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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	X	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	X	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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### **3. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS - SERVICE TERM 2023 - 2026**

Region 1 - Jason Gardner

Region 2 - Vacant

Region 3 - Michael Minor

Region 4 - Bob Lewis

Region 5 - Chris Dittes

Council: Read names into record.

### **4. COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2023**

President - Bob Lewis

Vice-President - Chris Dittes

Secretary - David Boyer

Treasurer - Jim D'Addario

Motion by D.Boyer. Second by J.D'Addario. Vote 9/0/0.

### **5. HEARING SESSION**

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by J.D'Addario. Second by M.Minor. Vote 9/0/0.

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 #12 Open Discussion.

### **6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

A. Public Safety.

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

Capt. Diez: Part 1 Crimes; 2021-2022 Castaic down -18% (221/183). Overwhelming majority is property crime. 2022 Castaic had 16 violent crimes, 167 property crimes, i.e. larceny theft #1. Arrests down 509 2021 to 351 2022. Council: How as reduction achieved and how to continue? Capt. Diez: Summer enforcement team is key to being proactive. Majority of crime is Stevenson's Ranch, not Castaic. Castaic Rd. is biggest concern. Local Deputy Brian Rooney. Council: Homeless situation? Homelessness, Schools and Fentanyl key focus now. Mental health and substance abuse. S. English: Along with Deputies and Host team,



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Supervisor Barger has dedicated resources to LA County unincorporated areas to respond to homeless encampments. Council: Canyon Country activity? S.English: Owner of the Park has various issues. 47 allowed and has over 70+. Supposed to be 90 days max. stay, but is permanent residents. County is working with people there to find alternate housing. Capt. Diez working with Supervisor on situation.

### 2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

Officer Wilson: Statistics were sent by email. He reviewed these. Council: Document didn't download properly and needs to be resent for distribution to the CATC. Council: Question regarding speed near Castaic High School.

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

Fire Incident report was emailed to CATC members. 198 incidents in November. 184 incidents in December.

COUNCIL: Detention Center Commander Tokar being reassigned and replaced by Commander Stacy Morgan. CATC thanks Commander Tokar for her attention to the Castaic Community and participation in CATC Town Hall Meetings.

Commander Morgan: Introduced herself and committed to availability to community and CATC.

## 7. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

S. English: Aware of concerns about H.S. water run off. She will send in report for CATC review later.

### 1. I-5 Task Force - Update of Emergency Traffic Circulation Plans for I-5 & The Old Road -

L.A. County Dept. Public - Deputy Director Steve Burger & various I-5 Task Force panelists.

Steve Burger, Deputy Director Public Works; Introduce community to I-5 Community Task Force. Formed due to issues following Route Fire. I-5 Inter-Agency Task Force formed. Meet on frequent basis and plans for reaction when situations happen. Reviewed agencies included. What they are doing.. Julian Garcia: Reviewed agencies and individual representatives in attendance and their roles in the Task Force. First step is to develop a "Response Manual". Planning for various scenarios now and moving forward. Council: Is there a point person for the task for for CATC contact? J.Garcia: PW is acting as lead and can act as funnel for CATC to the Task Force. Council: Comment appreciate proactive signage and communications. Thanked again for actions taken during flooding and mud slide events and they are in the know and can prepare. Is it possible for a Council Member to sit in on Task Force meetings, not as participant, but to listen and help in feedback. S. Burger: Group called Liaison Committee to get with CATC and communicate efforts being made. Council: How are apps like Waze being engaged? J.Garcia: Metro is the representative for this issue and is leading these discussions. Council: At South end of project, why was I-5 reduced from 4 lanes down to 3 lanes? Rafael Mollina, Caltrans: Will provide feedback after further reviewing. Council: What will final lane status be thru the I-5 corridor from 5/14 split thru north end in Castaic. Doesn't seem clear. R. Mollina: Will present at next months meeting. Council: Sig-Alert being followed and never saw update re: Mudslide, do they coordinate with Cal-Trans? R.Mollina: Caltrans district 7 web page. [QuickMap.Dot.Ca.Gov](https://www.quickmap.ca.gov/) to access. See what is displayed on messaging signs for example. Incident information and traffic conditions. S. Burger: Sig-Alert is an old and community based app, maybe can communicate with more current App i.e. QuickMap. S. English: Because this was initiated as an effort by Supervisor Barger, would really be helpful if there is a point person, so Julian/Steve/DPW should be utilized as much as possible.

S. Burger: Re: Castaic H.S. Drainage issue and erosion issues down stream particularly around Romero Canyon area. DPW did have role reviewing drainage plans/review. Council: Re: frustration of residents. S. Burger: Need to make sure school is not contributing to issue and if so, how to address. Council:



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Catastrophic issues. Council: Lot of activity within 24 hours of notice of issue. Response is aggressive and is happening. Council: Development requirements have been standard for 20+ years.

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

J.Garcia; gave updates. Driver Feedback sign is being looked at. Council: Secondary school access plans? Markers down center being knocked down and how often replaced. J.Garcia: Will follow up on plan status. Not yet submitted for review. Repairs mainly occur due to feedback from the community. Council: Formerly requesting they be put back up. J.Garcia: They will look at it and request is noted that delineator is down. J.Garcia: Can us the Works App or contact him, will create work request. Council: Asked for horse crossing signs. Who is responsible for horse cross walk and when would that happen. J.Garcia: His team looks at these requests and he will follow up to find out status and will follow up with CATC on response. Council: Is location identified for horse crossing. Would recommend on Canyon Hill for crossing.

### 3. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

J.Garcia: Outreach is occurring. Discussed some detail of project.

J.Garcia: Re: Stoplights at N. Castaic Rd. will be moving to video detection for traffic control instead of loop which was problem. Council: Pedestrian crossing buttons issue. Were fixed but received another complaint. These will be looked at again. Will make sure is functioning well.

Hasley to Hasley Intersection: Will be changed to video detection system to improve traffic flow.

S.English: Thanked teams for attention to Castaic.

Communicated to community re: Parks, Aquatic Center, etc.. will be done thru pdf and posted to bulletin boards and social media moving forward unless is anything specific needing added to agenda for review.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Participants from each region will continue forward without change.

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

Will move to future meeting unless specific need. J.Garcia: Will put them in touch with traffic investigator for Castaic area. David Lee's contact will be communicated.

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

#### 1. Treasurer's report for January 2023.

Sent out to CATC for review earlier today. Nothing new. Fundraisers still needing to be discussed.

#### 2. Audit Committee

Audit committee has reviewed 2022 Treasurer's reports and no errors or omissions found. All in order.



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VOTE: To approve audit committee findings. Motion: C.Dittes Second. A DeSesa 9/0/0

### 3. Budget for 2023.

Budget is basic and nothing new or future oriented. Election Entry \$ amount needs to be removed, if not already done.

Motion to approve Budget as sent by J.D'Addario/Treasurer. Tabled for further review and will formally approve at the next council meeting.

J. D'Addario revised and resent. Reviewed. Motion to approve with noted minor revisions.  
Motion: A.DeSesa Second: J.Gardner 9/0/0.

## 10. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

No updates received.

### B. Parks project list update.

Note re: Dog Park in the community. Was on list sent to Parks. Potential Dog Park being considered. Council will reach out to County Parks for update on status of this request.

### C. Town Council priorities list.

Updated to show 2023, but nothing changed.

Constituent comment re: Hasley & Del Valle flooding issue. Council: Updated that is in design process.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Land Use will continue to be shared with CATC.

Country Girl will move into Vines Shopping Center due to Kenworth Sales facility acquisition. Empty building next to pizza place by ATM.

## 12. 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.)



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### 13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of November 16, 2022.

Motion by C.Dittes. Second by J.D'Addario. Vote 7/0/2.

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

Nothing within Castaic area for consideration. LAFCO has opening on Committee for alternative general public member. Jim advised interest and President will forward to Jim.

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

### 15. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month - February 6, 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 - February 15, 2023

### 16. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:53 PM:

Motion by A.DeSesa. Second by C.Dittes. Vote 9/0/0.