



Castaic Area Town Council Regular Meeting
 Wednesday, February 18, 2015
 6:30 PM Board Room

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CALL TO ORDER 6:31 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL - Members

REGION I	<u>X</u>	JOHN KUNAK (PRESIDENT)	<u>X</u>	JESSICA ROUSSEL CHAMBERS (SECRETARY)
REGION II	<u>X</u>	GREG KIMURA	<u>X</u>	BONNIE NIKOLAI
REGION III	<u>X</u>	SANDIA ENNIS (VICE PRESIDENT)	<u>X</u>	LLOYD CARDER II (TREASURER)
REGION IV	<u>X</u>	FLO LAWRENCE	<u>X</u>	JIM IDLEMAN
REGION V	<u> </u>	KELLY QUICK	<u>X</u>	DAWN FAULCONER

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. INVOCATION
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

First: X Second: X Vote: 8 / 0 / 0

- i. Advance Requests to Speak – 1
- ii. Estimated number of guests in attendance, all parties, excluding Council Members – 25

2. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Report from Los Angeles County Supervisor’s Office. – Rosalind Wayman, Sr. Dpty to Sup. Michael Antonovich (6:36pm)

News:

- *Cat owners must spade and neuter their cats.*
- *LA Co. will be renewing licensing for animals*
- *Yard Sale ordinance is to stop people having yard sales that aren’t really yard sales. Ask that we submit our comments to the Supervisors office.*
 - o *Dawn Faulconer to write draft letter.*
- i. Senior Center Update: Linda Liebange, Lisa Hilton (6:43pm)
 - *Handy Work program*
 - o *Families, person can qualify if they make below \$52.5k*
 - o *This program provides a wide variety of repairs*
 - o *To start the application contact Lisa Hilton*
 - *Application process takes about a day, then it is submitted to the county*
 - *Repairs take 3-4 weeks for clearance*
 - *To get more information contact Lisa Hilton at the Senior Center:*
 - *Questions: What is there is an emergency?*
 - *Answer: Sometimes repairs can be done quicker within a day or two.*

B. SCV Sanitation District – Deep Well Injection Presentation – John Timble (6:49pm)

- *This presentation discuss how Deep Well Injection works and why the SCV Sanitation District is proposing it as a solution for removing the brine that comes from desalinating the water. The Sanitation District is working with the State of California and the EPA Mandate to control Chlorite and waste charges. There is a region authority with 24 wards of directors.*
- *The SCV Sanitation treats about 20 million gallons of waste water. The water is treated for all waste water types. Treatment plants currently do not remove salt.*
- *The solution that the board has approved to move forward with requires the following process:*
 - o *Install desalination plants to desalt the water.*
 - o *This creates another problem, now they have to deal with brine disposal that will be handled locally. (There are deep rock formation to all for the disposal of brine that is also environmentally sound.)*

- Deep Well Injection is regulated by the EPA much more efficiently. There are over 47 brine disposal in California. It is important to understand that deep well injection is not fracking, The depth the injection happens at 1-2 miles deep.
- Proposal for where the deep Well Injection;
 - They have to stay away from Oil wells, and from larger faults. There are only a few places they can inject brine. Of the places Site 11A is what they see as the best place for the Deep well Injection. This is on the west side of the 5 freeway near West Ranch and West ridge.
 - It is stated that site 11a is most favorable as there is no environmental footprint will not be disturb, and only have to remove 1 oak tree, and minimal grading to do. Site 11A is best to pick from the stand point of it is best
 - from the environmental footprint
 - farthest from homes and schools
 - lowest in cost development
 - most favorable geologically to inject brine into the ground
 - Original site was 800 fee away, but because they have moved the site and it is closer to homes they have to do another environmental study.
 - The drill rigs are 170 feet tall, with a large platform from 20-30 feet large, and painted accordingly
 - Sound walls will be built. But still the drill will be visible and there were be some aesthetic issues.
- This is a supplement draft to the EIR submitted in January.
 - Concerns have been:
 - Heavy construction of combine emissions
 - Traffic is a major concern – traffic analysis will be done as they have to block off 1 to 3 lanes in the south bound Old Rd.
 - Noise level will increase 1 decibel
 - Aesthetics are a concern as they are visible. The drill will be visible for about 10 months.
 - They will also build a pump house that will match the other structures of the golf course to hide the pumps.

Q & A:

LLOYD CARDER:

Q: How you been to the West Ranch Council?

A: Yes, they have concerns with the impact of the construction near the golf course, traffic, noise, and process of injecting brine.

Q: How long will you be at the site?

A: There is about 50 years of capacity at site 11A. Other options are to truck brine out, evaporate it, or build a pipeline to the ocean, but these projects were not selected due to cost.

JIM IDELAMAN:

Q: I wouldn't want to live in the area, looks like a magic mountain, the rigs are huge, there has to be another location.

A: This is the only place in the valley, and they adhere to all state guidelines.

SANDIA ENNIS:

Q: The rig will be there for 2 months, and then a building?

A: Yes, there will first be a test well for 2 months, a building will be built to block odor, and there will be continual maintenance.

DAWN FAULCONER:

Q: How long will the rig be there?

A: 7 – 10 months. First 2 for the test well, and then they will come back after the test for the remaining time.

Q: You brought up odor?

A: No Ma'am, it's like a treatment plan, it has an earthy smell that will be in an enclosed pipe.

LLOYD CARDER:

Q: Are these with the state guidelines?

A: the stat has a regulation of practices and the EPA is more strict.

Q: The facility is for both Saugus and Valencia plants?

A: The facility will be for both, this will meet the brine disposal of both plants.

Q: The yellow lines in the presentation are the pipes?



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A: yes, the pipe diameter is 8-10" maybe 6", there will be disruption on The Old Rd. There will be no desalination at Saugus Pipe, only from the Valencia.

Q: Why aren't you looking at the Whitaker Bromite site?

A: Not cost affected at the plant in Saugus. Better to do a centralized place, also the Valencia plant has the room for construction to allow this.

Q: What are the reasons for not doing a drying pond?

A: They are good technology, but you have to line them, need the acreage, and we'll be dealing with ½ million gallons of brine a day. The land is too expensive in SCV.

Q: What about Estrogen and Estrogen type compounds? The trout in the river have mainly be female.

A: These are not regulated, there is no scientific evidence of this being a human health concern. I'm not familiar with the female fish in the Santa Clarita River. There are certain chemicals that do pass the treatment plants. There are no regulatory requirements for removing these chemicals. At this point there are no impacts.

FLO LAWRENCE:

Q: You are only taking waste water from 1 of the 2 plants?

A: Yes

Q: If this is an issue we should be looking at both plants?

A: Because we decided to take the strict schedule, we have negotiated some relaxations. They are concerned with downstream as it is the combined salt to Ventura County that the state is regulating.

Q: There seems to be lots of questions, this is a pretty major operation, and the comment period ends March 2nd?

A: Yes, the board is making a decision in May.

S: You should extend this 45 days.

JOHN KUNAK:

Q: You keep talking about cost, and you say it is outrageous, you say it will be more costly to truck it out, how much more would it cost to get it out of this area?

A: We looked at environmental impacts, from emissions, if the deep well injection doesn't go in this area they will truck it out, or if they did a pipe line it would be 37 miles of pipeline.

Q: In 50 years you will have to do something then, why don't you do a solution that will last forever so we don't have to do this again in 50 years?

A: That is a decision that the board will have to make.

BONNIE NIKOLAI:

Q: What are you going to do if the test well fails?

A: We would have to come back with an alternative, either trucking or building a pipeline.

Q: If the test well fails what kind of impact will it have on the community?

A: we will go back and start a new project.

Q: I have read that deep well injection can cause small seismic activities?

A: Experts looked at the faults and they do not feel that this is a substantial risk, there have be some in New Mexico, and a sink hole in Oklahoma.

Q: What is the risk of a sink hole?

A: The only sink hold was in New Mexico, the area was being eroded by the brine.

GREG KIMURA:

Q: Clarification please: Estrogen, is this the reverse osmosis water, they combine about 20 million gallons a day, and ½ will need to be osmosis?

A: Yes, Orange County has this process and they do ½ million gallons a day.

Q: Cost: \$4.1 million dollars then \$60k a year. The site development cost is \$120 millions. The deep well injection is \$45 million dollars. Who is going to pay for all of this?

A: SCV residents

Q: What have tried to fight this, would it make sense to just pay the fine?

A: No the board has decided to do the project rather than the fine. Our staff has fought this for many years, but in the end the district council said it would be serve our people.

Q: We get an earthquake about every 20 years, what if the ground shifts and it is no longer a good site?

A: Environmental people have looked at this, there is a possibility for a break in the pipe.

Q: How do the local residents feel about this?

A: We have met with the West Ranch Association there is an opposition. We are just trying to approach this as it is the only site to do this project. This project is not a threat to homes nearby, there will be impacts and mitigation

BONNIE NIKOLAI:

Q: How much would the pipeline cost?

A: Around \$40 million difference.

MOTION: To send a request to SCV to extend the comment period for an additional 45 days, there are a lot more questions.

First: X Second: X Vote: 9/0/0

MOTION: Keeping in mind that we will have comments as members of a town council. Motion to get something official out to the Sanitation District to make another motion we heard presentation we have so many concerns, that can all be said in a letter, but that we want to go on record strongly opposed.

First: X Second: X Vote: 9/0/0

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Public Safety – Chair, John Kunak

i. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. – Deputy Bryan Rooney

Presented crime report for Jan 1st to Feb 15th: 5 Burglaries, extra patrols have stop vehicles being broken into since. Theft crime is on the rise, the community is the best information for officers to know if there are people that are not from the area. Email Deputy Bryan Rooney if you see strange activity. The Community Academy will start in a few weeks, John Kunak will attend. The email on our website is non-operational so email directly.

ii. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau –

No Present – John Kunak will follow up why they are not here.

iii. California Highway Patrol – Officer Robert Byrod –

102 Arrests, 182 Traffic Collisions

They have worked with the LA County Public Works to install more 25 mile per hour signs.

An additional sign to talk about truck traffic will be installed East of Gibraltar Lane, N. of Cambridge Ave.

Bicycle race schedule March 21st from 5:30am – 5:30 pm, there will be intermittent traffic control. 2 officers are assigned to this and there will be a roving officer.

Every 15 minutes will be conducted at West Ranch High School.

iv. Los Angeles County Fire Department –

Not Present

B. Parks and Recreation, Chair – Bonnie Nikolai

i. Castaic Library Report – Library Manager, Teresa Roxburgh

Library opening Monday! Soft opening going back to previous hours, Tuesday March 14th opening celebration. Official flyers are out. Opening will be at 10 am, 11am is West Ranch's Library opening. Story Time will be starting next week.

ii. Castaic Lake Report – Lake Superintendent, Lori Bennett

Concern with water level, the lake is 2 feet lower then when the discussion was made to not operate swim beaches. CATC still needs to get the permit for the Race, and make sure the insurance is taken care of. Still intending that the race will have the same route as last year.

Lori, will help and get the DWR Permit.

The lifeguard program will begin in June, registration is April 1st.

Dragon Boat Racing – Boston Scientific has a team, and they are going to integrate the lifeguard program. Dragon Boat Racing is a great fitness program. Looking at Saturday morning Monday, Wednesday evening to learn how to row. Boat building Saturday, power not for another 3-4 weeks and there needs to be a certified boat steer. The Santa Clarita Color run had about 1-1.2k runners. They were down from last years 2.4k participants.

Q: How is the water level compared to last year

A: Lagoon is 2 ft lower, and the upper lake is 125ft lower. LA Metro emptied their account for the water. They have 5 years to put it back in. We are still allowing paddle boarding and rowing on the lagoon.

iii. Castaic Regional Sports Complex Report – Supervisor, Michelle Whitaker



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Completed Winter Basketball, 310 kids, 60 volunteers. This Saturday Flag Football starts, with a 5 week program. They will go into t-ball/softball in April. Getting prepared for summer and spring activities. We are looking at extending hours from 10am – 3pm. However, they are looking at the room rentals.

Introducing Trevor from the Aquatic Center: Update on construction, currently working on the Olympic size pool. Finished phase 1, phase 2 will be to finish building, pool and parking lots. There are about 6 months of planning, s, 12 months to get done, major completion before summer 2016. Full County acceptance in Fall of 2016. Spring schedule will start May 2nd, and Summer June 6th.

- C. Castaic High School Ad-Hoc Committee, Chair – Flo Lawrence
 - i. Castaic High School – Status Report
Grading continues, article in signal, working on EIR, need more money for grading. They need \$18 million more. Have 20 so scrapers, building plans are with DSA, Flo will be taking a ride with the developer next week.
- D. Land Use and Community Standards, Chairs – Bonnie Nikolai, Jim Idelman
 - i. New Projects Reports – No new projects to approve
 - ii. Discuss Land Use Committee Members:
 - a. Region 1 – Sandy Holding
 - b. Region 2 – Kevan Smalley
 - c. Region 3 – will submit next meeting
 - d. Region 4 – Jeff Preach
 - e. Region 5 – Jim D'addario

MOTION: To approve slate

First: X Second: X Vote: 9 / 0 / 0

- E. Audit Committee, Chairs Dawn Faulconer, Greg Kimura
*Looking at getting together in first week of March
 Lloyd, holding audit until March*
- F. Castaic Lake Run, Directors – Sandia Ennis, Lloyd Carder
Flyers need to be printed in Spanish. Bonnie is having the flyer translated, and now the second week of March flyers will arrive. Next run meeting will be after the planning meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless a Council Member, or a member of the audience, has a question concerning a particular item and asks that it be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar; the consent items are approved with a single motion without discussion by the Town Council.

- A. Minutes of the CATC Regular Meeting – Jan 21, 2015

MOTION: Approve minutes

First: X Second: X Vote: 9 / 0 / 0

- B. Minutes of the CATC Agenda Planning Meeting – Feb 2, 2015
Deferring
- C. Treasurer's Report – Feb 2015
Deferring

5. DISCUSSION/ACTIONS ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

- A. By law committee, to update map (Sandia Ennis)
 - a. Garage Sale Notice

- 1. By Law Committee, to update map (Sandia Ennis)

MOTION:

First: Second: Vote:

- 2. Garage Sale Notice

Comments:

LLOYD CARDER: Council didn't like unincorporated areas that Friday were omitted and couldn't have more than 2 days. People should be able to have 2 in one weekend.

BONNIE NIKOLAI: Positive of not being allowed to sell new stuff and selling shops. Unincorporated areas do not like the restrictions.

DAWN FAULCONER: HOA's should be omitted as they already have their regulations.

MOTION: To draft letter to get Castaic area out and move to next meetings agenda.

First: X Second: X Vote: 9/9/0

6. CORRESPONDENCE / COUNCIL INFORMATION / DISCUSSION 8:25pm

A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council information. Notice of Public hearing. February 25th, regarding title 22.

i. Living Suite Ordinance Project No. R2014-02159-(1-5)

Advance Planning Case No. 2014-00007-(1-5)

MOTION: To draft letter to get out to the community and agendize this at the next meeting.

First: X Second: X Vote: 9/9/0

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

Need Jessica and Sandia to get the extra signatures on the bank account

7. ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION, FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND/OR UNDER PREPARATIONS

A. Open discussion by Council Members for future consideration.

i. School budget concerns, add to next meeting agenda

ii. School bus service

Final comments or questions from audience guests on agenda matters only. 3 minute limit per speaker. Request to Speak forms required.

STEVE LEE:

Asks that we write a letter to the supervisor regarding the landfill to regarding the dirt I the landfill. To have a hearing in front of supervisor. People are being concerned by what the landfill is taken in. There has to be some accountability. Asking for a hearing regarding the items being taken in.

- *Will add this to the agenda for March*

FLO

- *Steve can you email the data to Flo regarding what the Santa Clarita City Council Department*

- *The newspaper article you mentioned study stated that Rockadine has Chiquita Canyon as their #1 sight for dumping nothing has been official.*

- *Greg will email the radio active materials.*

NOTICES:

Next Castaic Area Town Council Planning Meeting: **Tuesday, March 3, 2015.**

Next Castaic Area Town Council Run Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, March 3, 2015.**

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn at 8:44 pm

First: X Second: X Vote: 9/9/0