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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:34PM .

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2025	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2019-2023
I	<input type="checkbox"/>	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JESSICA CHAMBERS
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	6:47p	ERIC LARSON
IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	6:41p	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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3. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by DeSesa. Second by D'Addario. Vote ___5___/___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.

- None Received

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

- Stephanie Not Available. Natalie Vartanian Assistant Field Deputy Presented

1. Covid 19 update.

- Masking Requirement K-12 Removed as of 3/11/22. Aligned with State. All other Health Officer Orders remain. 698 new cases yesterday; 28 deaths. Downtrending.
- Camp Scott Youth Camp - permanent security track facility for male youth. Passed Board of Supervisors. Barger only Supervisor who opposed.
- Ordinance making HR in charge of masking requirements - Barger opposed, but passed BOS. Felt it was directed at one individual/department and jeopardizing public safety.
- Released statement supporting 'Care Court' = Community Assistance and Recovery. Provides additional help for mentally ill citizens.
- Council: Noted Barger always outvoted 4-1 on Board of Supervisor's. Suggest community explore options to split 5th district away from Los Angeles County. Castaic is suburban/not urban and is not supported by Board of Supervisor's. Funding not directed towards SCV.

2. Sloan Canyon Road Traffic & Safety update - Daniel Quintana/Josephine Gutierrez; Public Works.

- Traffic Design Aspects. Prepared Power Point and shared. Re: especially down hill speed controls.
 - a) Painted Medians and Plastic Bollards. Proposed for 6 locations. Some accompanied by signs "Watch Down Hill Speed".
 - b) Speed Reduction markings. Where collisions have occurred. Transverse lines along pavement and pavement markings 'Slow Curve'.
 - c) Preliminary proposal for acceleration lane west of Quail Valley Road. Looking at details. Is a driveway west of intersection that serves the Church and need to ensure ingress/egress is not negatively affected.
 - d) Oakhorn Ave. traffic circle would require additional right of way and as this is straight down hill will cause speeds too high for safe entry into circle.
- Council: What is used to mark roads? Daniel: Thermo Plastic is standard. Council: already left turn from Quail Valley onto Sloan. About acceleration lane, issue is people trying to merge in if trying to go up to the school. How long is the acceleration merge lane? PW: approx. 200' designed for posted speed of the road. Council: Last Month update on traffic calming, when discussed Oakhorn that there was too much stuff for traditional traffic circle, was a smaller version of traffic circle that took less foot print. This is what Council thought was being studied. Update? PW: Yes, looked



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at smaller version traffic control circle. Shared a couple of renderings of this proposal. PW concerned with speed entering circle. Council: If speed is concern, why is speed 40 mph? Couldn't speed be posted slower to make entry safe? Purpose of traffic circle is to calm down the speed. Can we lower speed limit prior so less than 40 mph? PW: Can continue to look at this. May be a need to gradually reduce speeds in advance of Oakhorn proposed traffic circle. They will take a look at this. Council: Yes, encourage PW to continue to look at traffic circle, offset version. PW: Proceed with their proposals and study traffic circle moving forward.

- Castaic Road Parking. Daniel Quintana PW. Evaluating request for parking issues on Castaic Road between Parker and Lake Hughes. Semi's parking in median area. Looking at painted medians with Bollards. Another option possibly painted medians. More extreme would be to eliminate painted medians, but concerned with business access. Council: Recommends PW coordinate with CHP for recommended solutions for this segment of Castaic Road. PW: Will contact Officer Wilson with CHP. Council: Trucks are expanding out onto the West side of the FWY.
- Hasley/Del Valle intersection. Letter sent following up request. Council: Noted no funding and B&T fees not earmarked. Josephine Gutierrez PW: Do a concept report is what is next step to determine what can be done, interim/long term? Hoping concept report will show alternatives other than need for a bridge. Look for funding post concept report findings. No timeline on Concept Report pending approval from PW administration to proceed. Council: Looking at LA County Flood Control funds? PW: Yes, once have concept report approval from admin., funding will come from flood control district for concept report. Council: At least there is funding for that first step. Please keep us updated on report and response from LA County Flood Control District.
- Council: Dirt lot at Parker and Old Road. We heard in past right of way no parking no stopping signs. Natalie: Will look into it as it was reported as being done.
- Council: Notifying Natalie, Val Verde homeless encampment situation is again heating up.
- Council: Little League leasing or is County putting in park at Williams Ranch Development. Believes County is committed to putting in the park, but will report back.

B. Graffiti Abatement Program Presentation - Adrian Casillas - L.A. County Dept. of Public Works.

- In charge of AV and Castaic areas for graffiti removal. Council: Requests Flyer to post on Town Council FaceBook page. Also requested information on knowing "The Works APP". Council will post on FB and on Community bulletin board.
- Council: See dumping on lots in Val Verde Canyon. Yes, report. PW: If notice illegal dumping, anything in ROW roads maintenance will handle, private property handled by regional planning, parks & rec and PW. Report thru The Works App, or direction to Josephine Gutierrez with PW. PW Dispatch center is another option to report; 800-675-4357

C. Report from 38th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares - Patsy Ayala.

- No report received. Patsy Ayala not in attendance. If any received will be forwarded to Council following.

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

- Received legislative update. 9 Page report. Noted on first page discussed homelessness funding/issue. Council welcomes all assistance on this front given recent issue.

1. Caltrans update of Highway 126 traffic light intersection of Chiquito Canyon Rd. & Hwy 126.

- Forwarded email regarding this project, in process of installing now. Should be finished possibly by end of March. Council: Recommends sending thank you to the Senator for assistance with facilitating this project.

E. Report from 25th Congressional District - Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.



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- Emailed report to Council Members. \$10m for community project funding for 2022 fiscal appropriations package, i.e. Henry Mayo Breast Health Initiative. Council to reach out to Congressman re: highway funding to address Old Road widening, to be considered for future appropriation(s).

F. William S. Hart School District: Castaic High School update - Principal Melanie Hagman.
- Will have information to share at April Council Meeting for H.S. activities

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

A. Public Safety - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar.
- 21 new positive covid tests since last month. 4 jail facilities opened. 5,074 inmates.
2. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Rooney / Captain Justin Diez.
- Cpt. Diez, SCVSD/ Deputy Rooney. Gave crime stat report. Including one reported homicide, at liquor store on Castaic Road. One armed robbery, 7-Eleven on Lake Hughes. Catalytic Converter etching event(s) on several dates throughout March; on social media page to add to Town Council Web Page. Dirt lot on Old Road and Parker, are being cited and parking enforcement IS occurring. Council: truckers are destroying signs, vandalizing. Truckers from out of area are being pinpointed as the issue by local truck drivers. Council: County enforcement may be required to get ongoing issue resolved.
3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau - Sgt. Bohnert - Email Report.
- Bob met with him and discussed challenges. Sent one paragraph email read by Bob. Noted Val Verde gang graffiti issue on-going. Patrolling over night has been greatly reduced and is now based out of South LA.
4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.
- Emailed stats. 944 citations in Castaic, including I-5. 42 parking citations on Castaic Road. 14 arrests; 4 DUI, 2 warrants, 2 Suspended lic, 1 Hit and Run, 1 Felony Pursuit, 1 stolen vehicle, etc.. 40 collisions in Castaic area. 34 property, 5 injuries, 1 fatal. CalTrans did clean up on I-5 from Lake Hughes to Templin and cleaned up a ton of trash. Council: Re: CalTrans trash clean up. They did based upon a request, does this happen consistently, or is it by reporting to get clean up done? Officer Wilson: Do have maintenance schedule, but squeaky oil gets the grease and there is a CalTrans site to report issues and suggest utilizing this resource. Council: Enforcement now up to H.S. on Sloan Canyon, is there any noticeable difference? Officer Wilson: Yes, hearing slowing down and radar trailer and additional citation officers are being deployed to help monitor speed enforcement.
- Officer Wilson more than happy to assist PW with center median getting addressed on Castaic Road.
5. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email Report.
- Maria presented statistics. 114 responses; 2 fires.

B. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Chris Mowry / Hugo Maldonado.
- Flyers will be posted on FB, website, bulletin board re: Junior Lifeguard, etc..
2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Domonick Washington.
- Nobody in attendance. Emailed one page update. Spring Jubilee 4/14/2022. Go to: reservations.lacounty.gov (narrow Search to programs available at Castaic Sports Complex.



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3. Castaic Aquatic Center - Luis Torres.

- No Update.

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

1. County of Los Angeles Project No: 2017-05929; CUP RPPL2017009034.

SoCal Turf and Tractor, Stay Green Nursery and Murco Wall Products.
30517 - 30529 The Old Road, Castaic.

Ron Druschen (Applicant Representative of Drywall Mechanics)

Assessor Parcel Number: 2865-020-017 and 023
Current Zoning M-1 Proposed Zoning M-1.

Continued Commercial, Industrial and Contractor Yard Use.
Proposed Screening Fence and Landscaping to be installed.

Project Overview: In accordance with Castaic Community Standards District (CSD) requirements, Section 22.44.137(E)(2)(g) of the Los Angeles County Zoning Ordinance, Drywall Mechanics, Inc. requests the review and support of a pending County of Los Angeles land use application for a Conditional Use Permit to formalize the continued use of the approximately 4.5 areas of flat area of the site of SoCal Turf and Tractor, Stay Green Nursery and Murco Wall Products. This area will be screened from the public right of way along the property frontage of The Old Road with landscaping in front of screened fencing in conformance with Section 22.52.610 of the Zoning Ordinance. No significant physical changes are proposed on the site.

Motion by Dittes. Second by D'Addario. Vote 7 / 0 / 0 .

- Ron Druschen/Denny Ford (Owner) Presentation of project. Jim reviewed 6 conditions of approval from Land Use. Council: Re: Silo's of operation of Murco Drywall. Billboard signs are legally permitted. Regional planning did not discuss or add any requirements regarding billboard signage. Display of equipment with bucket up. RD: was the case when picture taken. Understand concern and notified this cannot be done going forward. Denny Ford/Owner: Since pandemic no new Kubota tractors, will go back to new items on display moving forward. Water for landscaping issue of property to the south. RD: water system is private shared with property to the north, Mustang Ranch. Water from well serves these properties. Storage property to the south of these properties is not part of the private water supply system. Council: would property owner consider painting silo/building at Drywall to better blend with surrounding? D.Ford: Yes they would do this if required. Council: Agrees with other member that bucket up is not an issue. JD: Prefers being consistent in not allowing buckets being raised above 8' sight line of fence. RD: Proposed 2 scenarios; a) Display area, b) Storage area behind fencing. Council: Agrees with Ron, storage restrictions different than business restrictions for display area. Feels is telling businesses how to operate their business. Doesn't feel imposing restrictions on business is correct. Council: Display area not shielding behind fence. Comment would can be raised or lowered above fence shielding for display area, but not for stored items behind shield fencing.
- MOTION: Approve as amended by Land Use Committee Minutes , revised 3/16 plan, with exception of raised equipment height unless outside display area and addition of painting white bag house & silos to blend with environment color chosen by land owner, landscaping plan as presented. AD: suggests neutral tan, as friendly amendment to motion.



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6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Treasurer's Report & Budget for 2022 - Jim D'Addario.

1. Treasurer's report for February 2022.

- D'Addario: Nothing changed except adding \$0.10 to the checking account.

7. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Nothing New

B. Parks project list update.

- Nothing New

C. Town Council priorities list.

- Lewis. Met with Stephanie English, Monday 3/07. Reviewed list. Supervisor ready to help with priority list. Council: Noticing movement, i.e. 126, Intersection Old Road & I-5 & Castaic next 3 Exits Signage installed. Not seeing Del Valle Bridge on list, after discussion will add.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL POSITION FOR REGION 2 (VAL VERDE) - ANNOUNCED

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.)

- Region 4 still needs nominee for Land Use Committee representation. Lewis & Preach working on and hope to have announcement at next Council meeting.

- Comment Form received from Stacy Morgan: Re: Verbiage on Agenda as to why Council Meetings are being held on line instead of in person. Message: Statement is False.. noted LA County Department of Health 3/10/22 Mandate lifted, STOP HIDING BEHIND FALSE NARRATIVES by Mainstream media and Politicians, (Full comments read, paraphrased here), Must offer in person meetings, if any Councilmember uncomfortable meeting face-to-face perhaps they should resign. Council: Will add as discussion item in next Agenda Planning Meeting. Council: Facilities are again open, but have limited internet availability. Reason for remaining online was to reach more people in Castaic thru on-line. Comments received from Constituents heavily favor staying on-line. Will correct Agenda to remove COVID related wording for next months Agenda.



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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of February 16, 2022.

Motion by D'Addario. Second by DeSesa. Vote 7/0/0.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.
- Fire Safety Hazard Public Notice amendment to unincorporated county land use policy. Notice received and will be forwarded to the Council for review. Meeting is in down town LA, Monday 4/05/2022.
 - CUP for Chabelo's Mexican Grill. Presented in August and approved. Does County know of our approval. Was letter sent to County. President will send out letter prior to next meeting if not already sent.
 - D'Addario discussion with English. RFP sent for land in front of Pitchess. Supervisor would like Council's input on what community would like to see developed on this 200 acre property. Requested Supervisor send map to Council. Focus is jobs and tax revenue for this development per Supervisor. Will also request RFP copy sent to Council. Thru Road connecting Castaic on East side of I-5 raised. Castaic Creek area protected by SEA. Discussion of "Jail" vs. "County" property.
- 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 - April 6, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - April 4, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - April 20, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:59P .

Motion by: D'Addario. Second by: Boyer. Vote 7/0/0.