8. Reviewed their responsibilities. They are working with Engineer and Contractor to determine if additional measures needed to address resident concerns. Relating to damages incurred to down stream properties. LA County has now ownership in area, so no assessment of damages has been done. District informed PW that claims have been filed against School District. District risk manager in receipt of claims. PW responsible for work on site. Most work is completed. Final inspection not yet completed. Council: Request clarification on largest basin. When full there is a spillway when basin is full. After long periods following storm, is still going over spillway. Once below spillway basin remains full. Does water just stay in basin until evaporates or is there a way for water to be drained out? James; different kinds of basins. On property are 6 basins; 4 on north, big one on south.. way they work is they retain water and are not supposed to spill over and rely on evaporation. Designed to spill over a little bit. 15 acres of basins of 1' depth. Evaporation is designed to occur over time. Council: Large basin is deep and full and will not evaporate in a timely manner. James; if not evaporating within specific time, is school districts responsibility to maintain. (2:32) Council: Re: small runoff, videos show torrential runoff/river, not small flow. Design is flawed. Second, What is duration of time allowed for basins to evaporate. James; depends on weather situation? Council: from end of storm until evaporation what is the time frame designed to happen? James; applicant hires engineer, County reviews and approves. Does not have specific guidance. Depends on size. Should not hold water for more than 1-2 weeks. Council: this is being exceeded. James; have conveyed to District this concern. In past tried to work with weir to adjust and sand bags to adjust holding capacity. Maybe have another look at engineering to address maybe long term. Council: Requesting outside engineer to review design as opinion is design is flawed. Request he follow up questions/concerns and come back to Council with feedback. (2:37)

B. Report from 21st Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough.

1. Homeowners Property Fire Insurance Rates - Complaints to California Insurance Commissioner.

Update on March 1st Senate Committee on Insurance meeting.

- Reviewed previously.



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- C. Introduction of Andrew Taban, Field Representative for Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo. 40th Assembly District.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.
- nothing to report

- B. Traffic Safety Committee - Co-chairs Abigail DeSeSa & Michael Minor.
- forming priorities list. Contacted Julian for County contact list.

- C. Parks and Recreation.

- Marisol Manager of Aquatics Center; Open summer season 2nd Saturday of June open for 10 weeks. Val Verde opens Memorial Day weekend for extended season thru end of September. Core programming at all pools being organized. Council: Please share any flyers to be posted in community. Should be .jpg for social media posting.

- D. Fundraising Update - Jim D'Addario & Abigail DeSesa

- Submitted LA Economic Development Grant application due by 5/20. Is a \$20,000 grant. Council: Question re: expected notice of receipt/funding? Jim; none given.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer's Report - Jim D'Addario.

- 1. Treasurer's report for March 2023.

- Checks to Chamber and ZOOM sent. No other activity. Council: Are any other platforms besides ZOOM to avoid cost? Microsoft Teams is full of glitches. Most use ZOOM and so is widely utilized and understood. (3:04) MS Teams, WebEx alternatives, ZOOM felt to be costly. ZOOM integrates well with Facebook.

8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS (2:47)

- A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update.

- Documents forwarded to Council. Jim sent. If see any issues outside of planned replacement/repair, priorities of projects can provide feedback to PW. Josie Gutierrez PW; Scoping meeting for Old Road project is Thursday at 6p via ZOOM for drafted EIR for project. Encourages attendance.

- B. Parks project list update.

- C. Town Council priorities list.

- Add Retention basins and water runoff to list.

- NEW BUSINESS



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A. Letter of support for Jim D'Addario position as L.A.F.C.O. Alternate Public Member.
Motion to send letter of support made.

Motion by A. DeSesa . Second by C. Dittes. Vote 6/0/J. D'Addario abstained.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

A. To ensure that the public's business is conducted openly, State Law - Section 54954.2 prevents any action or discussion on items not listed on the Agenda. (Note: Council members may briefly respond to comments made or questions posed.
- Any received were reviewed during agenda items above.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of February 15, 2023.

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by J. D'Addario. Vote 7/0/0.

11. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.

B. Discussion of any items on the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting.

- No notices or items received. Jim sending out regional planning updates received. Mausoleum requested on private property in Hasley Canyon. No address given. APN. Zero visibility from other properties or street.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - April 5, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - April 3, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - April 19, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:39P.

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by C. Dittes. Vote 7/0/0.