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### 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:33 PM .

### 2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2025	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2019-2023
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JESSICA CHAMBERS
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	ERIC LARSON
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	AB	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 J.D'Addario. Second by D.Boyer. 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 - Chair - Bob Lewis.

##### 1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar.

- Not Present. No Report received.

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

- Capt Diez: Reviewed Crime Stats. Reviewed the Summer Enforcement Team funded thru Supervisor's Office. 4 Deputies and 1 Sergeant. Made 186 arrests. "Remarkable Performance".

##### 3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau - Sgt. Bohnert - Email Report.

- Not sent, will review at November's Town Hall Meeting.

##### 4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Did not email the stats. Stated would send the following day. Council: Re: Hasley & Cambridge accidents. Officer Wilson: Will take a look and advise back re: this intersection.  
- Captain Ed Kruesey: 10/25-26 Metro Conststruction on I-5 overnight. Full closure over night of S.Bound I-5 from Hasley to Hwy 126. Will have 4 CHP units monitoring traffic from 10p-4a scheduled closure.

##### 5. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email Report.

- Maria: September 176 responses, of which 2 were fires. Reviewed Trick or Treating Safety Tips. Council: Inquired as to the cause of the Route Fire. MG: Will check and respond to Council following the meeting.

### 5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

- Stephanie: Supervisor's Office conducted a food distribution @ Val Verde Park today. Will try to do evening or weekend in the future to increase participation, however limited by budget and staff availability as key concerns.

- Mail in Ballots sent out. See; [www.LAVote.Net](http://www.LAVote.Net) fo more information.



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- Supplemental budget \$44.6B approved. 113,592 LA County Employees. Specified Sheriff budget is not being defunded. \$3.8B budget for Sheriff, increased every year up \$1B since 2018.
- Supervisors allocated \$2.3M to increase homeless response in un-incorporated areas. Asked public; 'If you see something, say something' regarding homeless issues.
- Reviewed Route Fire response. September 9 letter to Castaic Residents. Sent letter to the Governor which was well received and acted upon. Secured signs advising residents only. Intent is that all lanes of Northbound I-5 will be opened before the Thanksgiving Holiday to prevent past issues with Thanksgiving traffic.
- Council: Asked for update on San Martinez Road, Val Verde squatter/crime issues. S.E.: All cleaned up, posting No Trespassing signs, had discussion regarding the installation of fencing, but not sure if done and asked for feedback if yes/no.

### 1. The Old Road & I-5 Traffic Congestion & Safety - Julian Garcia.

- JG: See further discussion under 5(b). PW is participating in the "I-5 Interagency Task Force" along with Office of Emergency Management. Ongoing and receiving high level attention.

### 2. Sloan Canyon Road Traffic & Safety - Julian Garcia.

- JG: Working with Church on Sloan Canyon to solve concerns.

### 3. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

- JG: Working on new signal installations within Castaic. Following, will be able to complete layout for Castaic Road center lane improvements.
- Council: Inquired re: Secondary access to Castaic High School. JG will inquire into and report back to the Council.

### 4. Freeway Construction Closures - L.A. Metro - Saroya Sandiford - Metro Community Relations Manager/Billy Parent - Contractor

- BP: provided presentation of 14mi HOV and other improvements. SS: Reviewed I-5 Southbound closure for 10/25 and possibly 10/26/2022. Hasley last open exit. Removing overhead sign, requires full closure of Southbound traffic. Rerouting to The Old Road South to rejoin I-5, or to Hasley Rd./Commerce Denter to access Hwy 126.Council: Voiced concern Re: truck traffic onto surface streets, discussed sign placements back as far as Gorman to re-route and discussed notification be earlier and more public. Council should not just be hearing of full I-5 closure one week ahead of event.BP: Signage is part of EIP (?). SS: Committed to further communications with Council as I-5 project evolves.

### B. Report from 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares - Patsy Ayala.

- Suzette Valladares: I-5 on track to open before Thanksgiving. 11/16 I-5 enhancement meeting. Council: Inquired into actions being taken to support funding for The Old Road. SV: Would need to be submitted for budget approval. Works J.Garcia: I-5 in works. Council: Advised has been done before multiple times, never gets approved and then is expired and must be done again.Steve Burger - LA Public Works: Met with Anthony in Assemblywoman's office and are working on funding for The Old Road improvements. Is receiving high level attention and follow up by him directly. Ass. Valladeres: Is Town Council involved in this process? S.English: Town Council is not part of Task Force working on this, is Supervisor's Office.Anthong Angelini - Sr. Field Officer for Assemblywoman Valladares: Good meeting had with Steve Burger Public Works. Funding for The Old Road is high priority for Assemblywoman's Office.

### C. Report from 21<sup>st</sup> Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough.

- Not in attendance.



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D. Report from 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.  
- TS: Congressman Garcia toured I-5 corridor. Impressed with speed of repairs. 24 fentanyl deaths in SCV. Congressman focused on this issue.

E. Food waste recycling mandate; Burrtec Waste - Alex Romo Recycling & Waste Coordinator.  
- postponed until November Town Hall Meeting.

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Chris Mowry / Hugo Maldonado.  
- Not in attendance.

2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Ashley Lipson / Dana Mitchell.  
- D.Lopez: Reviewed 2022 Trunk or Treat plans. Discussed league plans.

3. Castaic Aquatic Center & Val Verde Pool - Luis Torres / Marisol Gonzalez.  
- Kelly - Manager Aquatic Center: Reviewed Lap swim opportunities, Reviewed Class availability. Saturday Free Swim 2p-4p.

B. Town Council Election Committee - Election Tuesday November 8th - Jessica Chambers.  
- Election will be held at the Castaic Sports Complex on Tuesday, November 8 from 7A-8P.

1. Announcement of candidates.  
- Region 1 - Jason Barger: Read submitted bio and statement into record.  
- Region 2 - No applicants  
- Region 3 - Eric Larsen (Incumbent). Gave statement.  
- Region 3 - Michael Minor. Gave statement.  
- Region 4 - Bob Lewis (Incumbent). Not present.  
- Region 4 - John Allen. Gave statement.  
- Region 5 - Chris Dittes (Incumbent). Gave statement.  
- Region 5 - Arnold Kraft. No statement reviewed.

2. Candidates introduction statements. (See 6(B)1 above)

C. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.  
- No meeting. Discussed corner of Lake Hughes Rd and Castaic Rd. Cell site upcoming next month?

### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for October 2022.



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- Sent August/September/October 2022 reports. Will add candidate fees. Discussed End-of-year need to remove Jessica Chambers from account access. Need to review and add Executive Committee Members onto bank accounts.

### 8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update.
  - Nothing to report. Council: Thanked for excellent pot hole repair work done on Hasley Canyon north of Del Valle Road.
- B. Parks project list update.
  - Update to Hasley Canyon Impoundment and Park Improvements reviewed.
- C. Town Council priorities list.
  - J.D'Addario: added Honor Ranch Development and Work on I-5 improvements

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

- J.Preach: Santa Float update; Fund raiser Louie Diaz did was successful and raised critical funds to maintain float. New Flyer coming.
- J.Chambers: Fentanyl Discussion. Summit @ COC in September. Advised public to become aware. Visit [SCVHumanTrafficking.Org](http://SCVHumanTrafficking.Org) for further information.

### 10. 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.

### 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of September 21, 2022.

Motion by A.DeSesa. Second by C.Ditties. Vote 6/0/1. (D.Chambers abstained)

### 12. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.
  - *Public Comment. Glenn Milner: Regarding Snow Gate. Poorly Designed. Read Statement. J.Garcia: SI being analyzed. CalTrans Rafael Molia Deputy Director Traffic Management.*
  - *Kenneth?: Does website have all Candidates & Regions? Council: Yes. Candidates and Statements will be posted to Town Council Website.*



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

### 13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month - November 2, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - November 7, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month - November 16, 2022

### 14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:04 PM.

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