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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:39 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2024	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2023-2026
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JASON GARDNER
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)

3. INVOCATION

- Invocation given by Jason Gardner



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4. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by J. DAddario. 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 #11 Open Discussion.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Update on odor complaints, Notice of Violations, mitigation.

- Chairman updated actions taken post agenda issuance re: Supervisor Barger Board of Supervisors Meeting. 19 Page letter Cal Recycle sent to County. Conclusions provided to County. One re: Odors are from heat smoldering incident within waste. Various causes. Landfill has sustained cover integrity issues, pressures and temperatures, oxygen intrusion, LFG over 170f, subsurface greater than 195f, CO₂, unusual settlement, poor gas well performance, heat event expanding in size and complexity. Exceeds designated gas regulated flow rate. Gas/Leachate issues. 15 recommendations to address, some read into record. CCL cooperating to finance health study alongside County. Independent, comprehensive assessment needed. BOS requested AQMD to follow Cal Recycle recommendations. Public Works to do Water quality testing up and down stream of CCL. Reporting to Board on a monthly basis.

1. AQMD Chiquita Canyon Landfill (A Waste Connection Company) - Update - Steve Cassulo & John Perkey

- John Perkey, VP Waste Connections and CCL Legal; Steve Cassulo CCL; flare update. Arrived 10/10 onsite. On or before 11/24 required date. Expanding gas collection capacity. Expanding liquid collection system. Working on 2nd thermal flare within next 1-2 months. Misting system installed and expanding. John Perkey; Initial thoughts re: Supervisor Barger's Board Motions. Will respond to 15 recommendations by end of week. Many recommendations aligned with already implementing actions, i.e. soil cover, membrane, wells, waste manifests, odor expert, monitoring and testing leachate. 10 of 15 recommendations already in progress. One item re: Cal Recycle conclusion within their review, disagree this is a smoldering event. Is a subsurface chemical reaction. Landfill is not on fire. SSO not happening at CCL. Believe it is an elevated temperature landfill event, not SSO. Council: Public has smelled burnt odors. AQMD has confirmed that assessment. John: CCL is evaluating that smell.

2. AQMD - Updates on odor complaints, Notice of Violations (NOV), Order for Abatement.

- Larry Isreal: September 1561 complaints and issued 18 NOV's. October 580 complaints and 9 NOV's. 83 NOV's for nuisance and up to 4130 complaints since beginning of the year. Overseeing order for abatement. Working with other agencies to get this resolved asap. Council: Thanked AQMD for their hard work. AQMD is no longer coming into the field on weekends. NOV's down due to lack of reporting on weekends. Council: Compared to previous months, are odor complaints trending up or down? Larry: pattern has been steadily increasing.

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



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- Nicole Quick: Cal Recycle Review completed on request of LEA, under environmental health. Review is a huge step in the right direction. Highlighted subsurface heating incident. Odors emanating from this heating issue. Deadlines are aggressive with first update required by this Friday. County hiring completely independent health analysis. Working to get information out to residents re: health concerns. Doing collection and analysis with assessment by early next year. Shikari Nakagawa-Ota; LEA conducted monthly inspection. Methane exceeding at one of the wells. CCL working to remediate. Exceedance is detected. Going down at all except one which is being closely monitored. Violation issued. Also issued violation for leachate volume. Monitoring ground water at well monitors along perimeter. Council: Couple of questions re: Methane and Leachate violations. What timeframe for correction? Shikari; within 60 days. May proceed with violation if exceed 60 day timeframe. Almost at 60 day mark now. Waiting on approval from Cal Recycle plan. Council: Are the 15 recommendations? Mandates? Dr. Quick: Cal Recycle steps. Provided. Asked for response. Due by Friday. John Perkey: Goal is to follow directive of LEA. Council: Disagree is smoldering event vs. Cal Recycle, why? John Perkey: Presence of Smoke, burned material, etc. are indicative of smoldering event. What they are experiencing is a goo, that is extremely wet. Extremely unlikely smoldering event in this wet of environment. Thru continued dialogue working thru this, will figure out exactly what is happening. Aim is resolution. Council: Dr. Quick a medical Doctor? Dr. Quick; Yes. Council: Left community meeting uplifted after speaking with Dr. Quick. Dr. Quick: Believe victims and want citizens to share with them, but County is going down pathway regardless to do independent health assessment. Everybody responds differently to landfill gases. Is real and they believe and want to know about symptoms being experienced. Provided contact information to CATC and will add to chat. Public Health Nurse Alberto assisting. Council: Re: Supervisor's motion to conduct water testing up and down stream of CCL, sent to Director of PW. Timeline? Miki Esposito, don't have timeline now in reaction to Board Motion. Will provide asap. Coordinating with water board to develop approach and timeline.

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

- See above from Dr. Quick

Public Comments:

- Susie Evans, Val Verde: Read statement. Compared response to CCL event to Porter Ranch issue. Health and finances suffering. Homes contaminated.
- Sara Olaguez, Val Verde: Made public statement. Health issues, loss of use of enjoyment, stress, worry re: LFG and possible water pollutants. Asking for County to close down CCL and support citizens as result of exposure.
- If landfill is not on fire, why does gas smell acrid and smokey? Comment read by Chairman Lewis. John Perkey: Aware of smells being reported. Trying to evaluate these reports. No smoking or black charring or other evidence of burning/smoldering being witnessed so far.
- Tim Trotter: Question; What is CCL doing to mitigate County's actions? Hardly smells anything, but when do it's an acrid burnt smell, how does CCL say don't smell them at site. John Perkey: Believe and understand reports and attempting to identify source. Taking comments very seriously. Have enlisted CTEH in overview of gas constituents and health effects from same. DMS, VOC's, PM10, PM2.5, etc..
- Christina Orellana, Val Verde: Feels County has not listed to constituents of Val Verde. Showed her daughter on video and 4 y.o. and emphasized this child's loss of use of bikes, outdoor activities, etc.. Wanted to bring voice to voiceless being affected.

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



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C. I-5 Task Force - L.A. County Dept. Public Works - Deputy Director Steve Burger.

- Council: Re: I-5 slide damage repairs. Julian Garcia, PW/Task Force Member; Cal Trans working to repair. Still about 6 months to finish repairs. Repaving completed recently. November Lake Hughes damaged County road due to be completed. Full access before Thanksgiving is the goal.

D. I-5 North County Enhancement Project Update - Saroya Sandiford- L.A. Metro.

- Saroya; Reminder, November 4, Saturday, doing demolition of Weldon Canyon Road Bridge. Full freeway closure. SR14 to Calgrove. ip 11/04 to 8a 11/05 closure to remove bridge fully. New bridge opened to public this week that replaces old Weldon Canyon bridge. Periodic overnight closures on Old Rd. as needed will be occurring.

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

- Abigail; Did not meet with County due to know major changes in list status. Posting to CATC Facebook page. Will post when meaningful updates occur.

F. Legislative email updates.

- Did invite Assemblywoman and State Senator to CATC meeting re: Landfill discussion. No attendees present. Sent out Senator Wilk legislative updates, but nothing specific to Castaic.

G. LED Lighting replacements for street lights - Erick Guzman & Inez Yeung - L.A County Public Works.

- Erick Guzman PW; Gave presentation of Castaic Area Street Lighting project. 43% of CATC street lights owned by County, 57% by SCE. 90% Concrete. High Pressure Sodium (HPS) 92% converted to LED of County poles. 50% of SCE converted. Emission doesn't change, but color does. Conversion to 2700K is a warm light, not white or blue tint. Is below 3000k dark sky ordinance requirement. Additional shielding on case-by-case basis if warranted is free. 50% less energy use. 4x useful life, 15-20 years lifespan. Greater uniformity. 98% of Castaic is HPS now. Emit light pollution. Provided contact information. www.pw.lacounty.gov/contact. Also prefer using 'The Works App'. eguzman@dpw.lacounty.gov. Council: Will all lights become consistent at some point? Myriad of colors currently. Erick; Cal Trans may use different color, not sure. All other will be consistent. Council: RE: Barndoors/shielding. Erick, yes contact office and they will investigate pollution related shielding. Council: Industrial center is very bright. Assuming won't change? Erick; any not converted will be converted to 2700. Council: Anything installed prior would stay whatever was installed?

- Lost connection to Erick.

- Sandra Tracey, Val Verde; Concerned about change of lighting. Stated AMA statement limiting at 3,000. Erick previously guided 2700. Stated concern on impact to animals.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

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

- Deputy Ortiz absence do to working double shift. Sent update to CATC. 10/10-16; 4 crimes in Castaic area. Parks and Rec 10/27 event in Val Verde Park for Halloween.

- Parks Bureau, Sgt. Bohnert; Statement read into record re: Val Verde Park issues. Val Verde 13 gang members. one arrested. One additional entered into gang database.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.



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- Officer Wilson; Citations 2,281 for Newhall area. 828 in Castaic including I-5. 65 parking citations re: Castaic Road. 10 arrests; 6 DUI, 1 Warrant, 1 brandishing firearm, 1 hit & run. Crashes reported including 13 hit and run and 1 fatal crash. Council: Constituent comment re: shelter in place at school and CHP would do road block at Parker & Old Road with nobody in/out? Captain Ed Kruesey; would be determined at command post during specific event. Incident determined reaction.

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

- Reports sent to CATC members by email. Maria Grycan LACFire; 166 responses. 2 fires, both trash. Chief Sprengel met with local school districts. Preference in woodland fire, is for students to shelter in face. School is defensible. All students to auditorium or gymnasium. Will move engines to area vs. log jam of traffic in event of evacuation. Wherever road closures put up, prevents ingress, but egress is provided. Minimize traffic is key. Protocols different for non-fire related.

a. Update on home fire inspections.

- Council: Had discussion re: clarification on inspections. Possibility to discuss with residents in area, not yet determined. Deferring this agenda item to either next month or separate meeting.
- Cody Clark, Val Verde; With moisture, weeds regrew and now post mitigation efforts in May. Will County send out new requirements to weed abate properties? Maria; Only send out notice one time per year with inspections May/June. Physical inspections only done once per year. Brush clearance is year round property owner responsibility. Cody: For the record, all of Val Verde is overgrown now. Stephanie English; If areas seen, let local fire station know and they will come look at it. Maria; Will send Cody her number and will get in touch with station to take a look at the area. Council: Empty lots not fire department. Will provide update, but Maria will handle.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- Jim D'Addario; will have meeting re: building on Castaic Rd. Adult Day Care facility.

B. Parks and Recreation - Email updates.

- Received email updates. Read off some event dates. Noted upper lake is closed due to blue green algae public health issue. Dion Hatch, Lake Aquatics Manager. Council: Any idea on how long this will last? Dion: Is water related, not weather related. Currently well above advisory level.

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

- No update

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for September & October 2023.

- Only expense was June. Need about \$4,800/year fundraising for CATC activities/expenses.

9. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Special election for Region 2 vacancy - Call for candidates.

1. October 18th - Applications due or postmarked.



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2. Election on Saturday, November 18th.
3. Filing Fee is \$50.00.

- Potentially 2 candidates. One did not meet requirements. Oshea Orchid met all requirements. Resident of Val Verde. On Castaic Union Oversight Board. If no other candidate surfaces, which appears to be the case. Oshea will join Board.

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

- No updates. Council: Some errant execution of overlay in area and will contact PW.

C. Parks project list update.

- No update

D. Town Council priorities list.

- No update

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing Notice Concerning Project No. 03-250-(5) Val Verde Subdivision Appeal

- Sterling Ranch Property. Previous CATC supported project. Appeal has been filed to Board of Supervisors to deny application. Letter received from Val Verde Civic Association. Letter read into record. Hunt Williams, Developer on line. Council: Letter is notification of appeal that was filed. Council: Val Verde Director shared real issues being experienced and expressed concern for new residents, workers, etc.. during current CCL issue. Stated impact on existing residents. Stated air is not safe. Recommends CATC send letter supporting appeal. Council: Has anyone contacted OSHA? Council: Not withdrawing support of project, just that current situation be considered.
- Oshea Orchid: No workers present to report to OSHA currently associated with Sterling Ranch Development.
- Hunt Williams, Developer; Has land use attorney Kathleen Truman present for meeting. Spoke with Bob Lewis earlier today. Sent copy of appeal to CATC. Sent copy of response to comments to appeal. EIR addresses. Regulatory agencies all over situation. Will force CCL back into compliance. Issues will be resolved long before homes built, estimated at 5 years into the future. Kathleen Truman, Attorney; Land use lawyer on Sterling Ranch development past 5 years or so. Understands situation with CCL. Feels for Val Verde residents. Impresses her government is coming down on CCL to ensure situation is rectified. Abigail is on appeal and should limit any vote related to this development. Appeal asked for couple of things. Project approved by Regional Planning in August. Sterling Ranch will comply with requests in appeal. Any realtor will have to disclose existence of landfill. New construction will meet or exceed title 24 standards. Will comply with everything appeal asked of Developer. Council: Considering not opposing project, but sharing concern over CCL issue and impact on project.
- Tim Trotter; Re: Windows/Insulation statement, still requires only internal living. Feels issue will not be resolved at CCL. Doesn't have faith in CCL regulating themselves. Feels CATC is NIMBY approach. Agrees with Val Verde Civic Association.
- Oshea Orchid, Val Verde; Echo Tim Trotter comments. Real issue worried about bringing more homes to Val Verde while CCL poisons people. Would call for project managers to close landfill. Feels development can't handle under these conditions. Feels Developer must wait for landfill to close before proceeding with development.
- Sarah Olaguez; Agree CCL has been issue for 20+ years. Feels neglectful to bring more residents into area not safe for current residents.



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- COUNCIL: Feels is huge risk to develop in this area at this time. Council: Hunt's notification was very late. Did have long discussion this afternoon. Council: Not fully informed, will abstain from determining action.
- O Shea Orchid; Don't want more people coming into place where this environmental issue is occurring. COUNCIL; Concerned with current situation versus future. Optimistic remediation will occur. Council: Do not support appeal fully on all points, but do have concern with.

Motion: Move the agenda by: C.Dittes 2nd D.Boyer.

Comment: Are we postponing decision?

Director Dittes: Agree add postponement.

Director D'Addario: Referenced letter from Val Verde Civic Association requesting support of postponement.

Chairman Lewis; Can vote if motion to postpone is removed.

Director DeSesa; nov 3 years ago

Director Boyer; Informed decision by property owners.

Director Dittes; Withdraws motion to postpone.

Motion: Send letter of concern about any developments within Val Verde around CCL when pertains to development until current issue is resolved. Council: area needs to be specific. President Lewis; how many abstaining? 5 directors indicated they would abstain.

B. Santa Float - December 2nd thru December 10th (Town Council Wed. Dec. 6th Hillcrest Park North).

11. 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.)

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of September 20, 2023.

Motion by M.Minor. Second by J.Gardner. Vote 6/0/2. (D'Addario/Boyer Abstaining)

13. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

- J. D'Addarion being interviewed to be on board of LAFCO?

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

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - November 6, 2023



Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2023
6:30 PM Online

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Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - November 15, 2023

15. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:40P.

Motion by M.Minor. Second by C.Dittes. Vote 8/0/0.