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## 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:39PM.

## 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	AB	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	MICHAEL MINOR
IV	AB	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	AB	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)

## 3. INVOCATION

Given by Director Jason Gardner.



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### 4. HEARING SESSION

#### A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by A. DeSesa. Second by C. Dittes. Vote 6/0/0.

#### 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.

- 2 Received and will be brought up during the relevant agenda item below

### 5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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

- Larry Israel, Supervising Inspector @ AQMD; Supervising the Inspectors assigned to Chiquita Canyon Landfill. August received over 1,100 odor complaints. September to date 1,053. 69 NOV's since January 11. Last week, 3,030 complaints for the year. Detected odors at the Live Oak Elementary School. Playmakers Pre-School received complaint. September 6, Order of Abatement was issued. Progress hearing in January. Order good for approx. 6 months. Conditions could be added in future which is normal to happen. Council: Press release re: Order for Abatement requested for review. Larry: Reviewed September 7th Press release re: Order for Abatement. Many conditions, many of which are engineering related not to be totally reviewed. Council: Power Plant question. Is it in compliance, are they requesting any permits? Larry: Under variance for H2S, submitting monthly reports being reviewed by AQMD. Previous issues with flares and turbines. Currently in compliance at this point. Not aware of any other permits. H2S is Hydrogen Sulfide. 431.1 was being exceeded and is still under a variance. Council: Re: additional flare. Why is this taking so long to get approved? What would be the consequence if done before permit fully received? Larry: Is a Title V permit, federally mandated thru U.S. EPA and has process. Is in comment period with public. Process and takes time.

##### 2. Public Health - Update from L.A. County Public Health.

- Liza Frias, Department of Public Health: Has received report re: data. Will share with 3rd party consultant and will provide update at next months meeting. Receiving complaints of symptoms; headaches. Reviewing data from Chiquita and from Public Health own consultant. Council: Symptoms are beyond headaches. Reporting to Public Health does not provide any results. Liza: Has not received request for symptom data. Council: At advisory meeting, request was made re: complaint tracking. How will public know how to report health related issues? Liza: County has established '[chiquitacomplaint@LACounty.Gov](mailto:chiquitacomplaint@LACounty.Gov)' to make complaint as well as a phone number. Are receiving complaints. Public Health is keeping track of the data received. Wasn't minimizing complaints, just stating headaches is most common complaint among multitude of others. Council: Who is doing testing for what? AQMD is odor complaints. Is Public Health does testing at landfill? Liza: Public Health does not do any testing, reviews data collected by Chiquita Canyon as well as 3rd party toxicologist and others. Council: Re: # of complaints, are they increasing, decreasing, etc.. is there a pattern? Liza: Only around 2 complaints per day being received. Council: Public doesn't know how to make complaint. Liza: This is in the works. Document posted for all contacts related to this issue. Council: Has spoken to nurse with Public Health but not reporting daily, was instructed to keep a log. Liza: Do not need to call daily. Council: Public needs to report time and effects to develop pattern and size of health effects on residents.



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

- Council: Thru L.A. County Public Health on behalf of Cal Recycling which is State. Shikari Nakagawa, LA County Public Health; Represent LA County local enforcement of State. Independent from local governing body. LEA conducting monthly inspections of landfill. Observed 2 violations; leachate overflow handling, methane concentrations. GP13 and GP15 wells exceeding maximum methane levels. Concentrations are trending down due to actions at Chiquita Canyon. Working to install additional wells to assist with gas extraction and limit migration off site. Council: AQMD reports on complaints and trend, is LEA or other County Departments monitoring leachate, DMS, et al monitoring any of this? Shikari; No, focus is on methane due to flammability and health related issues. AQMD is jurisdiction over emissions. Council: For 2 factors monitored by LEA, what are trends on these 2 factors? Shikari; Discussed reaction effect creating water and effect on vacuum extraction system. More wells will allow for more extraction and this is what is focus of landfill at this time. Council: Still did not get answer re: trends. Shikari; amounts did increase in September, since adjusting of system, is coming down. Will continue monitoring until ensure is below 5%. GP15 was in 20% range, is now below 20%. GP13 around 4.9%-5.5%, requiring daily reporting/monitoring to verify Landfill reading, is trending down. Council: Clarification request from Larry Israel, AQMD. Is AQMD monitoring overall release from landfill to see if increasing/decreasing? Larry: Landfill has consultant monitoring on monthly basis. Last inspection was in June found issues and Notice to Comply was issued. AQMD reviews reports. Cannot answer question regarding trends. Last quarterly report was thru June 30th. Next quarter ends in September and report will follow. Council: Is toxicologist hired by landfill on line, yes, what is trend on releasing? Ray Huff, SES Engineering; Assessment has increased, as far as numbers they are in process of evaluating. Cannot empirically say result, but are monitoring. Council: Have seen SES trucks in neighborhoods in Val Verde. What is process of gathering air samples in neighborhood? Ray: Trucks are conducting odor assessments at around 30 locations. Conducting weekly grab samples at preset locations. Pump air into a bag that is sealed and sent to laboratory for evaluation of sulphur compounds and for volatile organic compounds for upwards of 70 compounds. Taking sample and being sent for odor analysis; have panel of independent individuals that use a machine that let them survey odors. #'s were in monthly report. Data will come on monthly basis with quarterly review. 24 hour samples being taken at offsite locations. Samplers in place to pull air over 24hour period and this is analyzed and have data. First weekly results did not detect anything. Council: Residents writing to Council person DeSesa about drivers putting bag out of windows. Ray: That is likely doing odor control. Not scientifically valid sampling. Council: When will results from testing be available. Ray: Have been transmitted to Public Health. Every month will submit that data. 14 different people being CC'd and believes will be on website. August data was transmitted. Council: Is County Toxologist reporting differently then SES Engineers? Ray: Yes. CTEH looks at from health risk perspective. Council: Question for Steve Cassulo, will results be posted? Steve: Yes, all results will be posted on Chiquita Canyon Landfill website. Council: In opinion is there a health risk being seen? Ray: Didn't detect from a laboratory detection level re: sulphur compounds. VOC's, yes, but within previous experience, slightly higher. Council: Re: VOC's, how does these compare to other areas outside of landfill area? Ray: Regional atmosphere study called MATES done, closest in Burbank area and levels very much in line with regional study 10 years ago. Council: How about comparisons to more rural areas? Ray: Will take a look to compare. Council: AQMD and SES doing testing. Do organizations interact together especially at site specific complaints? Larry: As a matter of course, do not meet consultants in field. Council: Do they receive locations of complaints? Larry: Do not give specific addresses, only at street level. Ray: 30 locations where odor surveillance is based on AQMD location. Some coordination is driving sampling location(s). Council: When will the grey matter and leachate be tested? Shikari; do not conduct testing of leachate, only for methane in air. Ray: Gas from reaction area is being analyzed. Council: Grey matter, leachate, water, etc.. is anyone testing this for what components are in these materials. Ray: Yes, is required. Anything leaving site must be characterized. Council: Will this information be released in any of the reports? Ray: Not sure. Will touch base with engineering team to see.



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- Questions received from public: 1) B. Sweeney/Castaic - Re: AQMD abatement order, how long do they have to fix issues on abatement order before next course of action is taken? Larry: Order as specific dates on the petition and encourage citizen to review the petition. Timelines are embedded in Petition. 2) Susie Evans/Val Verde - Would like to let Val Verde has been against expansion of landfill since 2016. Toxic waste was dumped in landfill. Has been documented. Are responsible for problems experiencing now. When was just ValVerde no action was taken, only now that expanded area is reporting. Val Verde continually discriminated against and sick. Why does CCL business more important than Val Verde Lives? Nobody from L.A. County chose to respond.
- Comments from Meeting Attendees: Terry Harrah, Are NOV's coming with fees? Hearing for abatement decision was to stay open? Glad being recorded malfeasance is jaw dropping. Stephanie English; 1 page document is in the works. Larry/AQMD; NOV's is General Council, so cannot comment. Anonymous Attendee; Must I.D. Comment; Lisa Bare (?); Will proper air sanitizers be issued to residents, filters not enough. Steve Cassulo; Recommended by County to issue Air Purifiers. Stephanie; Arrangement was to purchase available at County, but not limited to any other options. Comment; Can landfill provide better quality air filters to community? Steve: Will look into it. Carrie Broling (?); Anyone asking NASA to do another carbon mapping over Castaic? Anyone doing infrared camera and anything to see? Ray: Carbon mapper and NASA is two different organizations. Drones and handheld refractive infrared lasers to look at methane emissions. Generally meant for things like oil refineries under pressure. Landfill is diffuse gas, so won't see on infrared scopes. Corey Larena (?); County any protocols issued to local schools regarding LFG emissions? Nicole Quick/Public Health; Planning to reach out to Superintendent for best practices for HVAC ahead of start of classes, as well as general guidance re: altering activities if LFG is present. Responding to increasing complaints from schools. Council: Both Castaic schools and private? Nicole, yes. Council: Retrofitting HVAC systems to proactively address best practices. Nicole; yes, does include increasing HVAC capacity and better filters. Council: Re; NASA, possibly life on planet 20m light years from earth, wondering if applicable? Ray: Taking live samples and looking for more than just one thing. Looking for a suite of compounds. Discrete samples at laboratory, etc. to get correlation and continuous monitors to detect more compounds. Council: Can Ray assure community there is no health risk? Ray; outside his purview. Want toxicologist to give this response. Definitive answers? Quarterly report due Mid-November. Data given to multiple agencies so if imminent danger to community, will be addressed. Stephanie; Dr. Quick asked to weigh in. Dr. Quick/DPH; process; County contracted with independent human health consultant. CTH. Dr. Love retained by County for independent opinion. Data received today and will analyze. County will provide oversight on assessment and will respond and make public all findings. Received some data, but as just received. Piece of expanded data needed. Dr. Love will be reviewing CTEH health assessment. Stephanie, when will CTEH provide data? Steve; do not know timeline. Need more data and in initial stages. CCLF is pushing for this data. Need greater data to make any findings. Stephanie; CTEH needs to weigh in on time needed to get work done, not open ended. Would be helpful if some information available guiding timeline and what to be expected. Estimate of time. John Perkey; some will come quickly, some will take longer time to evaluate and assess. CTEH is working on this issue and evaluating historical data and current data being collected. Hope to release information thru CTEH asap. Are parameters under AQMD order to release reports. Some things 1-2 months out. More nuanced and comprehensive is 5-8 months out. Data is on website. Ray; reiterate CTEH wants multiple data sets to look at trends. End of August was "No Detect", but will not close book on process. Anish: Appreciate is multi layer issue. Everyone is looking for a timeline. Lack of information is key concern. Need better understanding of process and when data will be provided and when will see preliminary results. Ray: Started in late August and reporting monthly on 21st of each month. Raw data. Quarterly report with input first due November 15. Stephanie; More specifically CCLF toxicologist. More transparency re: process is needed. John; Will provide asap and will be posted to website a timeline when to expect responses from CTEH. All will be posted to the CCLF website. Council: Suggest mental health be provided to community. Town about to have a meltdown. Stephanie; fantastic suggestion and will work to make that happen. Council: Doug Huff re: monthly reports? Can it be more than monthly? Ray; need time to evaluate. Need to make



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sure lab is doing their job. Takes time. Lab turnaround is typically 2.5 weeks. CCLF requesting 2 1/2 days.

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

- Stephanie: Nothing else to report to the CATC other than CCLF

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

1. Update on I-5 freeway repairs north of Lake Hughe Road (both north & southbound).

- Julian Garcia (Task Force); One remaining construction zone is near Temple Hwy. 3 open lanes to address major slide earlier this year. Completion est. in 6 months, March 2024. COUNCIL: noticing occasional lane closures northbound. No other long term maintenance projects.

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

- Saroya; Made short presentation and notice re: upcoming closures. Shared construction schedule and overview update. Castaic will see outside shoulder lane work and ramps towards end of 2023. Re: Soundwall is on pause, currently focusing on center median work first. Soundwall completion winter 2024. Council: Request to have presentation shared with CATC.

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

- Abigail DeSesa; Hasley/Cambridge study has been approved. Left hand turn signals are approved. Process is approx. 2 years to complete. Report sent to CATC members. How will report be shared to community? Will discuss at next agenda planning meeting. COUNCIL: Update re: closure of Lake Hughes Road between Castaic and Lake Hughes? Julian: Was substantial damage to the road. Are on-going repairs and burn scars. Local & Emergency access is provided. Early November goal to have fully opened.

F. Legislative email updates.

- None received

## 6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

A. Public Safety.

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

- No update received or anyone in attendance. Parks Bureau did provide update that nothing significant to report. Have minimal staffing, not fully staffed. Some graffiti issues in Val Verde Park.

2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Read into record statistics provided by email.

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

- Maria: shared 199 responses. 156 medical. 110 transports. 5 fires. Launched Genesis Protect. Sent information over to council as well as flyer for public distribution. Can follow one zone only at this point in time. Next update will allow public to follow up to 3 zones. Shared screen to show how this program works.





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### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.  
- Did not meet this month.
- B. Parks and Recreation - Email updates.  
- Did receive one email that was forwarded from the aquatic center and from val verde pool schedules.
- C. Fundraising Update - Charity Car & Bike Show at Castaic Lake - Saturday, May 18, 2024

### 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer's Report - Jim D'Addario.
    - 1. Treasurer's report for August 2023 & September 2023.
- Report emailed to all CATC Directors.

### 9. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update.  
- Josephine Gutierrez; Doing work in Jim's region completed by end of this week. Dates same as sent to residents. Word confirmed on schedule.
- B. Parks project list update.  
- No update
- C. Town Council priorities list.  
- No changes

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special election for Region 2 vacancy - Call for candidates.
    - 1. October 18th - Applications due or postmarked.
    - 2. Election on Saturday, November 18th.
    - 3. Filing Fee is \$50.00.
- If more than one year left in a vacancy calls for special election. Announced here. Application will be on CATC website tomorrow. Any election would most likely be held at Val Verde Park.
- MOTION to hold special election: Motion by J.Gardner. Second by C. Dittes. Vote 6/0/0
- Officially making announcement CATC will be holding a special election to fill seat in Val Verde on Saturday, November 18th, 2023.

### 11. OPEN DISCUSSION



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- 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.)

- No requests received

### 12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of August 16, 2023.

Motion by M. Minor. Second by A.DeSesa. Vote 6/0/0.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

- *None in Castaic area.*

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

- None

### 14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month - October 4, 2023

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

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month - October 18, 2023

### 15. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:07PM

Motion by M.Minor. Second by A.DeSesa. Vote 6/0/0.