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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:35 PM, 5/18/2022 .

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2025	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2019-2023
I	X; 7:50P	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JESSICA CHAMBERS
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X, left at 7:30p	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	ERIC LARSON
IV	AB	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 C.Dittes. Vote 7/0/0.

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. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Report from 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English(Not in Attendance).

1. Sloan Canyon Road Traffic & Safety update - Julian Garcia/James Dragon (sp?)

- Julian: Round-about Sloan Right of Way. Working on making infrastructure project. Proposed Construction Project status by next month and into funding and programming cycle. Conflict with Utility box can be worked around. Acceleration lane at Quail Valley/Sloan does fit into space, only conflict is with school to see about changing configuration on driveway to work. Accommodations being considered. Rumble strips, delineator medians, visual road guidance on Sloan is occurring.
- Julian: Castaic Road Truck Parking. Concerns with business access. 33 driveways presently. U-turns at ends of Castaic Rd problematic for trucks to route them into residential areas. Truck plaza access must be open. Smaller median islands 60-70' apart to allow movement thru, but not area to park. Some driveways will be impacted by median island proposal. Has not yet contacted with CHP Wilson for CHP POV. Council: will send email to facilitate. will forward property owner info for round about ROW to Julian. TC: Question about passenger car access? JG: Yes several smaller breaks in medians to allow car access, but restrict truck parking access. Will be some driveways impacted. Goal to minimize business impacts. TC: U-Turn scenario not feasible, would exacerbate issue. Truck turn lane would be one truck long? JG: Yes. TC: concern with blocking an existing traffic lane. TC: Chair clarification is 2 lanes each direction, so if traffic is at standstill in one lane, the other would still remain open. TC: Have considered basic "No Parking" striping option? JG: No, but trucks ignore. Challenge is if say 'No Parking', is a traffic violation and should remain moving violation. Has to follow standard from regulations. TC: Concern going straight to permanent medians versus trying simpler signage option first prior to possibly creating larger issue for businesses and traffic. JG: Will add this back into conversation/consideration. CHP Officer Wilson: Could paint the median bright red and won't stop a truck from parking in median. Center divider is only way to stop them from parking in median. Physical center divider is safest option. CHP opinion is permanent median is best option. Have written over 100 tickets in April and won't slow it down. Truckers don't care about tickets. TC: Why are truckers stopping in median? CHP: Lunch. 5-10 min. ea. TC: Had asked Stephanie re: LA County buying land for parking lot space. Update? JG: sent out follow ups re: real estate acquisition for this, has not received feedback yet. KRails is an option, but require end treatments or bollards.
- Saturday June 4th Free Dump Day Announcement



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2. Castaic Road Food Trucks - James Dragan

- TC: Prior to pandemic 3-4 spots in Castaic where Trucks were off street. During height of pandemic, lax enforcement and trucks now on road. What is allowed and what is not allowed? JD: Has not had recent complaints. Last out prior to pandemic. Cali. Health and Safety Code requires one hour at location unless have access to restroom facilities. TC: More than 3, usually 4 or more. Have previously had access to businesses restrooms/facilities. JD: Mobile facilities must return to a commissary at night. Permitted must be on wheels; truck/cart/trailer. Sidewalk with table and EZ up are all unpermitted by State Law. Should not be operating at all. TC: How are wheeled handled. JD: They are permitted, including Fruit Carts. TC: Any limitation on amount in an area? JD: Nothing limits. TC: Are food vendors responsible for trash in area? JD: Yes and should have container available. TC: Offc. Wilson, are vendor trucks parking in permitted parking? CHP: Believes are ok, but will take a look at it. TC: Can parking be limited, ie 3 HR? JG: By regulation can be looked at, is usually 2 HR. TC: Are Food Trucks taking parking a semi could park at if they were not there? TC: Concern food trucks taking brick and mortar business. TC: On North end of Castaic Road, any reason curbs not red? JG: only did around drives. On case-by-case can paint instead of just sign if over 100'. TC: Trucks are parking up and down this section. CHP: Red curbs definitely help. Currently focused on center median and not enforcing parking infractions. Repeated violations as nexus for red curb request. TC: Request update from JD after inspection. JD: Yes, will report back to TC. JG: No parking is the most restrictive level, vs. no commercial parking for vacant lot. TC: What is parking regulation for food trucks on street vs. private lots? JG: No special rules for food trucks. JD: No separate regulation re: this issue.

B. Report from 38th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares - Patsy Ayala.

- No update. Patsy signed off.

C. Report from 21st Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough.

- Update emailed. Main topic: Traffic signal at Hwy 126 & Chiquito. Signal cabin install. Relocate right turn lane sign to not block signal. If Need new sensitive area review for sign move, could be one year. Otherwise couple of weeks and should be operating.

- TC: Thank Kris Hough for all follow thru on this project.

D. Report from 25th Congressional District - Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.

- Update sent by email. Nothing specific to Castaic area.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

A. Public Safety - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar.

- Email Update. 4446 inmates in detention center. Over half at North county maximum facility.

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

- Deputy Rooney got called away so not in meeting. Text to Chair; 32 total arrests. 16 Drug/Alcohol.

- TC: Will send note to Dpt. Rooney re: homeless encampment near post office.

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

- Email Update. Nothing of note.

4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Emailed monthly update. Officer Wilson: 2200 citations in April Newhall area. 896 in Castaic including Fwy. 4 officers in white cars focused on Castaic Rd. 19 citations for moving violations. 130 parking cita-



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tions. Mostly during evening hours this month. 13 arrests; 7 DUI, 2 Warrants.... 23 accidents in Castaic area including Fwy. TC: Have noticed the parking enforcement and is making a difference. Wilson: Will pass that along.

5. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email Report.
- Sent report to TC Members. April 9 fires; 6 Del Valle training burns, 124 emergency medical.. Ttl 148 responses.
- TC: Director DBoyer left call for record @ 7:30PM

B. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Chris Mowry / Hugo Maldonado.
2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Domonick Washington.
- Email Update; DL: Instructor classes becoming available, ie art drawing, chess. Also free classes by Complex staff available.
3. Castaic Aquatic Center - Luis Torres / Marisol Gonzalez
- Kelly with Aquatic Center: Lifeguard Flyer. Pool Flyer: No age limit for life guarding, just pass the test. Minimum is 17 by June 1. Up to \$4,000 in bonus as hours are worked. 6/11 Pool opening. Water Exercise. Everybody swims for free. Bringing back water polo, dive and artistic swimming for a fee. Swim Team is free. 6a-8p call in. 6/01-10 new lifeguard training.

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

- JD: No meetings. Announce new Indian Restaurant in old Telly's/Chilled place, opening next month. TC: Land in Castaic; post office on Franklin says Santa Clarita. Is Franklin Castaic? TC Chair: Is Castaic, but Commerce center is Valencia. In ByLaws is map of Castaic boundaries.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for May 2022.
- JD: April, reimbursing JC for ZOOM prior charges. Money transferred to cover bills in checking account. May, paid for taxes. ZOOM \$239/3months. \$500 transfer to keep afloat on checking. Registry for Charity card is last tax business to be completed, JD will do the online component of it.

7. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update. - No New. Nothing started in Live Oak until 2023 demo. Discussed Live Oak Park in depth. Question about what work is being done now on Hasley. Deeper past Del Valle? Nothing known. If persists will contact PW for feedback.
- B. Parks project list update. Nothing Received.
- C. Town Council priorities list. JD sent updated version. JD: Dept. of Transportation re: stop sign aka Kenny. Sign was moved 1-1.5' over, but has been hit again. Letter dated 03/04/22. Long discussion about this stop sign. JG: Will look back at history of stop sign aka Kenny. Is a CalTrans Sign coming off offramp. JG: will look at an make recommendation.
- D. Amendment to bylaws article 8. (Video 2:00:17)



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- Re: Amendments notifications sent out greater than 30 days prior to this meeting for 3 changes. Will update website.

Motion by C.Dittes. Second by J.D'Addario. Vote 6/0/1 (abstain: DSesa due to absence).

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None. Briefly discussed new Indian restaurant.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL POSITION FOR REGION 2 (VAL VERDE)

- Must be resident of area.
- Re: Land Use need for Region IV. Still in process..

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.)

2 Requests: Jessica Carson/Terry Herra/Santa Rey?

- Msg. From Jessica; Read re: Fire Insurance coverage cost increases. What can be done about this?
- Msg. From Terry Herra; also re: Fire Insurance coverage cost concern expressed.
- TC: Suggest reaching out to Supervisor Barger's office to see if any programs re: Fire Insurance.

- Terry Herra: Presented to Board. Has multiple properties and only Castaic is getting price gouged. Hill side landowner not maintaining fire hazard on their property. Abandoned house next door for 7 years and doing no brush clearance. Fire Dept. aware. Land owners not taking care of property. Begging TC to help find out who landowners are and put pressure to clear land. Condo units are going to default at these fire insurance rates. TC: Has she reached out to Supervisor's office? TH: Yes. JC: As realtor sees this issue. Is all owners in SCV. They have exhausted contacts and TC is last stop. TC: is an advisory board.

- Santa Rey (SP?): Owns 91 units. Frustrated and dealing with for over a year. Has reached out to multiple offices and all not getting any results. How to get areas addressed to reduce fire zone risk. Can't sell and HOA is going to be thousand a month. Need to reduce fire risk. Eliminate near properties. Need to figure something out for home owners and those in HOA's. TC: Maps done by insurance companies individually. Insurance companies are one day writing, next not writing. Right now Farmer's seems to be only one writing policies. Doing wrap arounds on insurance. HOA's won't be covered, but maybe individual units is an option. Insurance Co's require irrigated with water for hillsides to cover HOA properties. Is outside TC ability to address.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of April 20, 2022.

- Table approval given Secretary Boyer not in attendance. All agreed. Will vote for approval in June meeting.

Motion by _____. Second by _____. Vote ____/____/_____.



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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.

- Response to Bridge Retrofit comments on letter 02/17/2021. Two page response. For each comment in letter, their response was will be included in mitigated negative declaration, but comment does not state adequacy of environmental impact analysis. TC concerns not addressed in this environmental study. Will pdf letter to TC members copy of the letter received.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - June 1, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - June 6, 2022

- None contemplated

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

- None

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - June 15, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:45PM

Motion by J.Daddario. Second by C.Dittes. Vote 6/0/0.