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### 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:35PM.

### 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	7:50p	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	6:42p	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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### 3. HEARING SESSION

#### A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by J. Gardner. Second by A.DeSesa. 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. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

#### A. Public Safety.

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

- No report and no representative attending the meeting. Council: Asked for Easter Val Verde incident update.
- Council: Read report from Parks Bureau. Noted Parks After Dark and Graffiti in Val Verde enforcement from email sent prior to meeting.

##### 2. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson/Captain Ed Krusey

- Officer Wilson: Will email stats sheet tomorrow morning. Council: Traffic related due to vehicle fire. Officer Wilson: No issues raised.
- Public Speaker Susie Evans. Question re: Williams Homes on Hasley. Speeders on Hasley Canyon as a result. Officer Wilson: Will write up a traffic complaint and communicate with constituent by email. Council: Re: Chicquita Canyon Rd. north of Hwy 126, signs say 45 mph, Map Programs reflecting 55 mph. No white speed signs now posted. Officer Wilson: Better addressed by Public Works.

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

- Chief Sprengel: 186 responses, 140 medical. 10 fires; 4 training burns, 1 brush @ 2ac, 2 vehicle fires, 3 outdoor/trash fires. No property loss. Safety Tip: All fireworks in unincorporated areas are illegal. Finishing up Spring drills, cause of smoke around Training facility south of Castaic. Aviation assets 8p-10p tonight around Castaic Lake. 5-6 aircraft doing drills for night work. Brush fire this morning around 10a. Unknown cause limited to approx. 1 ac and extinguished. Council: Fires along I-5, do those count as fires against our area zip codes? Chief Sprengel: Not positive, will check and get back to Council.

##### 4. Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner - Weed Abatement Division.

###### a. Inspections and Enforcement on vacant lots.

Ellen Walton, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner and Rene Cortez, Inspector.

- Council: Have been confusion between vacant lots weed abatement vs. LACo Fire inspections/enforcement. Ellen Walton: Reviewed PowerPoint presentation. Agricultural Commission does Unimproved properties. Fire Does Improved properties. Expanding Very High Fire Severity Zones. Reviewed parameters utilized in inspections, enforcement's, etc.. Goal is compliance from property owners of vacant parcels. Rene Cortez is Inspector for District 9 which includes Castaic.



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First 30 of areas outside home are what will determine if structure has likelihood of surviving a fire. Requested LaCo Fire coordination improves to help them do their jobs. Was dismissive of complaint filed. Ellen: Requested documents be posted to the CATC website. Council: Question on lot adjacency that is vacant. Ellen: Haven't been to 200' clearance in a long time, but this is the requirement. Encouraged call and they will come take a look at parcel discussed. Council: Gap between Fire Dept and Ag. Dept., If is a vacant parcel owned by County, State, CalTrans who is responsible for inspections and compliance on these types of properties. Ellen: If is County, will try to get funding to address. If is State or other, they will not address. If is State, they will say they are not an individual, so no compliance enforcement. If unsure of ownership, email Rene and they will look up the owner record for any parcel.

- Council: Questions directed to Fire Dept. Council: Re: Notice letters sent in email today as examples. Read State resolution. How are "all" properties required for fire inspection. Chief Sprengel: 3 pieces of legislation. 4291 State bill requires all homes in High Severity areas to be inspected. Fire is responding to State mandates. Council: Though State mandates, persons opinion is that all properties are different. County enforced brush inspection cost, not State. Chief Sprengel: Majority of Castaic is enforced. Council: What is the definition of an inspection? Chief Sprengel review their inspection criteria. Council: Question re: timing of inspections and is early, requiring multiple abatement rounds to keep in compliance.

### 5. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Report from 5<sup>th</sup> District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English.  
- Use 'The Works' app to report brush, homelessness, graffiti, etc... and it does work.

Council: Thanks to

- Supervisor Barger will be coming to Castaic to celebrate the new signal installations.

1. I-5 Task Force - L.A. County Dept. Public Works - Julian Garcia.

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

- Task force met June 13. Very complex issue. Applying for a Federal Protect Act Grant for smart infrastructure placement.

- b. Update on sound wall design.

- Designed to match local aesthetics. Metro will ensure graffiti removed during construction. CalTrans will take over upon completion. Contact information posted in the meeting 'Chat'.

Council:

Question re: U-Turn and Median improvements. Julian: Will incorporate U-Turn ability if possible. Council: Red curbs not painted, is the restrictions only Castaic Rd.? Julian: Only Castaic Rd.

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

- Julian: Several items being looked at on Sloan Canyon Road. Progress is occurring. Will work with team to go over items with Traffic Safety Committee. District working with homeowners on covenants re: secondary road. Are planning to move forward with the Road. Council: Speeds are increasing in front of Director's property on Sloan. Requesting round about to stop speeding at Oak Horn intersection. Julian: Is being reviewed and plans worked on, then would have to go to funding to get implemented. Is in the Transportation Planning group at this time. Council: B&T funds, could this pay for roundabout?

3. Truck parking on Castaic Road - Julian Garcia.

- Reviewed status.



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4. County update on runoff from Castaic High School water retention basins into Romero Canyon.
  - James Chon, LA County Public Works Land Development. All basins are functioning. District working with contractor to complete deficiencies. Drainage facilities on-site will continue to be maintained by School district. County as a permit issued. Have 15 ac/ft capacity maintained on-site. Council: Is the big basin an evaporation basin? Is this a new type of basin? James: Most basins at H.S. are evaporation basins. Big basin is a retention basin. Still water present.
  - Re: Williams Ranch. B&T fees have been paid. Improvements were made leading up to development entrance which is a secondary highway designation. Past development Hasley Canyon is a limited secondary highway with different requirements.

5. I-5 North County Enhancement Project Update - Saroya Sandiford - L.A. Metro.
  - Saroya: Bridgework at Castaic Creek Bridge. Showed slides of progress.

- B. Traffic Safety Committee - Co-chairs Abigail DeSesa & Michael Minor.
  - Parker Rd. issue will be added and reviewed at next agenda planning meeting.

- C. Report from 21<sup>st</sup> Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough  
= Not Present

- D. Report from 40th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo - Andrew Taban.

- E. Tami Stephens Field Rep for Congressman Garcia
  - Reviewed Bills Congressman is working on.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Project: Castaic Town Center: Los Rocas Bar & Grill Expansion into the old Lollie's space, AMR Ambulance Tenant Improvement (relocating the existing ambulance station)  
CUP RPPL2023000465

Ken Verzosa - Challman Engineering, Inc.  
Shawn Lyone - Property Owner.

- Ken Verzosa: Councilman D'Addario reviewed Land Use Committee recommendations and for approval. Ken: Reviewed project for CUP permitting update. Council: Discussed site specific issues that need addressed. Ken: Waiting on report from CAST site review and will address these items as part of that process.

- Motion to approve CUP with 4 additional specific requirements read by Jim D'Addario. Motion by J.Preach. Second by C.Dittes. Vote 9/0/0.

- B. Parks and Recreation.

- Read report from Superintendent of Castaic Lake, Hector Inzunza. Lake is busy and lot of activities occurring.



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- Marisol Gonzalez with Aquatic Center Manager. Reviewed Summer activities and events happening at Castaic Aquatic Center. Swim Lessons free at Castaic and Val Verde aquatic centers. Council: Have they tied into the H.School for partnership opportunities? Marisol, none yet, but are accepting rental requests.

C. Fundraising Update.

- Nothing to report at this time.

### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Treasurer's report for June 2023.

- Reviewed financials. Taxes getting done next week. Were extended.

### 8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

B. Parks project list update.

C. Town Council priorities list.

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

- None

### 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.)

### 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of May 17, 2023.

Motion by C.Dittes. Second by M.Minor. Vote 9/0/0.



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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.
- CUP for Senior Day care facility for medical facility next to R2 Motorsports. Peter Lund owner.
  - Letter received from Trammel Crow developer for Honors Ranch seeking meeting.
- B. Discussion of any items on the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting. Received notice of adopting amendments to title 22 planning residential development standards. Meeting Tuesday July 18th for input/concerns. Will invite to July Agenda Meeting. Council: Encouraged on-site meeting as well.

### 13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month - July 5, 2023

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - July 3, 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 - July 19, 2023

### 14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:14PM

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