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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:33 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2024	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2023-2026
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	AB	JASON GARDNER
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	□	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	X	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	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 J. D'Addario. 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 #10 Open Discussion.

- Question re: A4 and Open Discussion Re: Update Information not on Agenda.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

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

- No Representative Present.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson/Capt. Kruesey.

- Officer Wilson. Reviewed stats. 655 citations in Castaic. 40 on Castaic Rd. for big rig parking. 53 collisions. 14 Injured/No fatalities. Will send report tomorrow for CATC member review.

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

- Maria: Sent out monthly report on Castaic area incidents for April. 177 Responses.

a. LACFD Home Fire Inspections - Update Chief Sprengel.

- Chief Sprengel: Fire stations 143/149. Two fire starts on 14 Fwy. today. 4,870 inspections completed.

- 4,201 completed, 34 (410) reports written and will do follow up on those 410 next month. Mailed compliant notices will be mailed. 410 was left on door hangar if failed. Council: Re: 34 (410) reports. Sounds like a low number. Is that encouraging? Chief Sprengel, yes, but no baseline from prior years to base upon given large volume of inspections this year. Council: Re: N. Lake HOA community been completed? Chief Sprengel; do not know but will check and report back. Would not expect a lot of 410 reports to be written in this HOA neighborhood, unless backs up to brush. Council: Re: N.Lake, why inspections needed and fees charged for these inspections? Chief Sprengel; Castaic is a high impact area due to ember cast which is reason given at State level. Council: Understands, problem is fee of \$150 in relation to risk of area, i.e. Northlake. Seems to be a disconnect on risk vs. fee cost. Why is fire department taking photos out of vehicles and no door to door and citizen engagement? Chief Sprengel; Should be walking streets and doing full inspection of homes; front, back and sides. If 410 written, then photo of violation and of 410 report will be taken and uploaded into inspection system. Council: So will involve walking of property? Chief Sprengel, yes will be knock on door. If resident not home, do best they can.

- Stephanie English; Thank Maria for always being engaged. Chief Sprengel responsible for 3 battalions. Immense experience. Ready/Set/Go plan. Thank Chief for attending the meeting. Builds



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sense of confidence in the community.

Chief Sprengel; N. Lake was completed and no 410's were issued. Most 410's written were west of the freeway. Council: Dittes; as well he appreciates, just wishes they would have him pay more attention on areas that need attention. States no door to door was completed. Really kind of messed up. Chief Sprengel; homes have been lost like in Tick fire inside of a neighborhood. Chief; is following State requirements. Need community input when we push back on the State. Stephanie English; up the chain is with the State elected offices, not L.A. County Fire. Her office has received hundreds and hundreds of calls. The State gave money to the Counties to perform the inspections State is requiring. Council: Mailings? Chief; mailings following up inspections will be mailed around June 9th. Do inspection and this will be mailed to you with compliant result by mail. Maria; February mailing was notice of inspections occurring in May.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

- Council: Update first on Old Road before going to other agenda items. Chris Navarro with Congressman Garcia's Office.

1. The Old Road - County/State/Federal Funding Update, Steve Burger PW.

- Steve Burger; 2 parts of Old Road; a) Old Road South from Mayo South, b) Old Road North. Supervisors office freshened up concept via funding from Supervisor's office. Currently applying for the raise grant which is Federal money for planning. \$5,000,000 requested. D.C. knows about I-5 corridor and resiliency issues and congestion when fires occur on this corridor. Will share information as they progress. Continuing with efforts to address congestion elsewhere other than widening of The Old Road. Integrated Corridor Mgmt and permanent signing being applied for State & Federal to get those measures in place. Charles Navarro; Congressman as part of community projects funding request/i.e. earmarks. Put in \$5,000,000 funding to study Mayo to Magic Mountain Pkwy. Council: Is there coordination with County? Chris: Yes. Steve: Yes. Council: Is there a priority for North vs. South Old Road projects and what is the timing? Steve: Wouldn't call it priority, clearly South portion is farther along. Plans, EIR completed. Planning funding is entire corridor, not North or South specific. I-5 Corridor Resiliency Project. Will be a number of years to execute. Council: Reiterating Public Safety in evacuation events. Council: What is the real status of the working plans for The Old Road? Steve: Does not have exact status. Do have old set of plans to begin work from.

2. 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; Continue to meet and form plans. Signals being built. Working for signals to be automated and coordinated with City/County/Cal Trans. Should have proposal to present by next month. Council; If there was an incident this year, will draft plans be completed and can the CATC see these? Will they be ready if incident occurs next month? Julian: Operations must be put in place so when decisions made, the crews and act immediately. Hoping to have these plans in place within next month. Council: Is there an opportunity to submit CATC ideas to group? Julian: yes.

b. Update on sound wall design.

- Julian: Will have Metro and Cal Trans plans presented next month, maintenance, graffiti abatement, etc...



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

- Julian: Secondary road status has not been submitted by the contractor. Put them on notice we are waiting on this. Asked staff to at least put together conceptual presentation ahead of plans being received from contractor. Council: Has this been sent to property owners? Julian: Have not seen final language that will allow property owners to give access for study. Council: Is it the route already Right-of-way granted? Julian: Not sure what alignment is, but may meander differently due to slopes. Council: Is Baringer Rd. still part of this? Julian: Believes there were changes.

3. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia. (And Signal Update)

- Bruce Perelman: On schedule. Poles up in July. Re: signs to advise paving work ahead will be done. Re: signs on I-5, hoping to have in place before June work. Sub-contractor says more efficient to do work during night Wednesday-Friday, but will do at night 9p-6a to not affect high school traffic patterns. Council: Will entire intersection be closed? Bruce; will look at traffic plans when submitted. Not sure. Council: Concerned with area access. Bruce: Will bring it up to the contractor. Council: Curbs around town are not painted for no parking areas? I.e. Lake Hughes Road. Julian: Will investigate this and make recommendations. Josephine: Weeds in front of old Burger King. Have on schedule and is in the works to get completed. Stephanie: App called The Works is fantastic for reporting issues to PW.

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

- Steve Burger; No update per se, working with School District on finalizing grading. Working to close out grading corrections. Council: Property damaged not County, is private property. Any update about mosquito abatement? Josephine: Vector Control was on site today studying. Don't have final assessment yet from today's visit.
- Resident speaking regarding damage in Romero Canyon; Jim Neiman? Before school was built, there was no issue, but since school was built there is now a 6' deep wash running thru private properties. His water main kept getting destroyed. What is school district going to do about affects on Romero Canyon Rd. Wants understanding from school district what will be done. Council: Does County responsibility end when road goes private. Jim: problem areas are all not maintained by the County and all are paved. Runoff all channeled down a private road. He incurred \$5k expenses. Other residents are suffering much worse fates due to this runoff issue. Council: Resident encouraged to come to meeting due to lack of response. Stephanie: Hart District not responding. Suggest reaching out to School Board members directly and/or attend School Board Meeting. Jessica Chambers: On Parent board with Hart School District. Evacuation route from High School is sloan to Romero and road is washed out. No longer secondary access present to High School. School District saying they will never build secondary road and will never reach 1,600 students requirement.

5. Hasley/Del Valle Drainage Improvement Project - Steve Burger.

- Steve; did start drainage concept study. Started in March. Will be completed in December. Will not be a cheap solution. Significant amount of water to deal with and will most likely require a bridge. Will lead to next step of seeking funding, i.e. resiliency grants. Council: Will the report be shared in December? Steve; yes. Council: Will alignment of roads be looked at. Steve; Yes. Council: When you get building permit, require street improvement in front of project. How did Williams get approved with looking at the street frontage? Wouldn't B&T funds from that project cover this need? Steve: Understands question.

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

1. The Old Road - Funding Update. Council: Open to Old Road Funding.

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



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1. The Old Road - Funding Update.

- Did not get a response or input from their office.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- Jim: Did have a May 1 meeting. Developer was not able to attend and will now occur on June 1st meeting. This is for expansion of Los Rocas & AMR is reconfiguring their space. Council: Anything about a Kenworth dealership? Jim: Kenworth going in where Country Girl is currently at. Building demolished today. Late 2023/2024 will begin construction. Plans will be sent to CATC Members.

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

- Email sent out with priorities list for community. Abigail; 10 items on initial list. Discussed on ramp or emergency gate to I-5 and was denied due to safety issues by County and Cal-Trans.

C. Parks and Recreation.

- Reviewed Lake Calendar and Events. Council: Discussed damage to Castaic Lake Restroom Roof.
- Request by Resident; Heather Turpin. Tree Peoples organizer. Restoration grant to replace trees damaged around Lake in last fire. CBO Community based Organization. Council: Questions regarding scope of project. Heather; yes, replant with native trees, i.e. Oaks and remove invasive species. Watering trees is why grant is for 5 years. Council: Dry Gulch Road they are often back in this area doing work. Tree People work does make a big difference.
- Reviewed Pool opening schedules and recommended citizens check website for specifics.

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

- Bob; did discuss with Lake. September 16 or September 23. Both Saturdays.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for May 2023.

- \$239.21 ZOOM annual fee on treasurer's report. \$82 Webinar hosting fee.

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



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- Re: Cell coverage. School district aware and phone calls can be made accessing schools wifi service. Cell companies are not interested in extending coverage to then school property.
- Saroya Sandiford/Cal Trans: Discussed I-5 Improvement full road closures.

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 April 19, 2023.

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by M.Minor. Vote 7/0/1. D'Addario abstaining.

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 - June 3, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - June 5, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - June 21, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:52PM.

Motion by D.Boyer. Second by J.Preach. Vote 8/0/0.