



# Castaic Area Town Council Regular Meeting

## Wednesday August 17, 2016

### 6:30 PM Board Room

## Minutes

Meeting Location:  
 Castaic Union School District Office  
 Board Room  
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1. ROLL CALL – Call to Order: 6:39pm

Members:

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

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. INVOCATION
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Comments and/or questions on Agenda items.

Motion 1: First: x Second: x Vote: 8/0/0

Hearing Session

This is the time set aside for individuals wishing to address the Town council on matters not listed on the agenda. State Law prevents the Council from acting on any matter not listed on the agenda, or from discussing any such matter in any detail. Speakers, who must have submitted their “Request to Speak” form prior to the start of the meeting, should limit their comments to a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker, 20 minutes per topic, and should only expect the Council to take their comments under advisement for possible future discussion and/or action. If an individual wishes to speak on a matter that is on the agenda, they will be called upon when the item is brought up. Request to Speak Forms are located in the back of the room and can be quietly submitted to any Council Member.

- A. Advance Requests to speak. 0
- B. Estimated number of guests in attendance, all parties, excluding council members. 13

2. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Rick Gould – Santa Clarita Parks and Recreation – Presentation of the City’s close of escrow of 78 acres between Pitches Detention Center & Tapia Canyon. Oil company that occupied the land kept reservation to still pump oil. They are using this land for equestrian, mountain biking and hiking. In a few years they will look at how they can utilize it.
- B. Presentation from Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development by Holly Schroeder regarding proposed development on Pitches Property and adding secondary road for Castaic – Public Private partnership focusing on growing jobs in SCV. The Board of Supervisors on the feasibility on the project of Honor Ranch to have a business Park related to this parcel. This parcel is being explored with the Sheriff’s department. 3 focuses Infrastructure improvements, Floodway needs improvement to protect facilitate,

and economic development on the west side of the creek and the 5 freeway. The motion that was passed initiated a 60-day analysis period to assess if a project is feasible and if an investor would be interested. If results are positive, the BOS would have a proposal project, everything associated with a typical development.

Flo Lawrence: Like the idea of area, twice today the 5 freeway was closed. Would like to see a road that mirrors the old road that connects to 126 or a least at Hasley.

A: We will look into this is this does become a project

Dawn Faulconer: What types of businesses are being drawn to this area as there are buildings empty in the industrial park.

A: looking at manufacturers, film and tech companies, on balance industrial vacancies are sub 2%.

Focus is high quality jobs.

Lloyd Carder: Excited about this, would like to emphasize the need for an access. And mentioned was the east side. Any increase of security would be greatly appreciated.

A: East side is for pitches operation. Agriculture, training, and work force re-entry programs. We are also going to be looking into Security needs so that the operation of pitches are not compromise. The creek has a security component barrier.

Bonnie Nikolai: I want an infrastructure put in for an additional off ramp because we have

A: There will go through the entire process that is attractable to serve a community need.

Flo: If you could put a small on and off ramp they are going to have to redo the Parker on and off-ramp. This would

Jessica, Sandia, John, Greg no comment

- C. Report from Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office. Presented by Rosalind Wayman, Senior Deputy to Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich – Mention about 1<sup>st</sup> responders an event on August 27<sup>th</sup> 3-5 before concerts in the park.

Edel – Clean Hands Waiver: regarding the landfill is processing, 1997 the conditional use permit given to landfill at 23 million tons or 2019. They hit 23 million tons in June 2016, they approached dept. of development planning to get a clean hands waiver, that gives them an opportunity to have a bridge between conditional use permit is up, and while it is getting renewed. The reason it was granted because the original EIR that was proposed in 1997 analyzed 29.4 million tons so there was a buffer. There were also some delays in the current CUP's, and the department is going to be in the Board of Supervisors in beginning of early 2017.

John: What options were they offering if the waiver was given.

A: they would have to close down. The only option

John: where would trash go

A: They would have to renegotiate with agreements with other landfills but that is up to the operator.

Greg: Can you give timeline

A: Dept from Reg. planning

Landfill contacted in November of 2015, March 2016, approved in May 2016 trigger hit in June 2016,

End date: A: July 31, 2017

VVCA contract was for 23 million tons, how will they enforce.

A: There is some reference, the county is not apart of this contract, the county has a reference does not preclude the applicant of extension or expansion and that they have to comply with the contract this. But the carve out was to allow for an extension. Mitigation fund is going to happen. 2012 we did one for Lancaster landfill. They had an extension but they had a planning issues fee, a pot for environment issues for air and ground water, conversion technologies. They are not starting to start looking at new landfill because it takes 20 years. Supervisor Antonovich is looking at diversion rates to get 80% into recyclables, and take the 20% to be converted and the byproduct of this process would be taken to a landfill. Waste Management if actually going to build one. Another account is for street repair. These will probably be used to help with the contract.

John: There was support given by council and have an agreement between the council and the landfill. Numbers will have to be worked out.

A: We would still honor the agreement, but the are going to use

Sandia:

Jessica: regarding the community benefit fund could it be merged with the county.

A: It will either be private or county. However, there is a board. A check is cut every quarter and what ever you spend the money on you must submit receipts.

Bonnie: Are you planning of having Merps?

A: There has been talk, there is a need, but there is no area currently, there is land on Chiquita property to build a Merp, but Chiquita has been looking at the Curtis sand and gravel. The new EIR does not contemplate for a new Merp.

Bonnie: Negotiations, feel like the landfill is going to be approved.

A: In order for a document to be approved it has to be completed with full ideas of what is going to be done.

Bonnie: Have been asking for a health study

A: The document has been completed there has been a health study done for Val Verde.

Bonnie: There were promises made to the community to have it closed. The housing values have dropped, people in the community having issues with health.

A: Regarding odor complaints there were 17 in AQMD, when they send people it is reviewed by them, not by LA Co. If they are not finding anything.

Bonnie: They have to have 6 calls within an hour to write a violations.

Lloyd: Concern with a project this magnitude getting a waiver without the community is concerning. Fees should be increased, Extra tipping fees should have been made for trash coming out of SCV. Agreements for composting have been stopped. There should have been a public hearing for the community to ask for these extras. There should have been a public process.

A: Regarding public process we have to go based by the letter of the law. This permit is an administrative permit. A discretionary permit is the only way that we can have a county go to the public.

Lloyd: How do we change this law?

A: This permit has been the largest use for this clean waiver program. We wouldn't want to have it changed for small mom and pop shops. This permit can only extend the life of the last permit but they cannot change the permit for extra fees. The director can pull the permit at their discretionary.

Dawn: When with the EIR be done?

A: Hopefully by July 31, 2017 otherwise they close.

Flo: The county is looking at where the trash go and because we are 40% capacity with the current CUP, and is looking the new CUP has 80%

A: Landfill is not the solution; the US is just catching on to what other countries have been doing which is using it as a resource.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Public Safety – Chair – John Kunak

1. Los Angeles County Fire Det. – *Community Services Liaison Stephanie English – Not Present*
2. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept – *Deputy Bryan Rooney – May 15- August 17<sup>th</sup> Crime report. There was an assault in a taxi cab, and 2 females, 2 robberies of homes, 5 reported commercial burglaries. 6 vehicle burglaries. 14 thefts report. 2 were grand theft. 7 vehicle stoles. 15-20 Hondas have been stolen in SCV. 1 deputy involved shooting – there are multiple investigation on this. 14<sup>th</sup> community academy started last week. New application can be done on the sheriff website.*
3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau – *Officer Pena – Not present*
4. California Highway Patrol – *Officer Byrod – Shut down the 5 twice today. 6 arrests in Castaic 5 for DUI and 1 for possession of sales. Pedestrian has been hit on the 5, have identified him, but have not notified next of kin as we cannot. LAPD Motor was struck southbound 5 looks like it was an intentional act. This is now attempted murder. this is why they have shut it down the 5 fwy so that they can collect all evidence. The individual continued on southbound, it is likely that the person is in custody, believe the person is from Northern Ca and has some issues. Officer has been released from the hospital. Coffee with a COP next Thursday 9-11 at HONU coffee 8/25. 6 new officers will be present. Our biggest imitative is public trust. Written warning, in lieu of a citation.*  
*LLOYD: Possibly we can have a CHP Booth at the next run.*

#### B. Parks and Recreation – Chair – Bonnie Nikolai

1. Castaic Library Report – *Library Manager, Vickie Raymundi – Recap of last month. Open 164 hrs. 4782 people. Around 8500 book check out, the sand fire definitely affected our attendance. Mondays and Wednesday at 11.*  
*8/25 at 2 there is a e-media help to learn how to download books from the library.*  
*8/23 book sale 6:30.*  
*9/12 at 6:30 friends of the library meeting.*  
*9/22 at 4pm mad science presentation. Ages 4 +*  
*9/17 at 2pm circuit workshop 8 +*

9/24 at 2 pm open to all ages free Brazilian concert.

New library director is doing open forums with the community, sat 8/27 10-12 at the Topanga library. 9/24 10-12 at the Lancaster library. You can go to website if you are unable to attend.

2. Castaic Lake Report – Lake Superintendent, Lori Bennett averaging over 120 people attending our water sports Wednesday night. Sept 9 at 3 dinners at 6:30 beach party at the lake. Drought impacts are still there. Swim beach will be open until Sept 9. Upper lake water is higher. Lyons Club will be having their annual summer bar-b-que 9/10.
  3. Castaic Regional Sports Complex Report - Supervisor Not present
  - C. Castaic High School Ad-Hoc committee – Chair – Flo Lawrence
    1. Castaic High School Status Report – Voted to use lease, lease back to build the school. They want Castaic to be the career tech institute in the Hart School system. Looking at construction starting at the end of the year. The county preference to have the LED lights, however they have agreed to the mission bell to keep with the low lighting ordinance.
    2. Request low lighting ordinance for the Castaic High School – letter proposed – FLO writing the letter. Motion to approve Yes 8/0/0
  - D. Land Use Community Standards – Chair Jim Idelman
    1. New Projects Report – No new projects known as of yet
  - E. Beautification Committee – Dawn Faulconer  
Vision for the beautification community. We want to get a questionnaire on the website so they can put in their input. Start very basic.
    1. Update on road pavements
    2. Online Survey of areas for Castaic for beautification.
4. DISCUSSION/ACTIONS ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS
- A. Discussion for Illegal grading on Sterling Industrial Property – letter proposed  
Agreed that Lloyd should continue with the letter add developers name clean it up and get it to Sandia.  
Motion: First: X Second: X Vote: 8/0/0
  - B. Discussion for Dirt Storage on Hasley and Del Valle – letter proposed  
Would like to write a letter directly to ask them to move the dirt piles.  
Suggest that we write an email and include the board. See if we get a response and  
Motion: Lloyd will prepare and send email  
First: x Second: X Vote: 8/0/0
5. 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 Notice that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting.
6. 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 6/15, 8/20
  - B. Minutes of the CATC Planning Meeting 7/6, 8/3
  - C. Treasurer’s Report: June  
Motion: to approve First: x Second: X Vote: 8/0/0
7. ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION, FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND/OR UNDER PREPARATIONSs
- A. Open discussion by Council Members for future consideration.  
Motion: to approve expenditure of up to \$125 for a new voice recorder.  
First: x Second: X Vote: 8/0/0
  - B. Motion to approve obtain the 501.c.3 using 1023-ez  
First: x Second: X Vote: 8/0/0

Well start discussing the election in September.

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

**NOTICE:**

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: September 7, 2016  
Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: TBD – or Monday – September 5, 2016  
Next Castaic Area Town Council By Law Committee Meeting: September 7, 2016  
Next Castaic Area Town Council Regular Meeting: Wednesday – September 21, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 9:23

First: x Second: X

Vote: 8/0/0