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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:35PM .

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2025	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2019-2023
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JESSICA CHAMBERS
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	6:42p/ 10:00P	ERIC LARSON
IV	X	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	6:56p	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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3. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to move Presentation from Valladares office to top of Special Reports approved by Consensus

Motion by: J. Chambers. Second by: DeSesa. Vote: 7 / 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.

- Council Comment: 3 Comments received and will be covered as agenda item comes up.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

- COVID: Reviewed Health Officer orders. Daily hospitalizations met yesterday. Masking no longer required outdoor at Mega events. Mega now at 1,000 for indoor, 10,000 for outdoor. Masking indoor continue in LA County only, until 2 weeks moderate level achieved. Case #'s 3300 positive cases and 102 new deaths.
- Barger Voted abstain and motion approved by Board of Supervisors, for motion to change civil service rules County employees compliance with vaccination requirements. Targeted at Sheriff Villaneuva individually. Supervisor Barger wants work around for Deputies who do not want to get vaccinated. Vote was 4-0-1.
- Permitting Licensed Cannabis in LA unincorporated areas of County. Encourage to engage on impact to Castaic community. Do we want in our community or not? Let Supervisor know.

1. Homeless Person in front of Bank of America.

- Stephanie read Notes from Cpt. Diez on his behalf; 1/26 arrested for obstructing sidewalk. Creating a disturbance. And other violation. Judge recognized mental illness. Held on \$35k bail. Placed at women's jail. Getting assessed for her mental health needs.
- SLOAN CANYON: (based on public comment) Citizen Susie Carroll; 1) engineers did not address guardrail/barrier, what is status of analysis? 2) Lions Meeting; said would look at speed humps, what has been done?
 - Julian Garcia DPW: Guardrails have been analyzed. Slope conditions not met. Area has curb and that is not acceptable condition. Drive way openings that would require end treatments. Conditions for guard rail not met. First exhaust speeding issue. Doing traffic study on Elkhorn and Sloan. Looking at Elkhorn and Sloan and at Quail to do traffic circles at these two intersections to slow traffic down without stopping traffic while also reducing congestion. Quail looked at for circle, but due to drive, size of intersection, etc.. looking at potentially putting in a dedicated receiving lane for left hand turn traffic. Reconfigure intersection accordingly. Studying this option for Quail to relieve line building up on Sloan. Looked at speed humps, speeds avg. in the 40's. Combined with slope is not acceptable condition for speed humps. Hopes to have graphic illustration in next couple of weeks. Temporary circles at beginning and if works, will look at making permanent in future. Median is not off table, but looking at other means first.



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- Council Comment: Lake Hughes Road stop sign (aka Kenny). Suggested delineators to protect sign. Julian recommended more substantial delineators. Will take a look at that location.
- Council Comment: Roundabouts. 2 lane or 1 lane. Julian: 1 lane. Council: Can it be done safely with driveways. Julian: Looking at different layouts to fit and be safe. Council: Guardrails just on curve? Julian: Yes, just on curve. End treatment is 75-100' to make safely end. Insufficient length to install. Council: Landscaping an option? Julian: They have been looking at that option and is part of the consideration. Currently County is only curb-to-curb, but is imminent, so they are looking at landscaping option.
- Council: Assume in couple of weeks will be available, requested to present at next Council Meeting.
- Stephanie: Asked for written review from Julian to be sent.
- Josephine Gutierrez DPW: If Council wants to appeal original traffic study she provided contact.
- Enrique Baul FLOOD Control District: Hasley Canyon Bridge North of Del Valle Intersection, being considered for concept development. Process to evaluate and investigate the site to assess need and alternatives for solution. First step. Once approved goes into design phase. IS being recommended!! Stephanie: Is there funding? Enrique: district funded project DNAP? Council Comment: Is this from BnT funds? Stephanie: Will ask Jose to come back with advice on funding. Council Comment: Why not part of Williams Ranch B&T funds? Jose: Taking notes and will reply back. Council Comment: Letter sent requesting all Williams Ranch funds be flagged for Hasley project.
- Enrique: Hasley Canyon: Concept Dev. funded by District. Beyond concept funding is not provided yet. Flood control district funds to be clear for Concept phase.

2. Commendation Scrolls.

- a. Bonnie Sander - For service on Land Use Committee CATC Region 5
- b. Robert Kelly - For service on Land Use Committee CATC region 4
- c. Martin Euredjian (Good Samaritan)

3. Update on revision of Paving Timeline Graphic.

- Juliet Mendez DPW: Re: Road Projects Document sent. Council Comment: 2022 only one project. Juliet: Many include concrete work as well which makes 2 phases. Doing legwork re: this. Pavement after concrete. Oak Valley has concrete assessment for 2022 pavement. Green Hill Drive and Cherry Drive are ongoing. Has high confidence in dates on project list.
- Written Public Question from Liz M. - I want to know why when they tore up Hasley for the water pipe project they repaired the road immediately. The road on Del Valle is absolutely ridiculous. Why are we having to wait until 2023 to be repaired? It's not right. Who allows them to not repair the road in a timely manner? Who can I contact to speak with? Jose Gutierrez: Will repair over trench as soon as water main line project is completed. A month or two. Whole road will be repaved in 2023. Council Comment: Clarified Hasley was private contractor, Del Valle Water project is County Project.

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

- AB217 - Bill will report sales tax holiday for school supplies, on table. AB321 Dual language eligible for early enrollment. AB1346 - AB1847 Crime victim right to participate. Homeless legislation. Protect places of



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worship and non-profit for homeless remove threat to lawsuits. Joint consolidate homeless under one department. Joint authoring legislation with Choi, emergency shelters. Constituent services available by email or call to connect to any State agency. JD thanked for letter addressing a bill. Will be sending TC priorities for State level and ask for their help, i.e Freeway sign.

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

1. CalTrans update of Highway 126 traffic light intersection of Chiquito Canyon Rd. & Hwy 126.
- Sent Update by Email: Hwy 126 tentative project schedule date 1/12 nothing has changed. Getting clarification on proposed end date or if it has changed. So far dates are as 1/12/22.
 - Provided legislative update by email forwarded to Council. Long term homelessness. Addressing Droughts. Wild fire preparation. Reducing government imposed debt for job creators. Addressing affordability in California.

D. Report from 25th Congressional District - Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.
- Emailed Report sent to Council Members. Nothing specifically for Castaic area.

E. William S. Hart School District: Castaic High School update - Principal Melanie Hagman.
- Emailed to Council. Schedule of events is on CHS website.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

A. Public Safety - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar.
- Rough January. 74 new COVID cases. Staff hit hard. Inmate count is going up. State reduced intake, so not removing from Pitchess. EVOG Grand Opening moved to March 21st @ 9:30a.
2. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Rooney / Captain Justin Diez.
- Emailed report to Council Members. Question re: average response times. Deputy Rooney; If is Emergent call, avg. is 3.5 minutes. Priority call, avg. 16 min. Routine call: avg. 89 min. Park Bureau does help with Emergent calls. Arrests 12/14/21 - 2/12/22 total 44 arrests and 46 part 1 crimes. 2 page update with detail on each incident/arrest.
- Council Comment: was 12 min. for his burglary situation and doesn't know why it took so long to respond. Did they find person who stole approx. 20 Catalytic converters in Castaic's neighborhoods.
- Council Comment: Clarify re: parks department. Emergent only for Park Dept. to respond to.
- Council Comment: Clarified Emergent vs. Priority Call.
3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau - Sgt. Bohnert - Email Report.
- Sent 2 statistics; Crimes, but not specifically for Castaic. Castaic is in North Zone, but also are parks outside of Castaic in that zone. 12/31/21 - 1/22/22; 7 reports of graffiti in Val Verde. 18 reports in past 3 months related to Val Verde Park 13 Gang. Council Comment: Already installed and tested security cameras at Val Verde Park.
4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.
- Officer Wilson: Sent statistics for Castaic area. Re: catalytic converter problem, COPs team is dealing with at State facilities. Working with investigative services unit. Not just one person. Lot of people finding to be profitable. Can buy anti-theft devices for CAT devices that slow down thefts, but not eliminates. Prius, Toyota Tacoma/sequoia, F-250 are targeted. Prius can have up to 4 CATS on the car. 30 seconds to 1.5 minutes to remove.



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- Council Comment: what are recycling yard rules re: taking in these CATS? Dpt Wilson: There is a system they employ to avoid scrutiny using a middle man to create paperwork.
- Officer Wilson: Gave status on Castaic activity. Physical barrier will help parking problem. Trucks pull up behind him AS he is writing a ticket for another truck parking in median. Council Comment: asked about funding for additional enforcement. Asking for input what would actually work to alleviate parking issue.
- Council Comment: Part of what CHP is doing is working as they are moving to the Old Road side to park. Parking is out of hand in this community. Wilson: Sheriff also writing ton of tickets. Tickets sometimes don't even bother these guys and are multiple offenders. Suggests Delineators, physical median, painting, etc.. along Castaic Road in Trucking District Would need an officer 24/7 given current situation. Need No Parking signs on Old Road to help with enforcement efforts. Stephanie: Clarified area needing signs. Will look into options to address. Wilson: Lot on Parker he has been writing tickets, but 4-6p becomes truck parking lot, suggests fencing or barrier. Discussion about No parking signage on that lot. Despite signs, trucks still parking on that lot. Stephanie: Tow away sign? Wilson: Not practicable. Julian: Adopted for no stopping signage on NE corner of Old Rd and Parker installed end of January.
- Removed abandoned cars off Castaic Rd across from Pizza restaurant. Stephanie: Very thankful.
- Council Comment: Re: NE corner lot on Old Rd/Parker Rd. Property owner thinks barrier not cost effective and lot is for sale and signs posted on the lot now.
- Council Comment: does not suggest physical median on Castaic Rd be careful and evaluate. Secondly, 5 Fwy construction project and 55 mph zone and lack of 55 mph speed signage. Wilson: Good point and will review/reply in email to Bob/Council. Big rigs parked in median is bigger issue than median as far as safety issue.

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

- Emailed stats. Maria presented in meeting: All of Castaic is included in the report including Val Verde. One vehicle fire had \$175,000 damages, cargo of frozen seafood was destroyed.

B. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Tracy Hild / Chris Mowry.

- Sent out update by email.

2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Domonick Washington.

- Sent out update by email. Read out by Bob.

3. Castaic Aquatic Center - Luis Torres.

- No update provided.

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

1. Continuation of review of 7-Eleven Demolition and construction - Ariel Gutierrez, CMSLA LLC.

Project Overview:

a. 7-Eleven Demolition and construction - Ariel Gutierrez, CMSLA LLC.

Change of use of an existing restaurant (Foster Freeze) to convenience store with proposed off-sale of beer and wine (APN: 2865-008-037) and demolish existing fueling canopy and two existing fuel pumps for the proposed construction for six fuel pumps for the proposed and canopy (APN: 2865-003-028)

- Land Use Chair: Contact re: Paradise Ranch CUP. Tesoro in our CSD and we are receiving notices. Ongoing items. Sent email RE: Ariel update with graphics. Council Comment: Email re: public comment and let-



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- ter from 7 unit apartment building owner. Will read these when get to that part of the meeting. Disclosure Jeff Preach is property owner and will recuse himself from this agenda item and voting. Jim asked for copy of public comment letter from last months meeting, Bob will send.
- Ariel Presentation: 6' wall is o.k. by 7-Eleven. Addition of Cyprus Trees (7-10 proposed). Re: EV Charging stations, they proposed and they will provide this amenity. Addresses community concerns. Reviewed photo metric engineering study. Reviewed new format for 7-Eleven new building build out. Requesting acceptance of 6 pumps, 4 would kill project by 7-Eleven.
Council Comment: Any free standing lamps? Ariel: maybe on Castaic Rd. only. None in back. Council Comment: Does he want input on design? Ariel: 7-Eleven open to considering any design input. Council Comment: Distance between trees? Ariel: Not sure, will be between 7-10. Will be as many as possible to reduce light leaving property. Jim provided alternative tree options. Council Comment: talked about need for 6 pumps, did they look at rotating canopy? Concern with width on N.E. side of 16' width. Ariel: Due to building code requirements it cannot be moved. He does understand concern, unfortunately this meets code requirement, but no other option can be accommodated. Council Comment: Would they consider limiting to no trailers? Ariel: Problem is people do not follow directions and becomes conflict.
 - Council Comment: Like idea of trees blocking lighting, but doesn't care for Italian Cypress and Jim's Ficus tree is better option. Doesn't see electric chargers on map. Were removed from plan sent. Ariel: EV charging will be provided. Council Comment: Concerned with adding conflict to trucking district.
 - District III Council Comment: Happy with investment and support project.
 - Council Comment: Clarification; 7-Eleven is taking over Fosters Freeze. Is it a remodel of existing building, or is it demo and new building. Ariel: Rehabbing down to existing walls, but not total remodel. Council Comment: Where trees are being planted, are they being planted on the entire length of property along wall? Ariel: No cuts off where air/water unit is located. Wall will go all the way to the back of Foster Freeze. Council Comment: What size trees are they planting? Ariel: Willing to follow Castaic recommendation on this point. Council Comment: Showing lights on canopy downward, but extending off property. Would they provide shielding along edge? Ariel: Yes they would incorporate this suggestion. Council Comment: CSD states should be Mission or SouthWest style with muted colors. Ariel: Yes will follow CSD style requirements. Ariel: Bob asked about signage requirements in CSD and they are aware and will follow.
 - Council Comment: In agreement is a benefit to community and questions addressed.
 - Council Comment: Is there any light shielding at existing Foster's Freeze building? Jeff Preach/Property Owner: No wall currently. Council Comment: Does design conform to dark sky initiative? Ariel: Yes. Council Comment: Is an ordinance, so required. Council Comment: Beer/Wine transferring? How long? Ariel/Jeff: 34 years. Council Comment: is a great project and strongly supports it.
 - Public Comments: Thor Walker: 1/17/22 email; Bob read out. Against project.
 - Robert Sjoberg: 2/03/22 letter of support; Bob read out. Owner of 7 unit apartment building in support of project.
 - Jeff Preach/ Property Owner: asked where person against lives. Thanked Council for consideration.
 - Council Comment: Taking a property zoned for gas station. Not changing use as would be the case with a vacant lot scenario.
 - Council Comment: Timeline for closing of Foster's Freeze? Suspects 30/60/90 days and will work with Foster's Freeze to facilitate. If doesn't get approved, building is in disrepair and would be problem. Jeff Preach/Property Owner: No other interested parties. Council Comment: Concerned with vacancies and doesn't want to see more vacant buildings on Castaic Rd.
 - Council Comment: Would like to see included in project; shielding, light plan, 2 tree choices with height requested..

Motion by: Dittes. Second by: Larson. Vote: ___7___/___1___/___0___.



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Jessica friendly amendment. Recommend approved as site plan presented in today's meeting.
Chris added Style/Design to follow CSD requirement. Shielding of lights on back portion of canopy. 15' minimum height of Ficus Indian Laurel Column Trees.

- Land Use New Member: Martin Euredjian. Approved by Unanimous Consent of Council.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for January 2022.

- Presented by Jim.

2. Audit Committee Report for 2021.

- Presented by Chris/Jessica: Report no discrepancies and recommend approval.

Motion by: D'Addario. Second by: DeSesa. Vote: 9 / 0 / 0 .

3. Revised budget approval.

- Jim presented revised budget as discussed in Agenda Meeting.

Motion by: Boyer. Second by: J. Chambers. Vote: 9 / 0 / 0 .

7. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

B. Parks project/Storm Water list update.

- Jessica discussed planned demonstration garden proposed in Live Oak Park and changes made since presented to Council. Will put on next months agenda to ask them to present update.

C. Town Council priorities list.

- Jim sent to Council. Amended to add Old Road North of Pitchess.

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

- Note: Representative Eric Larsen left meeting prior to vote on Priorities List @10:00p

- Bob will forward list to Stephanie

8. NEW BUSINESS



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

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 October 20, 2021.

Motion by: J.Chambers. Second by: D'Addario. Vote: ___7___/___0___/___1___.
- Boyer Abstained due to non-attendance

- B. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of November 17, 2021.

Motion by: Boyer. Second by: J.Chambers. Vote: ___8___/___0___/___0___.

- C. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of January 19, 2022.

Motion by: J.Chambers. Second by: Dittes. Vote: ___8___/___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.
- Nothing to review

- B. Discussion of any items on the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting.
- Dittes: Bulletin Board at Ralph's. Tabling discussion to next month's agenda meeting.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - March 2, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - March 7, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - March 16, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:18P

Motion by: Dittes. Second by: J. Chambers. Vote: ___8___/___0___/___0___.