

TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY GENERAL PLAN SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The Planning and Land Use Commission has the responsibility for preparing a survey to gauge owners' and residents' perspectives and to use that information to draft the General Plan. 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 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**. You may include one extra sheet for additional comments. Please number the question to which you are responding. Specific ideas and suggestions are the most helpful for the Town's planning.

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 extra sheet. Do not photocopy this form. The Town tracks 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 SEPTEMBER 24, 2025,
OR RETURN IT TO THE TOWN OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2025.
THERE IS A BLUE DROP BOX NEAR THE FLAGPOLE.**

Serial # xxxxxxxxxx

**To fill in this survey online, go to castlevalleyutah.com and click on the survey link.
Enter the Serial # above to access the survey.**

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

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 all 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 line for additional lots)

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 line 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/Documents/Administration/Water/250319%20CV%20Water%20Management%20Plan.pdf>

B1 Do you have a well? (circle one; use line 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 line 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 extra line 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 **all that apply**)

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. A second 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:

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B5 Do you support the Town continuing research on 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 further restrictions and lot mitigations (circle one). Yes No

Comments: _____

B7 Do you support putting more money towards our water infrastructure? 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:

B8 If you have a septic system, when was it installed? In the last (circle one; **use line for additional lots**)

0-5 years

5-10 years

10 – 15 years

Over 15 years

Don't Know

B9 When was your septic system last pumped? In the last (*circle one; use extra sheet 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 _____

C3 Are there any Town ordinances you especially appreciate?

C4 Are there any ordinances you disagree with?

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 _____

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?

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?

D4 Controlling and/or eradicating migrating noxious weeds and other non-native invasive species from Castle Valley is an ongoing challenge for all property owners. Please rate its impact on your property.

Minimal impact

Moderate impact

Severe impact

Comment : _____

D5 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

D6 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?

Comment : _____

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 in the Town government? (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 the Town's portion of 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? _____

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. (www.castlevalleyfire.org)

A Has the Castle Valley Fire Department conducted a free Firewise inspection of your lot in the (circle one) past 5 years past 10 years Never

B The Castle Valley Fire Department conducts these 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?

SECTION G— CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS & 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? _____

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

G3 Please prioritize the following projects that may require additional taxes or fees. Rate each with 0-3:

0= Do Not Favor

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 _____ Monitoring wells

E _____ Suggest other improvements _____

SECTION H—LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

H1 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

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 Lo

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 _____

H2 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 1 = Low Priority 2 = Medium Priority 3 = High Priority

A _____ *Fire Prevention*

D _____ *Emergency Preparedness*

B _____ *Evacuation Policies and Plans*

E _____ *Road Improvements*

C _____ *Animal Control*

Other _____

H3 Please share any additional concerns or suggestions to help address any issues that you indicated in H1 and H2 above:

H4 What do you like best about life in Castle Valley?

H5 What do you like least about living in Castle Valley?

H6 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?

H7 Is it important that this survey be anonymous in the future? (*circle one*) Yes No

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) and fill out the volunteer information form.

Refer to page 1 Introduction for return instructions.