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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:40 PM.

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	7:17PM	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	X	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 M.Minor. Second by J. Gardner. Vote 6/0/0.

B. Questions and Comments None Received.

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. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Update on odor complaints, Notice of Violations, identifying the source and mitigation.

1. Chiquita Canyon Landfill (A Waste Connection Company) - Update from landfill operator - Steve Cassulo, District Manager.

- Steve Cassulo. Gave Presentation. In review of existing data levels are not averse to community. DMS threat is not concern as noted in Signal article. Have hired 3rd party toxicologist, CTEH. Will create health impact report. Focused on addressing issue, re: compensation, not focus at this time. Providing air filtration devices. unanticipated landfill reaction is occurring, result of older area of landfill. No combustion. Increased water creation. Creating DMS. No health impacts on surrounding communities, but does contribute to odors. Began field studies on 15th. Will need new flare and applied in 2020. Waiting on EPA approval. Reviewed Landfill Gas 101. Reviewed DMS & Health Risks. DMS health impacts not potential health impacts of H₂S. CTEH toxicologist to work on technical advisory committee for potential health and environmental impacts. Presented Addressing the Reaction; SCS Engineers and SCAQMD Variance. Reviewed all steps being taken to address. SCS Recommendations reviewed. Putting a synthetic cover in next 6-7 weeks. Reviewed Odor Mitigation Efforts. Reviewed Expanding Air Monitoring in the Community. Reviewed Local Resident Air Filter Program. Shared Odor Mitigations Webpage: <https://www.chiquitacanyon.com/> Shared 24 hour hotline: (661)253-5155 and Email: info@chiquitacanyon.com as well as a QR code to visit their website directly. Next meeting will be on September 14 @ 6:00 PM.

2. SCS Engineers - Update on monitoring and mitigation.

- Ray Huff: Implementing additional sampling. Existing 12 stations. Were doing 3 per month, now doing all 12 every month. Expanded suite of testing including DMS.

3. AQMD - Updates on odor complaints received and/or Notice of Violations (NOV).

- Larry Israel: In last year received total of approx. 1,700 complaints re: CCL. District is moving forward with Order for Abatement. Will go thru hearing board which is an independent panel. Action resulting may be modified by the hearing board and public testimony is encouraged. Tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2023. Re: New flare permit process. AQMD is just one of several permitting facilities. EPA is also required to permit. Council: What are options of hearing board? Larry Israel: Modify, accept, add additional conditions.

4. Public Works - Updates from L.A. County Dept. of Public Works.



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- Miki Esposito: Assistant Director of Public Works and representing County Task force. County bringing on their own consultant. introduced team members of task force: Emiko Thompson Asst. Deputy Director of PW. Reviewed PW role on Task Force. Flare building permit was issued. CUP gives County authority to bring in consultant. Dr. Nicole Quick, Public Health. Introduced DPH Team. Reviewed their role under State Authority and participate in advisory committees. Introduced Shikari Nakagawa acts as LEA to enforce State solid waste management, Laws and Regulations. Independent from County. Conducts monthly inspections. Cal Recycle publishes results. CCL is in compliance with State laws and regulations. Ai-Viet Huynh, Senior Planner with LA County Regional Planning. Land use for Unincorporated LA County. Holder of CUP for CCL. Dedicated email address for complaints/concerns is set up. chiquitacomplaints@lacounty.gov & Phone: 213-974-6483. Council: Re: CUP, who determines if CCL is in violation and who can require CCL to close if in violation? Alex Garcia, Asst. Deputy Director for Land Use with LA County Regional Planning: no one agency can make determination to close CCL. Miki Esposito; LACO hears peoples concerns in the community and is keeping all options on the table. Must find root cause to find solution to problem.

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

- Reviewed under point 4 - Joint Task Force

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

- Reviewed under point 4 - Joint Task Force

7. Regional Planning - Update on L.A. County Regional Planning Issues.

- Reviewed under point 4 - Joint Task Force

Q&A: Council: Re: CUP, lack of clarity, what CUP is currently governs CCL? Alex Garcia; CUP copy can be sent to CATC. How do we measure success here? Lack of collection of data outside of CCL site. How do we collect, share and measure success of remediation activities? Ray Huff: Collecting data and looking at impacts including DMS and all contribution to TMS compounds. Toxicologist will make these findings. Steve Cassulo; Will gather data, goal and success is to become invisible to the neighborhood. Miki; That County gets compliance and people are safe. Council: Re: Pulling water from the pit, what is done with this and how much? Steve: leachate increased 10x due to this event and is sent to water treatment plant. Council: Clarified where water treatment plant is that takes in this water. Council: What is the deadline for determining root cause? Steve: Know it's a reaction from current observations and expert feedback. Has happened at 50-100 other landfills across the country. Know root cause, but every situation handled differently. No silver bullet. Council: Did Steve say DMS isn't a toxic compound? Case study on National Library of Medicine shows otherwise. Steve: In the neighborhood at distance not toxic, just an odorous thing. Ray: Not a toxicologist. DMS is an odorous compound put into natural gas to create odor. Why toxicologist involved to look at values of all compounds going into the community. Council: How do we see results of testing? Asked Ray to share toxic level information. Ray: Testing in Val Verde. Testing at monitoring and at complaint locations. Council: County Public Health input requested on exposure of DMS. Dr. Quick: Without knowing what is in community now, can't address what health effects are being experienced. DMS does have a toxicity associated with it. Need more details to address. Known effects of LFG; nausea, respiratory, headaches, etc.. As exposure goes away, symptoms will decrease. Council: Will results be made public? Steve; yes absolutely. Ray: Yes. Council: Residents most upset with lack of action from County. Downplaying DMS effects, doesn't make sense that so many experiencing symptoms. Mental health issues being experienced by Val Verde residents. Don't like being talked down to. Trust is lost and must be earned back. Why are residents being treated like this by then County? Miki Esposito; knows are in a terrible place and County is with them. Working as quickly as possible. County gathering independent analysis. Developing situation, building the plane while flying it which is not always satisfactory. Working in earnest to get answers. Want to keep residents in Val Verde safe. Council: Mitigation funds being sent to County, only way to access funds is thru a 501(c)3 applying for a grant that benefits communities around landfill. Val Verde is suffering, but doesn't have a 501(c)3 to apply. Money needs to start



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flowing to residents as they choose between food, rent, mortgage costs.. Is causing a lot of financial impact to Val Verde community. Feel they are being poisoned and pockets robbed by utility companies. What will it take to get residents the help they need? Question to the Supervisor, not Departments. Stephanie English: confused regarding (c)3 application. Not able to be specific right now, but when have concrete information will share. County is going to have conversations with CCL to partner in efforts. Council: Get information, no question. Stephanie; County is hiring own independent toxicologist who can give timeline and know transparently information County is receiving. Miki: independent analysis by Cal Recycle. Council: Emanating from trash long ago, what was specific timeframe? Capacity and flow increase, what is potential for this being a bigger problem in the future as a result? Steve: Cell 4 or Cell 3 area, NW corner of CCL. Late 90's/2000's. Design not changed since original CUP. No more height given in 2017. Steve: Will use learnings from current issue to plan for new areas. Council: Is site taking on more trash today than in the past? Steve: Yes. Allowed up to 12,000 tons per day, currently taking in approx. 7,000 tons per day. Council: With what is currently going on, as of right now is CCL in compliance with CUP? Alex: Collectively decide when enforcement action needed. At this point, do not have enough information, working to get information to determine if enforcement is needed. They consider good faith action of operator and they are receiving this. Not in enforcement situation at this time. Council: Is there compliance whether thru LEA or AQMD which would not rely on CUP, but where CCL would be considered out of compliance? Miki; is different governing authorities, i.e. AQMD NOV's. Council: Lot going on re: nuisance level. Not just look at health impacts, but also economic impacts on our communities. Stephanie; Not responding to economic, said was working with CCL only. Not communicating economic impact at County. Will talk about offline after internal meetings occur.

20 attendees: Community feedback comments were received and responded to. Several residents of Val Verde area shared their experiences relating to CCL, Frustration with County Response, health related illness, etc..

Noted for record; Director Preach left meeting at this point.

B. Report from 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English.- No report given

C. I-5 North County Enhancement Project Update - Saroya Sandiford- L.A. Metro - Email update. - Saroya Sandiford reported; Walden Canyon Demo pushed back to October 14. Reported on overall project guides. Nothing specific to Castaic.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Ortiz-Vences / Captain Justin Diez - No Email update. Had to leave meeting due to length.
2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson - Email update. - Left meeting due to length of meeting. Email statistics overviewed.
3. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email update. Statistics overviewed.



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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- Will be a meeting this month re: medical building on Castaic Rd CUP.

B. Parks and Recreation - Email update.

- Sent Sports Complex and Lake Updates with upcoming events that will be posted on CATC FB Page.

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

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for August 2023.

8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

B. Parks project list update.

C. Town Council priorities list.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Request for update on Lake Hughes Rd. north construction status.

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 non-landfill related requests for discussion.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of July 19, 2023.

1st Motion by C. Dittes. Second by D.Boyer. Vote ____/____/____. (Obstaining; M.Minor/A.DeSesa). Had some discussion for quorum, lack of voting members present. **Tabled to next months meeting. Brought back for vote at end of meeting when quorum re-established.**

2nd Motion by C.Dittes. Second by D.Boyer. Vote 4/0/2. (Obstaining; M.Minor/A.DeSesa).



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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 - September 6, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month - September 11, 2023 (moved because of Labor Day on Sept. 4th)

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - September 20, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:17 PM.

Motion by C.Dittes. Second by M.Minor. Vote 6/0/0.