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### 1. CALL TO ORDER @6:43PM.

### 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. 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 #10 Open Discussion.

### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

#### A. Public Safety.

##### 1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Captain Justin Diez.

Capt. Diez: Gave report on crime activity. County crime down 37% for February in SCV area. Sgt. Matt Coppes: Homeless Update. Clean up scheduled for 2/17. 4-5 individuals. 2 tents on east side of Castaic Rd. LACSD in contact and they are cooperative. Council: With outreach team, if refuse services, can't make move or relocate? Sgt.: Not necessarily. LA County homeless encampment protocol is applied. End result is full clean up. In all 5 current locations, conducting continuous outreach to assist. Capt. Diez: Castaic Rd. Senior Center encampment behind was removed. Capt. spoke to them last Friday and made one arrest for warrant. Host team very familiar with encampment participants.

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

Officer Wilson: Provided stats. 375 citations in Castaic area. 4 parking citations on Castaic Rd. and will make effort to increase enforcement. 84 accidents in Castaic area. 2 fatal accidents on the freeway. Council: Any update re: Operation Snowflake plans. Officer Wilson: Still in the process of review. Capt. Krusey: In mtg. 2 days ago and looking at multiple turn around points.

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

High hazard zone classification will be combined here instead of under 5(A)2 below. Assistant Chief Pat Sprengel & Kris Hough (Scott Wilk's Office) re: Insurance cost resulting from classification. Chief Sprengel: Brush Clearance review. Maria: Cal Fire Map or Brush Clearance? Council: Yes, specifically fire hazard severity zones due by 2/27/23. Brush clearance portion. Stephanie English: Ask Chief to start with fire severity issue. Capt. Sprengel: Residents notices sent out. Majority of Castaic is High or Very High severity zones. Historically approx. 1,000 annually. Last year 2,200. 2023 will increase to 4,900 inspections. Attributed to State Legislation. LA County Fire not enforcing 5' zone until next year. Will advise during inspection this year and enforce in 2024. Fee for inspection is \$151.00. Never implemented until this year due to increase in inspections required. 2023 fee \$100.00. 2024 will be \$151.00 added to property tax bill in November. Cost neutral program goal. Responsibilities of residents reviewed. Ember Cast is big part of severity indication. Council: Inspection fee automatic this year? Asst. Chief: Inspection starting in May. Resident will receive confirmation inspection completed. \$100 fee levied to 2024 tax bill. Maria: For 2023 inspections they are assessed November 2023. Council: Authority to add to tax bill? Asst. Chief Sprengel: Determined by Cal Fire, specifically due to ember cast. Council: What is being looked for? Asst. Chief: Trees limbed, brush, etc.. that would catch ember cast and combustible material against a residence. Council: Frustration with tax increases. Council: How does a tract get removed from these fire zones? Asst. Chief: Meeting tomorrow to present protest to classification. SCV meeting date not yet set. Council: Who is being inspected. Asst. Sprengel: This year all single family dwellings. Next year multi-family will be



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added. Council: Will inspection be done each year? Asst. Sprengel: Yes. Inspections begin in May. Council: What happens post 30 day corrective action period? Kat Delos Reyes LaCoFD: Process is 30 day, 30 day, action will be taken. Increased fines if late up to clearing being done by County and bill added to tax bill. Council: Any program for residents with limited income? Asst. Sprengel: For exception situations, i.e. financial issues should call and they will look at each situation specifically. Kat: There is an appeals process as well. Council: Insurance rates skyrocketing and lack of availability. Kris Hough: Sen. Wilk has supported action re: Insurance Premiums. Is staying on top of situation, but no relief to provide. Council: Limit of Fair Plan at \$3.0m, homes in excess are uninsurable thru State and no private option that is not excessive in cost. Kris Hough: Will request State Insurance to attend next months meeting. Council: Request one page pdf to post in community for contact list for concerned citizens. Kris Hough: Sen. Wilk ph: 661-286-1471.

Maria Grycan: Gave report on statistics for January.

### 5. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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

a. Update of Emergency Traffic Circulation Plans for I-5 & The Old Road.

Julian Garcia: Continue to meet and moving to break out sessions for each groups. Will provide updates as they become available.

Bruce Perelman: Signal update for two signals at Parker & Old Road and Ridge Route & Castaic Road.

Prepared to start construction. Will be blocking off one lane of traffic. Will distribute flyer next week and post message boards. Council: How will lanes of traffic be closed? Concern with school traffic on one and Tractor Trailers on the other. Bruce: Closures at discretion of the contractor. Council: Will contractor take into consideration school traffic patterns. Bruce: Will discuss with the contractor to adjust lane closures accordingly. Council: March thru July construction period of 5 months? Any way to avoid 7:30a-9:00a traffic periods. Bruce: How about weekends? Council: Good idea. Capt. Krusey: Is there a way to do the construction during summer when school is not in session. Council: Communication to community and High School is critical on final plans. Julian Garcia: Will work with partners with Cal Trans to possibly put up portable message signs.

b. Update on sound wall design.

Julian: Nothing at this time

2. Fire Hazard Severity Zones for Castaic (including Val Verde).

3. Proposed Residential Design Standard Ordinance.

Council: Comments due by 2/27/23. What take precedent, Title 22 or Castaic CSD's.

Clark Taylor LA County & Cameron Robertson LA County Planning: Presented power point. Clark: CSD's provisions prevail. State regulations being drafted and where CSD limits CSD will need to be revised, but not on this ordinance. Countywide Residential Design Standards Ordinance. Encourage projects on private property. Equitable support to all mobility types. Expedite approval process for residential projects. For contact: [design@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:design@planning.lacounty.gov) to schedule appointment. project website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/Residentialdesign> Council: Will this be extended to industrial buildings in the future? Clark: Grant money is directed to expediting residential, but on road map to take learnings here and apply to industrial/commercial. Council: Castaic is more rural in CSD's, in canyons want as insurance this is not applicable. Clark: Have received this feedback. One exception, idea of requirement



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of canopy tree is new. Should not upend rural character. Council: Have these Title 22 changes requiring trees in conflict with fire hazard requirements? Clark: As long as tree is not fire hazard and is maintained, no conflict. Council: Re: Multi-Family, discouraging parking and encouraging mass transit is not applicable to Castaic where there is no mass transit. Document requires less than currently required. Clark: Not lowering parking maximums, but even in rural area pedestrian access should be equitable and be able to enter building thru dedicated access point. Council: Should not prohibit access to buildings from parking lots, i.e. town homes. Clark: Will look into as this was not the intention of the ordinance. Cameron: Will confirm deadline for public comment.

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

Julian: Secondary road from H.S. Developer needs access to private property to do soil analysis. Once have soil reports, design will proceed. Plans still to complete by end of 2024. Council: Ensure designs are given to Region III Directors as impacts this area.

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

Julian: Will use time between now and completion of signal installation to notify property owners. Will present to CATC than to owners.

### 6. County update on runoff from Castaic High School water retention basins into Romero Canyon.

Julian: Land Development Team met with school last week. Retention basins under responsibility of school and contractor. DPW will follow up. Council: Is anyone from the County looking at damages to property down stream. Julian: School will contact adjacent properties and mitigation measures to be taking place. Basin capacity addressed. Council: Guidance shared with H.S. should be shared with residents. Julian: Will follow up to discuss with residents. Council: Re: Basins and flooding during most recent rains. Down hill basins filled and drained. Basins at H.S. are still full and is not draining. Communication is occurring with Michael Otavka (?). Any independent assessment being done? Julian: Basins being looked at to ensure performing as planned and what remediation efforts being made to ensure basins are performing as planned. Why are they not performing and what are the issues causing? Council: Is there timeline? Julian: Unsure. Council: Damage is still there and nothing seems to be happening to get addressed. Council: Do homeowners know who to reach out to with County? Julian: Will check with Land Development and Building and Safety to determine proper point of contact and share with CATC. Julian: Will send email with contact email and updates.

### B. Introduction of Andrew Taban, Field Representative for Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo. 40th Assembly District.

Tabled to next month. Will reach out to coordinate with regards to fire insurance issues.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Jim: Nothing to report.



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

Council: Notified public of formation of policies and committee creation. Cambridge/Hasley Intersection. Reaching out to community for participation for any citizens with traffic safety knowledge. Must be a resident or works in Castaic to be part of the committee. Julian: Will work to set up meeting with Committee to introduce all relevant parties.

C. Parks and Recreation.

1. Castaic Aquatic Center & Val Verde Pool - Marisol Gonzalez.

Tabled due to length of meeting.

### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for February 2023.

### 8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Juliet Mendez: Doing concrete repair projects in Castaic area in 3 tracts. Let her know if any concerns with work being done. Doing inventory of further concrete repair work needed. Sloan Canyon repair is in process. Hasley Canyon Rd. Project on hold pending completion of Hasley Hills project being completed. On board for approval May 23, 2023. Looking to have Hasley Canyon resurfaced by Fall 2023 at this time.

Council: Previously received graphic of road pavement projects. Can we get update? Juliet: Yes will work on this and have draft for next months meeting.

B. Parks project list update.

C. Town Council priorities list.

1. Letter of support for The Old Road improvements grant application. Council consensus is approved to proceed to do letter.

### 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).

Richard Landy Resident: Re: Water Flow in Romero Canyon. Flow is much worse compared to last 25 years he has been a resident. Situation is poor for residents below school. School not being truthful in saying there would not be runoff. Will follow up with Sandia to get contact information for David Boyer and Mike Minor Region III Directors.

### 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of January 18, 2023.



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

### 12. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.
- B. Discussion of any items on the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting.

### 13. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

### 14. ADJOURNMENT @9:29PM.

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