

TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY  
GENERAL PLAN SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from the community to help update the Town's General Plan, which is done every five years. The General Plan is prepared to reflect property owners' and residents' feelings, ideas, and views for the future of the Town. The Planning and Land Use Commission has the responsibility for preparing a survey to gauge owners' perspectives and to use that information to draft the General Plan. The Town will hold a public meeting to discuss the results of the surveys.

Your answers are a crucial part of this process. Not all questions need be answered. On each question, please fill in your answer or circle your answer for multiple choice and yes/no questions. Use the last page for fill-in questions that require more space to answer. Feel free to add further comment to any question using the back of the paper. Specific ideas and suggestions are the most helpful for the Town's planning. Please number with the question you're responding to.

If a second adult in the household wishes to complete a separate survey, contact the Town office for a copy. If you own more than one property and your answers for the other property would be substantially different, enter those comments on the back page. Do not photocopy this form. The Town wants to track the number of survey forms that are sent out and returned. **To protect your confidentiality, please do not put your name or lot number on the survey. MAIL THE SURVEY IN THE ENCLOSED**

**STAMPED ENVELOPE**

**POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE XXXXXXXX, 2025,  
OR RETURN IT TO THE TOWN OFFICE BY XXXXX-XX, 2025.  
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**Serial # xxxxxxxxx**

**To fill in this survey online, go to <https://----->**

**Enter the Serial # above to access the survey.**

**Do not mail survey if completed online because each serial number will only be counted once.**

**(Note: this information may change.)**

**SECTION A—COMMUNITY PROFILE**

**A1** Are you a (circle all that apply):

*Full-time Resident      Part-time Resident      Renter      Non-Resident Property Owner*

**A2** Number of people in your Castle Valley household? \_\_\_\_\_

**A3** How old is each person in your household (please list ages)? \_\_\_\_\_

**A4** Number of years you have owned land in Castle Valley? \_\_\_\_\_

**A5** How many lots do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

**A6** Number of years you have been residing in Castle Valley? \_\_\_\_\_

**A7** If you are a registered voter is Castle Valley your registered voting address?      Yes      No

**A8** Are you currently renting out a home that you own in Castle Valley?      Yes      No

**A9** At what stage of development is your property? (*circle all that apply; use back of Survey for additional lots*) (Note: Without these notes the survey consists of 4 pages; we have to decide whether to add extra page or extend the survey into a 5<sup>th</sup> page or ask recipients to add their own page.)

*Permanent Housing    Temporary Housing    Actively Building    Vacant*

**A10** If you do not currently have permanent housing, or if you own additional lots, do you plan to build a residence in (*circle one; use back of Survey for additional lots*)

*1-4 years    5 years    10 years    Never    Depends*

## **SECTION B—WATER & SEPTIC**

### **Water source**

The Town of Castle Valley recently approved a Water Management Plan (WMP). This document will guide the Town's policies and actions to protect our water rights and water quality for our Sole Source Aquifer. The Town works closely with the Utah Division of Water Rights and other entities to achieve these goals. As we know, water in the west is scarce, and likely to become more so. Factors such as drought and climate changes will continue to impact water supply. Please answer the following questions to help guide and support the Town's ongoing efforts to secure our water. These topics are detailed in the Water Management Plan, pp 2-5: <https://castlevalleyutah.com>. Click the Administration tab and choose Water. Then click on the Water Management Plan or use the following URL:

<https://webgen1files1.revize.com/castlevalleyut/Documents/Administration/Water/250319%20CV%20Water%20Management%20Plan.pdf> (Note: Colleen has better URL to insert)

**B1** Do you have a well? (*circle one; use back of Survey for additional lots*) *Yes    No*

**B2** If yes, has the quality or quantity of your well changed within the past three years? (*circle one; use back of Survey for additional lots*) *Yes    No    Don't know*

**B2a** If yes, what has changed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B3** If you do not have a well, why not (*circle all that apply; use back of Survey for additional lots*)  
*Poor water quality    Lack of water availability    Cost of drilling    Property undeveloped*

*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

**B4** If you do not have a well, do you have a cistern? *Yes    No*

**B4a** What size? \_\_\_\_\_

**B4b** Do you have water commercially delivered? *Yes    No*

**B4c** If not commercially delivered, what is the primary source of your water (*circle one*)?

*Moab    Castle Valley neighbor    Rooftop*

Many lots in the Town cannot produce an adequate quantity of water and/or good quality water for drinking and other uses via well installation that is not suitable for consumption. The WMP identifies several options for providing water to those lots. One option is a dedicated well with a small treatment

facility that supplies a “filling station” where residents could fill their own containers with potable water. The other option is use of a Town water truck to deliver non-potable water to cisterns on individual lots. Another option is researching the feasibility of installing a well for any and all residents to get water for a small fee. (See WMP pp4-5 on Town website at [castlevalleyutah.com](http://castlevalleyutah.com))

B5 Do you support the Town to continue researching options to provide residents whose lots produce little or no water and/or poor quality water with

5a non-potable water.

Yes No

5b potable water.

Yes No

B6 The Town has historically been concerned with aquifer and surface water protection and management. Would you support the Town exploring further restrictions and lot mitigations (*circle one*).

Yes No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Septic systems**

Septic systems pose one of the biggest potential threats to our aquifer. Please help us learn more about existing systems and whether or not you favor certain septic monitoring practices:

B7 If you have a septic system, when was it installed? In the last (*circle one; use back of Survey for additional lots*) 0-5 years 5-10 years 10 – 15 years Over 15 years Don't Know

B8 When was your septic system last pumped? In the last (*circle one; use back of Survey for additional lots*)

0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years Over 15 years Never Don't Know

### **SECTION C—ORDINANCES & ENFORCEMENT**

C1 Currently, Castle Valley regulates height and square footage to protect viewshed, drainage, and rural character. Are the current regulations (*circle one*)

satisfactory? too stringent? too lenient?

C2 Enforcement of Town ordinances is primarily handled through the Formal Complaint Process. Do you favor the Town investigating other means to enforce ordinances? Yes No

C2a If yes, please identify specific mechanisms that might be considered. (*circle all that apply*)

Complaint-driven Town can initiate Hire code enforcement officer

Other \_\_\_\_\_

C3A Are there any Town ordinances you especially appreciate?

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C3B Are there any ordinances you disagree with?

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**SECTION D—COMMUNITY LIFE**

**D1** Currently the Town allows home and premises businesses. Do you think the current level of allowed commercial activity is *satisfactory?* *too stringent?* *too lenient?*

*Comment* \_\_\_\_\_

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**D2** In a rural community that allows livestock and agriculture as a part of its community character, what positive effects, if any, seem to increase quality of life?

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**D3** In a rural community that allows livestock and agriculture as a part of its community character, what negative effects, if any, seem to reduce quality of life?

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**D4** The median age of residents in Castle Valley is 68.9 years as of the July 1, 2024, U. S. Census Bureau update. How concerned are you about your ability to remain living in your home as you get older or if you have a health challenge at any age (*circle one*)?

*A-Not concerned      B-Low concern      C-Medium Concern      D-High concern*

**D5** As people grow older, they may need services not usually required for younger people. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being little interest/support and 5 being substantial interest/support, do you think the Town should:

**A** \_\_\_\_ Explore the costs, benefits, practicality, and likely usage of a regular transportation service to Moab?

**B** \_\_\_\_ Explore options for a visiting nurse to come to CV on a regular basis?

**C** \_\_\_\_ Explore senior housing for seniors/caretakers other than the currently allowed temporary accessory dwelling units, and internal accessory dwelling units.

## **SECTION E—GOVERNMENT**

**E1** How do you receive news about the Town government? (*circle all that apply*)

*A—Town Website*

*D—Email*

*G—TV's Castle Valley Comments*

*B—Attending Meetings*

*E—Bulletin board*

*H- Unofficial Castle Valley Facebook Page*

*C—Word of mouth*

*F—Town Mailings*

*I-Other*

Comment : \_\_\_\_\_

**E2** If you use the Town website (castlevalleyutah.com), do you find it easy to use, with useful information? (*circle one*)

Yes    No

**E2a** Please suggest changes that will assist your use of the website. \_\_\_\_\_

**E3** Are you on the Town email list? (*circle one*)

Yes    No

(If you wish to be on the Town email list, send your email to townclerk@castlevalleyutah.com.)

**E4** The Town has several part-time employees. It relies on volunteers to fill positions on the Town Council, the Planning and Land Use Commission, and other ad hoc committees. Would you consider serving on the Town government (see H8)? (*circle one*)

Yes    No    Maybe

**E5** The Town operates on a relatively small operating budget excluding capital projects. The Town received only 9.2% of your total County property taxes in 2024. This portion of the County property tax is the primary source of Town revenue. The Town's property tax rate was last raised in 2016. Do you favor raising property taxes, as needed? (*circle one*)

Yes    No

**E6** Do you favor increasing Town property taxes to hire more staff and/or increase the hours and/or pay of current staff? (*circle one*) Yes No

**E7** Are there any important issues that the Town government is not addressing? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION F—FIRE AND FIRE PREVENTION

**F1** Castle Valley properties are vulnerable to wildfire because of the extensive vegetation on most properties. Cheatgrass, dead tumbleweeds and other weeds, dead sage or trees are highly flammable. The Castle Valley Fire Department, and other agencies, encourage making your property Firewise safe, that is defensible against fire. See the Town and Fire Department websites on preparing fire defensible properties.

**A** Has the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands conducted a free Firewise inspection of your lot in the (*circle one*) past 5 years past 10 years Never

**B** Trained members of the Castle Valley Fire Department conduct free wildfire hazard lot assessments on all Castle Valley properties. Would you use the service? (*circle one*) Yes No Maybe

**C** Would you be willing to hire people to clear vegetation around your property, if the service was available? (*circle one*) Yes No Maybe

**D** The Fire Department members are all volunteers. Do you have suggestions on how the department can recruit and retain new and younger members? (See H8)

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## SECTION G—INFRASTRUCTURE

**G1** How do you feel about the condition/maintenance of the road you live on? (*circle one*)  
Very satisfied Satisfied It's OK Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

**G1a** Do you have any suggestions for improvement? \_\_\_\_\_

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**G2** Should the Town explore improved cell phone coverage? (*circle one*) Yes No

## SECTION H—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS & OTHER NEW SERVICES

**H1** Please prioritize the following projects that may require additional taxes or fees. Rate each with 0-3:

0 = Do Not Favor if Additional Fees/Taxes are Needed to Fund

1 = Low Priority

2 = Medium Priority

3 = High Priority

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ Side road improvement beyond what is currently budgeted.

**B** \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage work beyond what is currently budgeted.

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase of additional needed equipment for the Town Road Department.

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ Suggest other improvements \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION I—LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

**I1** Which community values and policies do you believe the Town should continue to protect and maintain? Please prioritize the following community values by rating each with 0-3:

0 = Do Not Favor Continuing to Protect and Maintain

1 = Low Priority

2 = Medium Priority

3 = High Priority

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ *Water Quality*

**H** \_\_\_\_\_ *Dark Skies*

**B** \_\_\_\_\_ *Air Quality*

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ *5-Acre Minimum Lot Size*

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ *Protection of Aquifer*

**J** \_\_\_\_\_ *Single Family Dwelling per Lot*

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ *Scenic Views*

**K** \_\_\_\_\_ *Renewable Energy Technologies*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ *Open Space*

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sustainable Community Activities*

**F** \_\_\_\_\_ *Tranquility/Silence*

**M** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sustainable Agriculture*

**G** \_\_\_\_\_ *Wildlife Habitat*

**N** \_\_\_\_\_ *No Commercial Development Beyond What's Currently Allowed*

*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

**I 2** Which issues do you believe the Town should make a high priority to develop or improve upon? Please prioritize the issues below by rating each with 0-3: 0 = Do Not Favor Continuing to Develop or Improve Upon

1 = Low Priority

2 = Medium Priority

3 = High Priority

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ *Fire Prevention*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ *Agricultural Regulations*

**B** \_\_\_\_\_ *Evacuation Policies and Plans*

**F** \_\_\_\_\_ *Road Maintenance*

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ *Animal Control*

**G** \_\_\_\_\_ *Road Improvements*

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ *Emergency Preparedness*

*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

**I3** Please share any additional concerns or suggestions to help address any issues that you indicated in I1 and I2 above:

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**I4** What do you like best about life in Castle Valley?

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**I5** What do you like least about living in Castle Valley?

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**I6** Please tell us about your vision for the Valley. What would you like to have stay the same? What would you like to have change?

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**I7.** Is it important that this survey be anonymous? (*circle one*)

Yes    No

**I8** If you would like to be contacted or receive more information regarding volunteer opportunities with the Town, please go to the Town website ([castlevalleyutah.com](http://castlevalleyutah.com)) and fill out the volunteer information form.

**Additional Comments on back** (*please identify the question by number*):

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