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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:36 PM.

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 (VICE PRESIDENT)	X	OSHEA ORCHID
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	AB	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES

3. INVOCATION



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4. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by A.DeSeSa. Second by J. DAddario. Vote 8/0/0.

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 #11 Open Discussion.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

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

- Captain Justin Diez: Deputy Ortiz, emailed crime prevention roster with contact information. Gave statistics on crime. Concentration of crime up and down Hillcrest and on Castaic Rd. near truck stops. Part 1 crime up year over year since 2020. Most crime is property crime, i.e. theft from garages, packages from door steps, unlocked vehicles and retail theft. Violent crime remains low. Quite a few repeat offenders around 2,100. Account for 43% of all arrests. Fentanyl overdoses an issue. If you see something say something i.e. crimestoppers.com. crimemapping.com to keep abreast of crimes occurring in your area. Council: Hearing talking about violent crime in wash in Castaic about fire/burning someone. Capt. Diez: Homeless associated with fire issues for multiple reasons. Will follow up to provide information. Council: Clarification i.e. 300k in Santa Clarita? Capt. Diez: 220k in City and balance outside City. Also 20k going to Magic Mountain daily during season. Valley is growing. Council: Issue with panhandler at Castaic Rd. and Lake Hughes intersection. Capt. Diez: Has received complaint and is being addressed with citations on the spot. Reported as repeat offender. Council: At one time there was a grant for off-road motorcycle task force is that still existing? Capt. Diez: yes receive from State. Use on overtime and Deputies will go all over the valley for enforcement. Most resources being put into control due to staffing shortages running at 65% of staffing approved. Will be tapered down due to this issue. Council: Complaint on Sloan at end of Hillcrest. Is that something task force would look into? Capt. Diez: Not familiar with specific issue. Asked for it to be sent to Deputy Ortiz who will send it to motor sergeant.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Officer Wilson and Captain Kruesey: Officer Wilson sent CHP stats by email and reviewed in person. 8 hit and run crashes out of 33 total. Council: Is panhandler CHP enforcement? Officer Wilson: Definitely and will keep an eye out for this person. Receiving calls for food trucks parking in front of Pilot in No Parking area. Units have gone and cited them and aware of the ongoing issue.

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

- Maria Grycan/Deputy Chief Sprengel: Maria reviewed stats for Castaic/Val Verde. No fires in January. Council: Any report of fire in the wash behind Castaic Rd? Capt. Sprengel; if was January wasn't reported to LACO Fire.



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6. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Update on odor complaints, Notice of Violations, mitigation.

1. AQMD - Updates on odor complaints, Notice of Violations (NOV), Order for Abatement.

- Larry Israel: Shared statistics. Up to 2,000 odor complaints for 2024. 720 in January. Issued 11 NOV's for nuisance. February 1,400 complaints and 13 NOV's issued. 580 complaints this week. Franklin Pkwy business complaints. Odors pretty extreme this morning, received 50 complaints. Morning heaviest for receiving complaints. High School in Stevenson Ranch complaint received. Status hearing in April at AQMD. Council: Many comments not being reported. Council: Statistics do not include weekends, or holidays. Understand program may be coming for home hardening, etc.. discussed breadth of areas affected being larger than just Val Verde, i.e. Live Oak. Larry: Can't comment as not in AQMD Purview. Council: Appreciate AQMD work on this issue and being exposed. Council: To attendees, will go thru all reports then take public comment at end of presentations.

2. Department of Toxic Substances, Zana Zmily.

- Zana: Update re: investigation. On going regulatory involvement. Issued summary of violations re: management and disposal of waste Lechate. 5 Violations issued. 4 related to one load sent to facility in Gardena called Avalon which exceeded threshold for Benzene. February 16 prop 65 notice issued. Council: Re: levels of Benzene in report, how does this tie into public health exposure. Zana: levels in report are thresholds is re: liquid threshold that should be contained. If is uncontained, would expose environment. Council: Clarification re: February 15 letter. Is letter to Supervisors a separate document? Zana: Will be posted on their website and will provide link when ready in next 1-2 days. Council: Clarification; disposal of leachate, issue is needs to be done properly with proper permits, etc.. Zana: Yes, must be done properly and if leachate exceeds hazardous waste thresholds. Some may exceed, but not all does. Council: IS CCL required to test leachate? Zana: They are required to determine if waste generated is a hazardous waste. 2 options to determine.

3. County Taskforce - Update from L.A. County Public Works & L.A. County Regional Planning.

- Emiko Thompson; Update on permitting status of next new flare. 01/25/2024 submitted application from CCL. PW replied within 5 working days on 02/05/2024. Waiting for CCL to address comments and resubmit application. Steve Jareb, LA County Planning: No update but will share links and resources in chat for ZOOM meeting. Agency contact list will be one of the links.

4. Public Health - Update from L.A. County Public Health.

- Nichole Quick: 2 brief updates. Re: contact list. There is a mental health resource on the document. Study done by ??? for public health assessment. Report available on County's website. 2 main findings; 1) Community is exposed to significant odors, 2) CCL incremental small amount of Benzene to environment. Discussed recommendations made by 3rd party hired by County. Council: Recently CCL has monitoring stations. Do report once per hour. Have noticed #'s are low in some areas and others are almost always higher for Methane. Concern is methane lingering in specific areas. Is anyone looking at new readouts? Dr. Quick: LEA has jurisdiction of monitoring methane at the landfill. Will have to follow up from County perspective. Council: Mentioned short term health impacts, however many residents having impacts for greater than one year. What is long term definition? Dr. Quick: Short term expects once odorants go away, effects go away. Dr. Love: Short term is regarding how long last once exposure goes away. Measured ambient air for 6 weeks. Primary conclusions were that odors were real, intense and causing health effects. Other chemicals didn't represent a significant risk vs. other areas in the vicinity. Council: Methane is odorless and wasn't part of testing is the understanding. PPM for methane, what is a safe exposure level or level that would concern Dr. Love? Dr. Love: ppm is not generally a long term health concern. Will have to go back to get specific screening levels. Council: Is



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regularly occurring at high levels and concern with exposure level. Dr. Love: Typically methane isn't a cause of long term health effect. Council: Are reports able to be posted? Dr. Quick: Yes is on County website and posted in the chat. Can give .pdf of report and send to CATC.

5. Local Enforcement Agency - Update from L.A. County Public Health.

- Separate section of LA County Public Health. Shikari Ota, representing LEA of Cal Recycle: Clarification re: Council question re: Methane. Have threshold for methane for subsurface. Check operator is ensuring not migrating off site. AQMD Larry: Threshold is 500 parts per million. 1150.1 rule governs methane emissions. Shikari: February inspection. 2 violations. 1 is methane migration off site. Other violation was regarding 30 ml cover. Due to incremental weather delay and evaluating installation schedule. After rain, there was some eroded area needing Ccl to focus on controlling. 2/08 notice of intent for violation of state minimum standards (NOI). If CCL abates within 90 days, Cal Recycle will not list CCL on the inventory of violators. Council: Follow up on question re: Methane exposure for 1/8/24 hour exposures. Larry/AQMD; that is public exposure, is not same as ambient exposure so is outside AQMD purview. Council: How to quantify when citizens exposed for 24 hours or greater? Dr. Love: screening levels for methane are not health related and not considered an air toxic. Shikari: 02/08 issued NOI to place on inventory of solid waste facilities that violate state minimum standards. IF CCL addresses within 90 days, would not get listed. Shikari: Will give follow up at end of 90 day period.

6. Chiquita Canyon Landfill (A Waste Connection Company) - Update - Steve Cassulo & John Perkey.

- Steve Cassulo/John Perkey: Steve: Operations update. Some delays due to weather i.e. drilling additional wells. 2-3 crews lined up to put liner over affected reaction area. Temp probes, are working on getting those in place aside well drilling. 20 probes putting in place upon getting dry conditions. John Perkey: Highlight two issues; 1) Community relief fund is lining up 3rd party providers also working on a mental health hotline program 3rd party at no cost to community seeking services. Council: Has area been determined for relief fund availability? John: working on this currently. Formula being created to create model where can set parameters. Council: What will be covered? John: Will be offering filter program, will be funding for home hardening, relocation, any number of items. Assessment based off of location. Council: Any agencies required to sign off on parameters given? John: No, is separate CCL developed program.

- PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chris Medina/Castaic: Is tapwater compromised in any way? Should be concerned with VOC's in tap water? Emiko/LEA: Drinking water well located north of CCL. Testing occurs on this well. Last year no benzene or other VOC's were detected in wells in this region. Posted on States website.
- Dinesh Perera/Stevensons Ranch: Why is CCL still allowed to operate with all these NOV's? Steve Jereb/County Planning: Permit authorizing CCL to exist is CUP. CUP does have provisions that can order cessation of the landfill. FAQ's addressing. Closing active face of landfill would not address problem that is in a closed area of the landfill. CCL is cooperating fully, so that is considered. County is not moving forward with stopping CCL operations.
- Kelly Hanker: Where can find data on water testing? Emiko: Will put into the chat. Is posted on State waterboard website and County website.
- Sarah Olaguez: Gave public comment. Heard in most recent rainfall, CCL and County acknowledged leachate spilled into Santa Clara River. Is Department of Toxic Substances aware? Is LA County communicating with Ventura County? Zana: Aware and have collected additional samples. No reply regarding sharing of data with Ventura County. CATC will seek follow up on this question.



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- Susie Evans: Is CCL still continuing to try to stop issue and how many people working on this issue.
Steve: Normal operations have not been affected. 50-100 additional people on any given day working on this issue. 2 contractors and several consultants including new leachate consultant.
- B. Report from 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English.
- No specific update from County.
- C. I-5 North County Enhancement Project Update - Saroya Sandiford - L.A. Metro.
- Saroya: Gave update on last months presentation. Bridge work on Calgrove over crossing. Work has been extended beyond February anticipated timeline. Extended to mid June. Construction update meeting next Wednesday from 6-7pm. Can provide ZOOM link to anyone interested in attending. Council: Everything basically on schedule? Saroya; have been prepared for rain and are on schedule to complete work by 2026.
- E. Traffic Safety Committee - Michael Minor.
- Michael unable to join meeting. Sent out list for February. Julian Garcia: Is list PW provided updates on. Council: Highlighted Hasley/Del Valle drainage issue and car swept from roadway in recent rain storms.
- F. Legislative email updates.
- Scott Wilk following up at State level re: CCL issues. Nothing further shared.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.
 - 1. Land Use Committee members for 2024.
- All members except for Jim's region will continue on Land Use Committee for 2024. Region V may have opening and several potential citizens are available for joining if needed.
- B. Parks and Recreation - Email updates.
- Marisol from Aquatics Center did not attend. Sent information by email to CATC Directors. Also sent out Sports Complex activities update. No update from Castaic Lake.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer's Report - Jim D'Addario.
- Will be doing annual payment to ZOOM to bring down total cost. CPA has received taxes for CATC, will be completed at later date without issue. Council: Re: ZOOM subscription. Was studied webinar and standard version. Key issue is control of the meeting. Standard version is open and not able to be controlled, so webinar version is best for controlling meeting.

9. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Parks project list update.
- Jim D'Addario: Somehow need to push items not being addressed. If needs to be revised, asked Directors to give feedback.



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B. Town Council priorities list.

C. Fundraising Update - Charity Car & Bike Show at Castaic Lake - Saturday, May 18, 2024

- Issues have arisen that may affect ability to have this event. Will review at agenda planning meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- RESIGNATION OF DAVID BOYER ANNOUNCED.

11. 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.)

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of January 17, 2024.

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by J. D'Addario. Vote 8/0/0.

13. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

- *Hearing on March 28 for CUP authorizing sell of beer/wine at offsite consumption at 7;Eleven. Is a renewal, not a new CUP, so CATC would not comment on such. Possibly just a transfer. Will seek clarification to ensure nothing needed from CATC regarding transfer.*

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

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - March 6, 2024

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - March 4, 2024



Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:30 PM Online

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Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - March 20, 2024

15. ADJOURNMENT @8:35PM.

Motion by D. Boyer. Second by J. D'Addario. Vote 8/0/0.