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### 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:34 P.M.

### 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/Left 7:42p	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	AB	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	6:37	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 5/0/1 C.Dittes.

#### 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.

- 2 comments received and will be discussed during agenda item 4(A) below.

### 4. SPECIAL REPORTS

#### A. Chiquita Canyon Landfill - South Coast AQMD information on odor complaints and Notice of Violation process - Laurance B. Israel.

- Larry Israel/Air Quality Inspector for Toxics and Waste Management team @ SCAQMD; Cali. has 26 air agencies. Regulate air pollution. Created 1976. Located in Diamond Bar. Planning/C&E (Enforcement/Compliance/Engineering (Permits for Equip. that generates pollution). Toxics is their teams focus. Title V facility, federal mandated permitting required. Air pollution and odors. Majority of complaints are re: odors and most are caused by Toxic sites. Investigate complaints as received. 2 ways to file complaints; web app; [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) and 18002887664 (800)CUT-SMOG. Tues-Fri. 7a-5:30p. 3 calls in one hour, after hours, will result in an inspector being sent out. Every complaint is logged and investigated and recorded. Prefer not filing complaints anonymously. Private information is NOT shared with the landfill and is confidential. Landfill operates 3a-6p. Waste from L.A. County, not City. 2-3 years to fill each cell. As waste stream decomposes it puts off gasses, many toxic. Ideally flares destroy all toxic air emissions and are permitted on rolling 2 year basis. If verify 6 complaints within 24 hour period will result in notice of violation for public nuisance (rule 402). 6 different residences, not 6 individuals at one location OR 6 people at a work location. Complainant must be present when inspector arrives. Will call to advise when in transit. Have Inspector assigned to Val Verde for mornings on a temporary basis currently until issue resolves itself. Will take wind readings. Unfavorable wind directions are SE to NW towards Val Verde. If less than 5mph will detect odors. Winds from the North during winter season typically take odors away from Val Verde/Live Oak. 2020 worst time in cell 6, resulting in order for abatement that lasted 2 years. 2022 no notice of violations were issued. Something changed last fall. Hydrogen Sulfide, Methane and DMS (unexpected) began to be reported. Reports increased in frequency. Landfill voluntarily reported and applied for emergency variance to violate limits. Reported chemical reaction occurring in waste stream. Few other have had similar reaction, but not on this scale. As of today have received 618 odor complaints. 2 violations in May and now at 18 as of today. 27 yesterday alone. AQMS decided did assessment in April. Surface erosion noted due to rainfall of 25-27 in. Found methane emissions exceeded limits in N.W. portion of landfill closest to Val Verde. Re visited in June and found top area was sinking/dropping as a direct result of chemical reaction that is occurring. Surface emissions coming from fissures on top deck. 30-45 acre area, large area. Complaints now are unique including; headaches, nausea, etc.. which is a major concern. Odors detected on site are quite intense. 7a-9a is peak and then 9p-10p is second peak period. Other areas; Williams Ranch, Hasley Canyon, etc.. also filing complaints. Council: Re: DMS exposure is building up in constituents, one Director is experiencing shaking now so assumes is being affected now. Would the airflow reach Magic Mountain housing areas during winter season north winds. L.Israel; Is possible. Council: Williams Ranch affected? L. Israel; yes both morning and evening hours. Council: Thanked Mr. Israel for the transparency. Council: Understands reporting, NOV's, etc.. If continues to be ongoing problem and doesn't seem to be rectified, what is the next step? Mr. Israel; AQMS can issue 'Order for Abatement' which is a lengthy process. Otherwise collaborating with other agencies and landfill. Current-



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ly nobody has solution to reaction that is occurring. Could be underground fire even given elevated temperatures at surface. Immediate corrective measures being considered. Council: On website is there a place for individuals can go to see # of complaints or NOV's? L.Israel; complaints is unsure, but certainly NOV's are reported. May require records request to access complaint information.

Public Comments: Martha Simmons/Castaic - Very concerned about landfill. Susie Evans/Val Verde - When will dump be closed and cited rules. AQMD is doing everything in power, but feels other agencies are not enforcing rules and closing this site. Council: Which agency would enforce provision in CUP cited by Ms. Evans? S.English; Meeting coming up to determine what can be enforced under CUP, Mitigation possibilities , etc.. enforcement is being researched with County Counsel and is on-going. Will report to community as soon as more information is available. Terry Harrar (?); what #'s get to an evacuation situation? Council: Unsure of what #'s constituent is referring to? Council: Possibly along lines of Porter Ranch evacuation. Council: Would anything result in evacuation being issued? L.Israel: would be a public health question. (?) Public comment; is incoming refuse going to add fuel to the fire? L.Israel; currently no solution to issue, so not sure how to answer. Working on permits for larger flare and other measures. S.English; County is not holding up permit for foundation. Use of equipment is not County permitted, only foundation for the equipment is and it is being done expeditiously. Public: Does this have the potential to "Go Boom"? L.Israel; there was a landfill in Shaw Canyon in 80's that dated back to 50's and built golf course over it that grass was dying. Methane emissions were 1% of explosive limit and resulted in golf course evacuated for couple of years. Doesn't think this scenario could occur. Council: Share concern of community. Aware thru Supervisor's office is working on this issue. S.English; This is a complex process. County is looking at the CUP for enforcement issues. All hands on deck investigation now ongoing for many many days. Briefing is occurring very shortly. Nothing concrete today, but is being addressed at the highest levels. Within next couple of days will advise community. Council: Should emails be sent to Supervisor's office with public complaints? S. English: Public Health is interested in all complaints re: public health. AQMD and Dept. of Public Health are top two agencies to report complaints. Informs approach being taken from County.

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

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

- J.Garcia; still waiting on school district which owes PW a report. Nothing further to report.

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

- Enforcement is on going. Council: Public Works will conduct survey post installation of signal lights. J.Garcia; have layout completed and are reaching out to surrounding businesses. Shared screen of proposal. B.Perelman PW; Reported on signal construction. Testing Monday and should be in operation by end of day Monday. Council: Question Re: ARCA station on corner of Parker/Castaic Rd. J.Garcia: Shouldn't be parking here, but will put in hard delineator single curb in center. Can non-islands area be painted or clearly marked as Non-parking. J.Garcia; is a legal issue for road markings. J.Garcia; want violations to be moving violations, not parking citations to stop this behavior. Council: How will effects be measured? J.Garcia; will monitor violation activity and impacts of changes. Council: Will lights be able to be adjusted during i.e. operation snowflake events. j.Garcia; Will be linked to traffic center and programming can be changed. Some times will be set programs, others will vary. Remotely can be changed, especially for emergency situations. Council: Video in place, purpose? J.Garcia; both for traffic and monitoring.

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

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### C. I-5 North County Enhancement Project Update - Saroya Sandiford- L.A. Metro.

### D. Traffic Safety Committee - Co-chairs Abigal DeSeSa & Michael Minor.



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- Council: Re: Cambridge/Hasley Signal. Requested to be treated with urgency given high rate of accidents occurring. J.Garcia noted.

### E. Legislative County updates.

#### 1. Information regarding SB 946 Safe Sidewalk Vending Act. Anders Corey/

- Council: Concern within Castaic particularly within Trucking District. A.Corey; 946 was passed originally in 2019. Pathway to allow sidewalk vendors to be legitimate, organized and safe. 942 went into effect this year. Streamlining permitting for food carts. Stripped away enforcement ability of local authorities. Now only can issue administrative citation. Vendors will say no name to cite. Has led to increase in vendors with substantial operations. Carts are trying to get permitted. No permitting process for grills, kitchen, etc.. set ups. Inspectors can dispose of food onsite if no permit. Within 30 min. of their departure, operation is back up and running again. Dramatic rise across County is occurring. Inspectors being harassed, assaulted, followed, threatened.... Have witnessed armed robberies. Inspections are paused at this point. Guidance on what County can do for enforcement is expected to be completed by end of next week and rolled out in next 2-3 weeks. Most food trucks are permitted operations. Usually on enforcement is re: right-of-way. Council: Is there a difference between permitting and licensing? A.Corey; yes business license is limited to food trucks. Permits are public health permits administered by the State. Only allowed to enforce lack of business permit unless it is a required permitted activity which curb vendors are not. Council: Issue with setting up at I-5 off ramps. Would this be considered something that would not be allowed. A.Corey; have not witnessed this activity. Council: Issue with curb businesses in unsafe areas. A.Corey; Because of narrow parameters for enforcement, are utilizing any/all options for any hat trick for enforcement. Could cite vehicles that stop in non-parking areas. S. English; State laws have set these businesses up for success. Council: Tropical Carts - are required to provide restrooms. A.Corey; no restroom requirement. Council: On Castaic Rd. 4-5 exist with no restroom facilities. Re: sidewalk vendors are few doing tacos and blocking entire sidewalk and standing in street to prepare food and serving from the gutters. Preparing raw food, not preprepared items. A.Corey; Good point. State Law created permitting categories, but at same time removed all enforcement abilities on non-permitted operations. S. English; reiterated this is a State Law creating this issue. Council: Brick and Mortar restaurant. Is he allowed to go out on the sidewalk and sell food? A.Corey; not permitted, but also they cannot prevent or enforce. Council: Requested to be kept in loop on future enforcement strategies.

F. (Added during meeting) Congressman Garcia's office Tami Stephens; reported on Congressman Garcia's activities; i.e. pay raise for unlisted junior enlisted personnel. Choice Arrangement Act which helps small businesses offer affordable health plans. Remove subsidy on mortgages for less qualified borrowers. Election workers, Medicare multi-cancer screening test, signed letter re: 5m Californians being prevented from tax advantages due to federal compliance issues at State level. Passport running 8-11 weeks behind so act early to get passports updated prior to travel.

### G. I-5 Corridor construction update, Metro I-5 NCEP;

Chloe Lee Report given. Walden Bridge demolition anticipated for Mid/Late October, not August as previously communicated. Will continue to send email updates as construction continues. Council: Requested separate road closure updates.

## 5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### A. Public Safety.

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

##### a. Homeless encampment in wash near Castaic Road & Lake Hughes Road.

- No report given. No attendee. Council: Stonegate HOA filed complaint to a Director on the CATC. Forwarded to both Supervisor and Sheriff's Departments for their response.



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

- Officer Wilson; Reported June statistics received and distributed to CATC members. Council: Requested stats be shared on Cambridge/Hasley intersection. Officer Wilson; has been communicated and agrees this is the most dangerous intersection in Castaic. Council: Report from Deputy Bohnert reviewed. Specifically re: July 4th Lake activity. Council: How is damaged public property in accident reported? D.Wilson; is reported and reimbursement sought after. Property owner is listed in the crash report.

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

- Statistics were given and distributed. Chief Sprengel; 168 total responses. 3 minor fires in June. 4th of July firework involved incidents will be posted in August. Castaic/Val Verde were uneventful. No large event fires. Safety tip of the month re: heat related injuries; stay hydrated, lightweight clothing, sun screen, limit exposure during afternoon hours, etc.. Council: Fire near Castaic Lake. Chief Sprengel; about 14 acres, no structures and handled expeditiously. Couple of fires along I-5 last week near Pyramid Lake and were aggressively put out quickly.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### A. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.

- Nothing for last month. Will be a meeting in August. 31905 Castaic Rd. Medical office building for Sr. Day-care facility.

### B. Parks and Recreation.

- Sent out report to CATC Directors.

### C. Fundraising Update.

- Nothing to report.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

#### 1. Treasurer's report for July 2023.

- Sent out June and July reports. Only thing new was ZOOM reports. Taxes filed and in order.

## 8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update. Josie Gutierrez.

- Hasley Hills South. Project advertised for construction bids to be received August 8th. Construction to begin in November. Hasley Canyon Rd. impacted by above. Scheduled for Fall 2023, pushed back now into 2024. Council: Expressed displeasure as road is deteriorating rapidly and constituents are complaining.

### B. Parks project list update.

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### C. Town Council priorities list.

- Will discuss in Agenda meeting due to lack of Safety Committee members being present.



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### 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 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 June 21, 2023.

Motion by J.D'Addario. Second by J.Gardner. Vote 6/0/0.

### 12. 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.

### 13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month - August 2, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - August 7, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month - August 16, 2023

### 14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:02 P.M..

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