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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:34 PM.

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	□	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	AB	ERIC LARSON
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 J.Chambers. Second by A.DeSesa. 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.

- No Comment Forms received thru website
- Comments during meeting can be requested thru the Q&A Link on ZOOM

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar

- Emailed Report to CATC

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

- Deputy Rooney: gave crime stats for Castaic. 22 part 1 crimes for September/October. 51 Total Arrests. Re: Homeless; 7 arrests related to encampment on North end of Castaic. Team targeted Val Verde encampment. Thanksgiving Community Dinner in Val Verde from 6p-8p next Tuesday, November 22. Council: Is there a pdf/flyer. Deputy Rooney; Prepared for 500-600 people and will send a flyer CATC can post and put on social media. Council: If citizens have question/concern re: homelessness who should folks contact. Deputy Rooney: Please send thru him so he is fully aware of all issues affecting his zone.

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau - Sgt. Bohnert - Email Report.

- Emailed Report to CATC. 800-834-0064 to contact dispatch if any issue found with Parks. Council: Re: last month restroom wind damage question.

4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Captain Krusey and Officer Wilson: Will send stats by email tomorrow morning. 2,100 citations issued in Newhall area. 627 in Castaic including Freeway. Castaic Road 45 citations. 10 Arrests. 22 collisions; 17 property only, 5 injury. Cambridge & Hasley; Accident review officer pulled up stats. This year 10 total collisions in the intersection. Most left turn westbound into afternoon sun is majority of issue. Possibly protected left hand turn lane is warranted. Contacted Julian to look at this recommendation. Council: Thanked for looking into this intersection. Asked how many collisions last month were on Castaic Rd. between Parker and Lake Hughes; Deputy Rooney; thinks only 1 or 2 of total. Captain Krusey: Spoke to Commander at Castaic Scales, traffic backs up into curve on road causing collisions, would have to intermittently shut off scales which would defeat purpose. Had meeting re: Snowflake project tomorrow. Concerned with volume if divert to 126. i.e. tonight has 4 units and is insufficient to handle traffic control. Council: So by doing 126 anything north would be closed. Previous road construction tapered off to one lane post 126 and signage stating I-5 closed past Hasley Canyon. CHP: Concern re: Commercial vehicles exiting thru roundabout. Council: Re: 70k vehicles at I-5 Lake Hughes exit is total heading into the Grapevine. CHP: During Operation Snowflake events, CalTrans will open snow gate and queue normally backs up to around Parker



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Road. Worried 126 shut down could be worse than current situation. Council: Major disaster is different than Snowflake operation. Standard closure typically does not back up to Magic Mountain Parkway. Concerned with massive loss of life in major disaster i.e. Route Fire. Snowflake vs. Disaster is two different scenarios. Council: At one time exit point was Templin Highway and was very smooth. Is there a problem with that option or is it even an option? CHP: Can be discussed at the meeting tomorrow. Council: Templin was abandoned as option due to major medical emergency and no ability to provide services. Pushed back to look at Templin Highway. CHP: Occasionally do have snow below Templin Highway and have experienced major issues when that occurred. Council: Can a CATC member be present at Snowflake meetings? Should CATC form a Traffic Committee and Chair to represent CATC in these affairs.

5. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan
 - Emailed Report to CATC.
 - Chief Sprengel/Maria Grycan: MC reviewed stats. Gave Thanksgiving safety tips. Chief Pat Sprengel: Route Fire remains under investigation. Will share result when investigation is completed in next couple of weeks. Upcoming Red Flag event this Saturday. Rain was good, but not enough to ease Red Flag event possibilities quite yet.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

- Natalie: Extended Tenant Eviction Protections were voted NO by Supervisor Barger. No fault rent protections remain until December 2023, Supervisor Barger voted No. Protections end when State ends Emergency status for Pandemic. Ordinance Title 22 Cell Phone Towers, only pertains to small sites, not the large macro towers. Relates to compliance with Federal law. Motions by Supervisor for Veteran resources, passed. Re: land use and homeless encampments in specifically Val Verde. County parcels are now posted and will be fenced off. Council: Thanks to Supervisor's office for their work on this project. Re: on-going meetings for Snowflake, roads, etc.. is there anyone from Supervisor's office who is notified or attending these meetings. Natalie: Typically they do not attend from Supervisor's office, left to departments in their specific areas of expertise.

1. Status of I-5 repairs north of Lake Hughes Road - Caltrans.

- All lanes from Route fire damage are now re-opened and prior to Thanksgiving holiday. Will be further work in the future. Will be speed reduction until all repair work is completed in 2023.

2. The Old Road & I-5 Traffic Congestion & Safety Thanksgiving Holiday - Julian Garcia DPW.

- Julian: various meeting tracks occurring and ongoing i.e. I-5 response task force. Updates provided to Aneesh monthly. Council: Q re: 5/14 interchange closure on 11/29-30; 10p-4a at Calgrove and 12/01 and 12/05 for southbound during same time period, overnight. Is due to Weldon Canyon Bridge removal.

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

- Julian: Temporary and interim improvements are implemented. Working with Church continues. Council: Secondary road to H.S., District is planning to open by middle of 2024. Julian: Doing preliminary on plans and have not seen them yet.

4. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

- Julian: Will email CATC last conceptual plan for islands along Castaic Road. Council: Stop lights still moving forward. Julian: Expected to be constructed next summer, contracts being prepared now. Council: Re: previous request for acquiring empty lots on Castaic Road for additional truck parking. Ju-



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lian: Will follow up with CEO of Real Estate office for property acquisition and advise back to CATC.
Council: Re: signals; in place by mid summer next year? Julian: Correct. Council: Buttons on cross walk at Lake Hughes and Castaic Rd are stuck. Julian: Reviewed signal timing and adjusted. Council: requested looking at stop light for northbound Lake Hughes off ramp from I-5. Council: Castaic Road & Lake Hughes intersection, need right turn lane onto Castaic Road. Stop light at Lake Hughes and The Old Road needs adjustment. Is not changing and people are running. Julian: These are being looked at. Final report not yet completed, but is being reviewed for right turn lane. Both signals received adjustments and will be reviewed again to make permanent. Council: Stop Sign that continues to be knocked down by big trucks at off ramp from South bound onto The Old Road exit. Intersection is serviced by CalTrans. Will discuss with them and follow up. Julian: Cambridge and Hasley is being studied due to accident incidence increasing. Hasley & Hasley turn lane is also still being looked into.

B. Report from 38th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares - Patsy Ayala.
- Not present.

C. Report from 21st Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough.
- Reply received and legislative session ended September 1st and has no further update to share at this time.

D. Report from 25th Congressional District; Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.
- Not present. Letter will be sent from CATC to determine availability of federal funding for updating and widening of The Old Road in Castaic.

E. Food waste recycling mandate; Burrtec Waste - Alex Romo Recycling & Waste Coordinator.
- Alex: gave update on new SB1383 bill. Food waste and organic recycling campaign. Reduce organic waste headed to land fill. Residents will put in organics/food waste in plastic bags and place in green waste bins. Handed out pails to some residents. If did not receive and wish to receive can reach out to Alex at Burrtec to obtain. Council: Chiquito Canyon? Alex: No with very limited exception for ground covering. Compost goes elsewhere. Council: point of concern of placing a plastic bag into the green container, feels like we are increasing waste. Alex: Encourage use of existing single use plastic bags to separate compost. Waste center has way to separate. Concern is with those looking to eliminate single use plastics overall.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Chris Mowry / Hugo Maldonado.
- No update.

2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Ashley Lipson / Dana Mitchell.
- Daniel Lopez: Gave update on Halloween over 600 people attended. Introduced staff. Ashley Lipson: Upcoming events; harvest Festival 3p-6p. Holiday in the Park 12/16 3p-6p. Will email flyers for both events. Registering underway for youth basketball and for girls only basketball. \$25.

3. Castaic Aquatic Center & Val Verde Pool - Luis Torres / Marisol Gonzalez. Alma Arce.
- Council: Question re: Val Verde Pool and Aquatic Center, are both still open? Castaic Aquatic is M-Sat. along with water exercise classes. Job opportunities for life guards down to 16 years of age. Closed 11/21-27 for Thanksgiving Holiday. Val Verde closed now and thru winter season. All posted on Aquatic Center website.



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B. Town Council Election Committee - Election Tuesday November 8th - Jessica Chambers.

1. Election results.

- Held on 11/08. Tabulated results. 3 Regions had candidates: Region 1 Jason Gardner unopposed. Region 2 remains vacant and will do special election if candidate(s) are found. Region 3 Michael Minor defeated Eric Larsen. Region IV: Bob Lewis was elected. Region V: One candidate dropped last minute and Chris Dittes won unopposed. Council: New members will become part of council in January. Need to make a motion to keep Region II open for candidates thru the end of calendar January. Motion made by J. Chambers to keep open region II call for candidates. Second by J. D'Addario. 7/0/0 (Jeff Preach left meeting early)

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

- No meeting and nothing upcoming. Next meeting will be in January if needed.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for November 2022.

- 10/01-10/31; income from candidates and paid ZOOM bill.
- 11/01-11/16: Income from candidates
- Will not move money between accounts.
- Need to select Audit Committee at January Planning Meeting.

8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Josiephine Gutierrez and Julian Juarez. Josiephine: re: flooding at Hasley and Del Valle. Julian Juarez/DPW: Gave summary re: email to Bob re: Hasley and Del Valle. approved project. Advanced and is in process of starting feasibility report for scope of project and funding sources and schedule. Hope to have report by end of 2023. Council: Is there a design proposal for this intersection? Julian: Not yet, have preliminary ideas. Most likely will include either raising road and lowering channel grade underneath. One of three projects approved to move forward out of over 100 Los Angeles County wide. Council: Question re: sidewalk and driveway replacements, specifically Cherry Drive. Josephine: Planned for end of November depending on weather and should be completed by mid January 2023. Pavement will overlay end of summer/fall 2023. Council: How much notice did residents receive. Josephine: Typically one week with door hangers. Project IS moving forward. Green Hill improvement is also moving forward. Josephine is liaison for Castaic with P. Works.

B. Parks project list update.

- No update. Council: Question to Natalie re: parks needs for Castaic area. Is there any plan for updates on this initiative? Natalie: Updated previous years plans. Will follow up with them and reply back to Council.

C. Town Council priorities list.

- Sent out by J.D'Addario. No changes.



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9. NEW BUSINESS

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.)

- None

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of October 19, 2022.

Motion by J.Chambers. Second by J.D'Addario. Vote 6/0/1. Bob Lewis abstained due to non-attendance in Octobers meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

- *Mills Act Program Maximum Assessed Value Increase. Bob Lewis will send copy of notice if desired by CATC members.*

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

- None.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTE: The Town Council does not meet in December.

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - January 4, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - January 2, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - January 18, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:23PM

Motion by J D'Addario. Second by J. Chambers. Vote 7/0/0.