



MINUTES

HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CASTLE VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DRAFT  
MAY 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. TOWN HALL - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

**Members Present:** Jazmine Duncan, Leta Vaughn, Ron & Pat Drake, Bill Rau, Bob Russell, Dave Erley

**Others Present:** Jack Campbell, Ron Mengel, Joclyen Buck, Faylene Roth

**Recorder:** Alison Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

Jazmine Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Duncan thanked everyone for coming and stated that there was plenty of time for comments and she would love to listen to everything that everyone has to say.

**1. Public Hearing on the Castle Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft.**

Jack Campbell stated that the 'Scope' included the incorporated and unincorporated areas and in the 'Profile' it seemed to lean a little more towards just the incorporated boundaries and continuity would be good. Page 4 has different miles listed for road lengths than other lengths of road sections. He thought on Pg. 34 the 'Community Access' section seemed out of place. He thought that the closure of the access to the hospital during events should be considered in the plan.

Erley stated that perhaps with bigger events there could be an ambulance or helicopter on standby to be available for emergency calls.

Campbell stated in the 'Fire' section it could be interesting to know the percent of lots that are still wild & undeveloped. Pg. 16 could use 'to create a fire break' after '1. Mowing roads' in the 'Fire Mitigation Strategies'.

Erley stated that once the Shafer lane access is complete Shafer would be managed as a main artery in the Town.

Duncan stated that side streets that have lots of wildland may deserve more mowing as well.

Campbell stated that on pg 17 adding 'reducing fuel around...' on number 5 & 6 'Fire Mitigation Strategies'. He suggested some kind of incentive to promote folks to clear their power poles of fuel. He suggested more awareness around the odd ways that fires are started and another mailing every few years. He also suggested figuring out other ways to fight fires creatively.

There was discussion powering wells when there are fires and no power.

Erley stated that perhaps back up power for the water pumps that the town relies on for water would be good to invest in, in turn for the years of water use from those private property owners.

Campbell thought that there were a lot of interesting facts that could be included in the Flood section that were very dramatic about the land and amount of water that can run through it.

Ron Mengel asked if the Town was still using the 1988 Drainage Master Plan as the primary plan.

Erley stated that the town is currently using that plan and changes have occurred but felt that the overall plan seemed fairly accurate.

Campbell asked about the part of the Drainage Master Plan that had not been implemented. He inquired about putting in the correlation between the vegetation on the mountains and the flooding that can occur without vegetation there to soak up the water.

There was discussion around the amount of vegetation effecting the flooding and that the land after the Porcupine Fire had healed with human help, luck with the weather and the permittee who grazes cattle in the area managing his cattle in a responsible way.

Erley stated that oak coming in aggressively after the fire in the CV watershed is a concern that will need to be confronted in the future.

He was opposed to wilderness designation where he felt oak would need to be masticated.

Duncan stated that working with the permittee that is in the CV watershed should be a part of their planning process.

Mengel stated that it appeared that the Castle Creek culvert flooding possibility was missed in the risk assessments. He inquired about #9 in the 'Flood Risk Assessments' and wondered if the town was planning to insure property owners for flooding.

There was discussion around the meaning of #9, the word insure should be ensure, and the way the land use code is written currently regarding height limits and how they are currently measured could detour homeowners from proper flood mitigations.

Campbell suggested on pg. 41 adding 'grazing' to this section. He thought that the watershed should be defined by the BLM and



Forest Service to protect the CV watershed. He would like to see the CV watershed labeled on the Forest Service's maps. Erley stated that he is seeking to get the watershed clearly defined and recognized, thus protected. Campbell added more possible hazards to 'Water Contamination' such as mining that could happen in Miner's Basin for known gold deposits. He mentioned a smaller miner who got a permit to mine gold in Placer Creek which could also pose a threat. He stated that nitrates from 'feed lots' could harm the aquifer, and pose a threat, especially to children. Mengel asked if open or closed thermal wells were allowed and thought that they should be addressed as a Risk in Water Contamination section. He applauded the group for adding a sewer system as a mitigation effort. He asked about the definitions the group used for: Hazard & Catastrophic. Mengel inquired about the probability Analysis tables and how the percentages would be figured in the end. The group stated that the tables had not been filled out and they would go off history and probability for their totals in them. Jocelyn Buck commended the committee for all their hard work and stated that her questions have been answered. Faylene Roth also commended the committee on all their hard work and was impressed by the plan. She wondered if the Risk Assessments and Mitigation strategies were prioritized by their numbers. Duncan stated that they had not prioritized them within the hazard sections but all of the mitigations will be prioritized for what projects should be done first. Roth stated generally there seemed to be a lot of weight on residents' responsibilities to mitigate possible hazards, opposed to the town's responsibility as many of the topics are heavily weighted on one or the other. She inquired about how much the town wants to be involved in mandating certain practices within the town. Buck asked what the final goal is for the committee in developing this plan. Duncan stated that developing an Operation Emergency Plan is what the group hopes to create from this risk assessment. She felt that one of the biggest benefits of the plan is to find out what the town is lacking and fill in the gaps. Buck thought it would be great to create a publication for residents drafted from the plan to prepare them for possible hazards. Duncan thanked everyone for coming and taking the time to read the plan.

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### **2. Public Comment**

Erley stated that Tom Haraden had written a letter regarding the excessive speed and the hazard it creates. Ron Drake stated that in the past a county sherriff said he would not issue tickets in Castle Valley.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

**\*March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Bill Rau requested that his statement in the minutes be changed from "laughable" to "understated".  
Rau moved to adopt the minutes as amended, Russell seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Continue Step 3; Develop mitigation plan. Review public input & incorporate in plan.**

### **4. Document the planning process – fill in the blanks – added worksheets.**

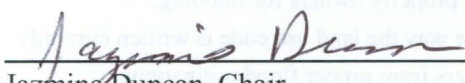
### **5. Review & tie up loose ends.**

Duncan stated that she will be gone for the scheduled meeting in June and asked if they would like to reschedule, or skip the June Meeting.

The group discussed filling in the blank tables in the plan, including FEMA definitions, updating it based upon the input received and skipping the June meeting. They were very satisfied with comments that were given and agreed to work on the plan and meet in July. Russell stated that the group had done a lot of work but needed to prioritize the projects and figure out the installation part of the plan. The group discussed the publication that Jocelyn Buck suggested for property owners and creating that as a part of their priorities. Ron Drake made a motion to adjourn, Russell seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURN

### **APPROVED:**

  
Jaymine Duncan, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ATTESTED:**

  
Alison Fuller, Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ **7.8.2015** Date: \_\_\_\_\_