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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:33PM.

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2024	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2023-2026
I	AB	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JASON GARDNER
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	6:38P	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	AB	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 D.Boyer. Vote 6/0/0.

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 Brian Rooney: 5 part 1 crimes in Castaic. 32 arrests. Re: Val Verde Incidents; LAPD did 2 searches/arrests. Shooting incident; suspect and victim knew each other, is still under investigation. Council: # of narcotics arrests Castaic residents or transient individuals. Deputy Rooney; probably around 50/50 in- involving truck stops and repeat offenders. Council: Val Verde fire/bbq issues across from Val Verde Park? Rooney: Person has been contacted, not aware of any arrests. Council: Would this also involve fire de- partment if on vacant lot? Rooney: Possibly, as FD has some authority. Is almost homeless issue related and is member of community that has been displaced. Deputy Rooney: No issues at Castaic H.S. for 2nd or 3rd week of March, so nothing to report on question presented to him. Council: Sgt. Bohnert advised graffiti problem with Val Verde 13 gang vandalizing the Park. Team is addressing and has done arrests in- cluding Ghost gun seizure.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Statistics emailed to Council Members. Off. Wilson: 75 tickets on Castaic Rd. for parking. Council: Re- viewed stats for community. Council: RE: Closures for landslide work, how is this affecting traffic. Off. Wilson: In monthly meeting and one upcoming shortly. Seems to be going as smooth as possible at this time. Council: Closure on Parker on ramp, is that work completed? Off. Wilson: Will check with CalTrans, has been ongoing pot holes due to rain.

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

- Chief Sprengel also in attendance. Maria Grycan: Reviewed stats for Castaic. 5 fires. 3 vehicles on NB I-5, 1 cooking fire & 1 RV fire fully involved \$30,000 damage. Brush inspections begin May 1st. Sent to Council a very last minute survey re: AB3074. Added Board of Forestry link for future notifications when milestones occur for AB3074. Council: Is link being sent separate from survey: Maria: No, if added email on survey, you are in the system. Council: Questions about whether doing work on abatement is being done by survey respondent or if hiring help. Maria: Survey Didn't allow any feedback on impact on homeowners if must hire help to do abatement. Doesn't know purpose of that question. Maria via Chat: California Board of Forestry to register your name and e-mail address to receive notices from BOF: bof.fire.ca.gov . . . scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page and hit the "Subscribe" button on the left side of screen.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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



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- Stephanie; Brief Report. This week budget focused for Board. \$43b budget proposed. 114,000 positions. 60 additional positions for fire department and 40 add'l for Sheriff's Department. Homelessness key focus. Council: AB732/AB733 were these passed? Gun legislation. Stephanie: Will look these up and advise.

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

- Julian Garcia: Doing monthly meetings of task force. CalTrans doing repairs and they have been monitoring activities. Traffic has been moving well.
- Bruce Perelman re: two new signals. Late June/early July completion estimate. Permit not yet received for I-5 signage. Showed slide re: new paving. Will be completely reconstructed. Will attempt to do all pavement work on weekend to lessen impact on school related traffic. Council: Will there be any signage/communication re: upcoming work on paving to alert public to this work is upcoming. Bruce: Will do this. Council: Re: Chain link taken down for construction that was put up to eliminate truck parking. Will this be reinstalled when work completed at Parker & The Old Rd. Bruce: Should be reinstalled upon work completion. Council: Roughly how much did this totally cost? Bruce: Cost between \$1.9-\$2.1m.

b. Update on sound wall design.

- Julian: No update yet received re: questions specifically by Mr. D'Addario. Council: Question re: weeds in places and who is responsible. Julian: Anything within Road right-of-way road crews will address. Will send message to road maintenance teams to look at the specific areas discussed.

2. Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Castaic - Homeowners Property Fire Insurance Rates - Cal Fire / California Insurance Commissioner meeting update.

- Move this Senator and Assembly persons portion of the Agenda.

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

- Julian: Team has been in contact. Updating plans and addressing concerns, i.e. delineators, access from side roads, etc.. Staff preparing comprehensive responses. Some are immediate and will be addressed, some are longer range and will go into planning.
- Secondary access Rd., legal language issue resolved. Geotechnical work. No plans yet approved. Council: Public affected are saying some residents have not received any communication re: legal language. Council: At what point will plans be shared on road placement. Julian: Depends on soil study and underlying soil will handle design being proposed. Council: Any timeframe associated with this work? Julian: End of 2024 is an aggressive timeline. Not impossible, but unlikely. Will look for feedback from Public Safety Committee to include community input. Council: Committee has spoken to PW Staff. Appreciate open dialogue.

4. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

- Julian: Will start scheduling as signal work is moving well.

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

- James Chung: School District working to clear basins. Design capacity to handle more than required capacity. Implementing vector control measures for any water not drained within 96 hours. Any water remaining beyond this time must be drained. District Maintenance working to put this requirement into place. Council: Largest water retention basin, is that natural evaporation? Any plans to drain water that is not evaporating. James: Retention basin is deeper, designed to hold water and spill over after reaching certain level. Evaporation basin is only approx. 10" deep. Vegetation and silt build up noted. Maintenance staff will clean up.



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6. Hasley Hills South road reconstruction project - Aaron Miank / Steve Dunn.

- Aaron Miank Project Manager: Power Point presentation. Will start with Romero Canyon (West) project first. Lisa Woung, PE Senior Project Manager also attending meeting. Council: Romero Canyon has no alternative routes. How will residents be accommodated? Aaron: Will address specifics when contractor is awarded. Will accommodate residents via various alternatives. Lisa Woung: Cure time is required given full replacement of pavement. Usually will do one half of road at a time to allow thru traffic. Council: Cannot do a full closure on Romero due to nature of that area. Lisa: Will most likely do half and half to allow access and services to continue.

7. Honor Ranch Development - Town Council request for southbound Castaic Road Extension.

- Council: want to make sure as process moves forward, a request for County to plan to extend Castaic Rd. to Hasley and then further to Hwy 126. Stephanie: Gave Bob contact in PW. Trammel Crow will reach out to CATC. Plan to reach out to stakeholders will occur. Formal outreach will happen in not too distant future.

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

- Not in attendance.

1. Help with Homeowners Property Fire Insurance Rates.

- Insurance Commission Meeting recap given by Director DeSesa. Did not address individual questions. Council: Fair Plan is not State, is Insurance Company's running. Insurance company's and Commissioner in lawsuits. Difference between Hazard and Risk. Fire Department focuses on Hazards, Insurance Companies focus on Risk. Risk driven by total exposure to zip code level. Can't drop coverage due to Ridge Route fire for 12 months, but rates are astronomical. CAP is set at \$3m per home. Condo's not covered by Fair Plan. Council: Sent press releases dealing with business/commercial rate increases. None dealt with homeowners increases in home insurance rates. 5 residents sent in examples of rate increases. These were sent to Senator Wilks and Rep. Schiavo's offices. Council: Recommends a follow up letter expressing this issue and utilizing these examples to be sent to Governor with Cc to Senator & Assemblywoman. Also to BOS. Where is oversight? What is explanation? Stephanie: "Having a virtual town hall is not much of a town hall". Reach out to Rep. Schiavo to attend this meeting. Will share her Agents views if desired to have him present to the CATC. Stephanie: Virtual does not allow feedback directly as would be done in person. Council: Recommend both letter be sent and follow up with Rep's office to get Insurance Commissioner/staff attend next CATC Town Hall meeting.

2. Help with state funding for The Old Road expansion.

- Council: Kris Hough will talk to State level to look into State funds for expansion of The Old Road. Andrew said he would reach out to the Supervisor's office to determine how they can help. Council: Wasn't funding already discussed due to follow up to Ridge Route Fire? Stephanie: New due to new Assemblywoman. Want specifics and PW is working on that plan, but hard to share specificity given scope of this project. Council: Will reach out to Congressman Garcia's office as well for Federal funding assistance.

C. Report from 40th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo - Andrew Taban.

- Not in attendance.

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- Sent Agenda separately to CATC members. 1st project Los Rocas expansion. 2nd project AMR ambulance tenant improvement relocating station and expanding. Monday May 1st virtual on-line meeting for Land Use Committee.

B. Traffic Safety Committee - Co-chairs Abigail DeSeSa & Michael Minor.

- Mike: Conversation with Katherine from PW. Went thru list of future concerns for CATC activities. Where should priorities list be shared with the community? Council: Should be discussed at Planning Agenda Meeting. Once approved by CATC can post to community.

C. Parks and Recreation.

- West launch ramp road closed due to fire damage to guard rails. Announced Lake activities. Recruiting for Lake personnel, i.e. lifeguards, cashiers, etc..

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

- Ongoing. Nothing to report.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for April 2023.

- Insurance paid. PO Box renewal \$294/annual. \$82.56 ZOOM charge.

8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- No update

B. Parks project list update.

- No update

C. Town Council priorities list.

- No update

9. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

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.)

- No requests received for open discussion.



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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by M.Minor. Second by A.DeSesa. Vote 5/0/2 (Boyer/Gardner)

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: 1st Wednesday of each month - May 3, 2023

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

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - May 17, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:19 PM.

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