

**REPORT ON
CASTLE VALLEY SURVEY
SPRING, 2007**

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Overview of Castle Valley Survey Results

The Basics: In the spring of 2007, the Castle Valley Planning and Land Use Commission mailed over 600 surveys to registered voters in Castle Valley as well as to property owners on mailing lists provided by the Castle Valley Property Owners Association that included resident and non-resident owners.

Approximately 287 surveys were returned, of which 272 were used in the analysis, the others being received too late. 151 surveys came from Registered Voters (who can be presumed to be “current residents”). 121 surveys came from Other Property Owners, some of whom are current residents but the large majority of whom are either part-time residents or non-residents.

The members of the Planning and Land Use Commission spent many hours on this project – preparing the survey and analyzing its results. All of us in Castle Valley owe them a big thank you for their hard work and dedication to the project.

A Few Things to Recall:

- Mail surveys are often not representative of the views of total populations because only certain people take the time to fill out such a survey and mail them back. That said, a return rate of nearly 50% is quite good for a mail survey.
- Writing perfect, unbiased questions is very difficult, if not impossible. Individual questions should be approached carefully and should be analyzed in the context of other questions and of written comments in order to really understand underlying opinions.
- “Closed end” questions (i.e. where one ticks off an answer) have the advantage of providing “data” but the disadvantage of sometimes forcing expression of an unformed opinion. “Open-ended” questions (i.e. where people have to come up with their own answers) have the advantage of coming directly from people’s heads, but the disadvantage of being hard to group together and to count.

Basic Findings:

1. **There are some areas where real consensus seems to exist among the survey respondents with few differences of views between Registered Voters and Other Property Owners:**
 - a. **Lot Size:** 97 % of respondents favor keeping the Town’s current 5-acre minimum lot size (with 83% “strongly” in favor)
 - b. **Single Dwellings:** 84 % favor keeping the requirement of one single dwelling per 5 acre lot (with 71% “strongly” in favor)
 - c. **Open Space/ Rural Quality:** In both open-ended and closed-ended questions, there is strong support given for a quiet, non-crowded environment.
 - i. Of those who responded to an open-ended question “What do you like best about life in Castle Valley?”, some 44% wrote of rural

character/privacy/ peace/ quiet and another 36% wrote about views and open space.

- ii. 93% responded positively to a question phrased: “Do you feel that agriculture, livestock, rural character and/or natural landscaping conditions contribute to reasons you have property in CV or live here?”
- iii. 81% said they would support voting on a bond issue to purchase land up-valley for conservation if there were a threat of development. 92% of Other Property Owners favored this v. 71% of Registered Voters.

- d. Water:** Asked to check off areas of “concern” from a long list of issues, water issues were checked most often, i.e. protection of the aquifer (42%), water quality (37%), water quantity (35%), and water rights (35%). Also 72% favored (and only 12% opposed) educating and encouraging the use of non-toxic herbicides and pesticides, and 67% favored (and 21% opposed) requiring new septic systems to meet best available technology standards to protect the Castle Valley aquifer. Nonetheless, some other specific action steps regarding water protection received mixed results:
- i. 54% favored spending money to educate the public on the workings and maintenance septic systems, but only 17% "strongly" favored this and 24% were opposed.
 - ii. Only 45% favored spending money to hire an expert to update the Septic Density study (and 30% were opposed).
 - iii. Only 38% favored spending money to commission a new aquifer and water quality study (and 36% were opposed).
 - iv. More people opposed (43%) than favored (36%) a municipal well.

Interestingly, in nearly all these water-related questions, Registered Voters were significantly more opposed to taking actions than were Other Property Owners. Many people said they were opposed since they didn't know how much money was being considered for these steps.

- e. Roads & Drainage:** 87% of respondents said they would favor increased expenditures on roads and drainage work if that didn't increase taxes. In another question, 80% favored (and only 8% opposed) spending more road money on maintenance to reduce flood damage in the future. Asked to check off areas needing improvements in CV, road quality (11%) and road improvements (10%) received the highest scores. Asked to check off areas needing more spending, road quality was also the highest (10%).

- i. In addition, 66% favor continuing to spend money on education and removal of noxious weeds and only 15% were opposed.

2. There is less consensus and more disagreement on issues relating to ordinances and enforcement, although the general trend is to favor

regulations that address troublesome issues . But Registered Voters are less inclined towards regulatory action than Other Property Owners.

- a. 82% say that they support the current Lighting Ordinance, although there is less “support” (56%) for the Animal Ordinance. In open ended-comments, there were many complaints about barking dogs.
- b. 58% support having a nuisance ordinance while 28% oppose it. Other Property Owners support this at a much higher level (70%) than Registered Voters (48%). Junk/junk cars was mentioned most often (11%) as a negative of living in Castle Valley.
- c. 62% support a maximum square foot limit for new housing while 30% oppose it (giving this issue one of the lowest score for “neutrality” on the survey). Open-ended comments expressed concern about the town being overwhelmed by “rich people” and becoming like Aspen or Telluride.
- d. 55% support limits to square footage for outbuildings while 28% oppose.
- e. 52% support a limit on the number of outbuildings on a lot while 28% oppose. Registered voters show much lower support for this (42%) than do Other Property Owners (64%).
- f. 69% favor restricting the number of animals that can be kept on one 5-acre lot, but there was much less support (46% favor and 33% oppose) for restrictions on boarding other people’s animals. Registered voters are much more opposed to these possible restrictions than are Other Property Owners.
- g. 62% support spending the Town’s money to enforce existing ordinances and 22% oppose. Other Property Owners are more in support of this (71%) than are Registered Voters (55%).
- h. 62% favor say they favor “having fewer ordinances or simplifying its overall set of Ordinances” while 38% oppose. Again, there is a distinction between Registered Voters (who favor this at a level of 71% v. Other Property Owners who favor it at a level of 50%).

3. There is general support for education and encouragement of practices that respond to global environmental issues, with Other Property Owners more positive than Registered Voters, but action steps do not receive broad support..

- a. 64% support (and only 17% oppose) education and encouragement of renewable energy technologies. A smaller 54% favor (and 28% oppose) spending money to have the Town building install solar and renewable energy technologies. Other Property Owners favor these steps more than Registered Voters.
- b. As mentioned above, some 67% support requiring new septic technologies on new dwellings, but a smaller 54% support education to everyone on septic maintenance. Again, Other Property Owners are more in favor of these steps.
- c. There is not strong support (38%) for a commuter van system and an equal number of people (39%) oppose it. Among Registered Voters, 50% are opposed.

4. There are hints in the survey of an openness to more commercial development in Castle Valley

a. While no “closed-end” question addressed this issue, there was an open-ended question: "Please give us your thoughts on commercial and business development in CV". While 24% of comments said "No change"(usually quite adamantly, another 24% suggested small, unobtrusive shops and 21% mentioned the possibility of a coop/ convenience store or a coffee shop (3%).

b. In a closed-ended question, some 54% favored the Town creating more opportunities for community gatherings and the Farmer’s Market (26%) was the most often mentioned possibility. Mentioned second most often was a crafts or arts fair (19%).

5. Respondents want the CV government to provide more information and reduce “town squabbling”. Asked “what suggestions would you make to encourage improved relationships between the Town government and the community”, some 34% of comments called for better information to the community, 27% called for less squabbling and 22% to stop personal agendas. On an open-ended questions about negatives of living in CV, "town squabbling" was mentioned (10%) second only to "Pollution/Junk" (11%).

**DETAILS
CASTLE VALLEY GENERAL PLAN SURVEY
MARCH 2007**

WATER & SEPTIC QUESTIONS

1. Do you currently drink untreated water from your well?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	50%	57%	34%
No	50%	43%	66%

2. Would you favor the Town spending money to hire a qualified expert to update the Utah Geological Survey's Septic Density Study?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	45%	39%	53%
Strongly	15%	12%	19%
Not Favor	30%	39%	17%
Strongly	16%	22%	8%
Neutral	25%	21%	30%

3. Would you favor the Town spending money to educate the public on the workings and maintenance of septic systems?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	54%	47%	63%
Strongly	17%	18%	16%
Not Favor	24%	33%	12%
Strongly	11%	16%	3%
Neutral	22%	21%	24%

4. Would you favor a requirement for new septic systems to meet best available technology standards to protect the Castle Valley aquifer?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	67%	55%	80%
Strongly	38%	27%	52%
Not Favor	21%	27%	13%
Strongly	9%	14%	4%
Neutral	12%	17%	7%

5. If a suitable site could be located, would you favor the Town installing and maintaining a municipal well and pump (not a Valley-wide water distribution system) for self-service fills for property owners without wells?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	37%	32%	45%
Strongly	14%	8%	22%
Not Favor	43%	55%	31%
Strongly	22%	34%	8%
Neutral	21%	13%	23%

6. Would you favor spending the Town's money to commission a new aquifer and water quality study?:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	38%	29%	49%
Strongly	14%	11%	18%
Not Favor	36%	49%	19%
Strongly	16%	25%	5%
Neutral	27%	23%	32%

ROADS AND DRAINAGE QUESTIONS

1. Do you favor increased town expenditures for road and drainage work if this could be accomplished without increasing taxes?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	87%	87%	87%
No	13%	13%	13%

2. Would you want the Town to help property owners with maintenance/ repair of flood control ponds on their lots that were part of the original ranch, using Town equipment, if easements could be obtained?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	48%	45%	47%
Strongly	12%	11%	12%
Not Favor	28%	24%	24%
Strongly	11%	9%	11%
Neutral	25%	26%	xx%

3. Would you favor more road money on maintenance to reduce flood damage in the future?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	80%	78%	82%
Strongly	28%	30%	26%
Not Favor	8%	10%	6%
Strongly	2%	2%	3%
Neutral	12%	11%	13%

4. Would you favor the Town spending an estimated \$5,000 per year on plant-based dust reduction for the roads annually?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	33%	29%	38%
Strongly	10%	10%	11%
Not Favor	38%	49%	26%
Strongly	11%	33%	6%
Neutral	29%	22%	37%

5. Would you favor the Town continuing to spend money on invasive noxious weed education and removal?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	66%	65%	67%
Strongly	20%	18%	22%
Not Favor	15%	20%	8%
Strongly	5%	7%	3%
Neutral	19%	15%	26%

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel that agriculture, livestock, rural character and/or natural landscaping conditions contribute to the reasons you have property in Castle Valley or enjoy living here?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	93%	90%	98%
No	7%	10%	2%

2. Would you favor restricting the ability of residents to board livestock owned by other people?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	46%	39%	54%
Strongly	20%	18%	22%
Not Favor	33%	42%	21%
Strongly	17%	25%	7%
Neutral	21%	18%	25%

3. Would you favor limiting the number of cows, sheep, horses, goats, pigs and chickens can be kept on one 5-acre lot?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	69%	63%	76%
Strongly	32%	27%	39%
Not Favor	21%	28%	13%
Strongly	13%	25%	5%
Neutral	10%	18%	11%

OTHER HEALTH & SAFETY QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor educating and encouraging property owners to use non-toxic herbicides and/or pesticides on their property?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	72%	68%	75%
Strongly	36%	30%	43%
Not Favor	12%	17%	5%
Strongly	6%	8%	2%
Neutral	17%	15%	19%

QUALITY OF LIFE QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor keeping the Town's current 5-acre minimum lot size?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	97%	95%	98%
Strongly	83%	82%	85%
Not Favor	1%	2%	1%
Strongly	1%	1%	1%
Neutral	2%	3%	1%

2. Would you favor keeping the single family dwelling per 5-acre lot maximum density limit?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	84%	80%	89%
Strongly	71%	67%	75%
Not Favor	10%	13%	7%
Strongly	2%	3%	1%
Neutral	6%	7%	4%

3. If there were an immediate threat of development up-valley, would you favor the Town holding a bond election to purchase open lands in the valley for conservation purposes?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	81%	71%	92%
No	19%	29%	2%

ECONOMY QUESTIONS

1. Do you plan to have a conditional use permit/ Castle Valley business in the future?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	24%	36%	7%
No	76%	64%	93%

2. Please give us your thoughts on commercial and/or business development in Castle Valley?

No change	24% of comments received
Small, unobtrusive shops	24%
Convenience store/coop	21%
Home-based business	20%
Farmers' Market	6%
Other comments	5%

3. Would you favor the Town supporting and encouraging economic diversity, i.e., to support people with differing income levels continuing to live in Castle Valley

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	52%	56%	46%
Strongly	32%	40%	22%
Not Favor	26%	29%	22%
Strongly	15%	17%	12%
Neutral	22%	14%	32%

ORDINANCE & ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor the Town having fewer ordinances or simplifying its overall set of Ordinances?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	62%	71%	50%
No	38%	29%	50%

2. Would you favor the Town having a nuisance ordinance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	58%	48%	70%
Strongly	25%	18%	33%
Not Favor	28%	41%	11%
Strongly	14%	20%	5%
Neutral	15%	12%	19%

3. Do you support the Town’s current Lighting Ordinance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	77%	72%	83%
Strongly	46%	43%	50%
Not Favor	7%	11%	3%
Strongly	1%	2%	0%
Neutral	16%	17%	14%

4. Do you currently have a problem with your neighbor’s lighting? Interior? Exterior?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Yes	18%	21%	7%
No	82%	79%	93%

5. Do you support the Town's current Animal Control Ordinance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	56%	57%	54%
Strongly	22%	22%	23%
Not Favor	11%	16%	4%
Strongly	4%	6%	1%
Neutral	33%	27%	42%

COMMUNITY LIFE QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor educating property owners on, and encouraging the use of of, renewable energy technologies, e.g. passive solar, active solar, tankless water heaters, florescent light bulbs?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	64%	59%	69%
Strongly	31%	27%	35%
Not Favor	17%	23%	11%
Strongly	9%	14%	3%
Neutral	19%	18%	20%

2. Would you favor the Town spending money to install and maintain solar and renewable energy technology to operate the town community building?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	54%	46%	64%
Strongly	21%	16%	27%
Not Favor	28%	38%	15%
Strongly	13%	19%	4%
Neutral	18%	16%	22%

3. Would you favor the Town spending money to help establish a commuter van/bus service between Castle Valley and Moab?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	38%	32%	46%
Strongly	16%	12%	20%
Not Favor	39%	50%	26%
Strongly	21%	28%	11%
Neutral	22%	18%	28%

4. Would you favor the Town creating more opportunities for gathers such as the farmer's market, barbeques, festivals/events?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	54%	49%	61%
Strongly	23%	24%	21%
Not Favor	13%	18%	7%
Strongly	6%	7%	3%
Neutral	33%	33%	33%

5. If any, please list activities you would like the Town to sponsor?

Farmers' Market	27% of comments received
Craft Fairs	19%
BBQ's/ Parties	15%
Community Garden	6%
Seminars	6%
Sports/ walks	6%
Holiday Gatherings	5%
Children's Activities	5%
Co-op	5%
Clean-up days	5%

HOUSING QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor a maximum square foot above-grade living space limit for new housing?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	62%	61%	63%
Strongly	44%	46%	42%
Not Favor	30%	34%	24%
Strongly	16%	21%	10%
Neutral	9%	6%	13%

2. If so, what maximum size limit would you favor? (Asked only of those who favor a limit)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
3,000 sq. ft.	30%	24%	36%
4,000 sq. ft.	31%	37%	24%
5,000 sq. ft.	32%	27%	37%
6,000 sq.ft.	6%	10%	1%
7,000 sq. ft.	2%	2%	1%

3. Would you favor limits to square footage for outbuildings such as shops, garages, stables, barns and/or storage buildings?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	55%	52%	59%
Strongly	24%	20%	28%
Not Favor	28%	35%	20%
Strongly	15%	22%	6%
Neutral	17%	13%	21%

4. Would you favor a limit on the number of outbuildings per 5-acre lots?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	52%	42%	64%
Strongly	21%	16%	28%
Not Favor	28%	35%	18%
Strongly	14%	22%	5%
Neutral	20%	21%	18%

GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS

1. Would you favor spending the Town's money to enforce existing ordinances?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Registered</u> <u>Voters</u>	<u>Other Property</u> <u>Owners</u>
Favor	62%	55%	71%
Strongly	28%	24%	33%
Not Favor	22%	30%	14%
Strongly	11%	17%	3%
Neutral	15%	15%	15%

2. What suggestions would you make to encourage improved relationships between the Town government and the community?

Better info to residents	34% of comments
Stop town squabbling	27%
Stop personal agendas	22%
Enforce rules	12%
Let residents vote on issues	4%
Dissolve Town	2%

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

1. Check which, if any, conditions in the Town you are concerned about/ concerns you

Issue	# of Mentions	% of 260 people
Protection of Aquifer	108	42%
Water Quality	96	37%
Open Space, Wildlife Habitat	94	36%
Water Quantity	92	35%
Water Rights	92	35%
Dark Night skies	87	33%
Housing Types & Sizes	84	32%
Fire prevention & suppression	80	31%
Tranquility/Silence	76	29%
Road Quality & Condition	72	28%
Sewer/septic regulations	71	27%
Taxes	71	27%
Scenic view	68	26%
Trash & junk disposal	68	26%
Air Quality	63	24%
Noise regulation	63	24%
Sustainable Community Practices	62	24%
Zoning	62	24%
Road Improvements	59	23%
Animal Control	52	20%
A Valley Trail System	40	15%

2. Check which, if any, conditions are satisfactory to you right now.

Issue	# Mentions	% of 260 people
Air Quality	88	34%
Noise regulation	80	31%
Scenic View	76	29%
Animal Control	76	29%
Zoning	71	27%
Tranquility/silence	70	27%
Dark Night skies	67	26%
Sewer/septic regulations	62	24%
Fire prevention & suppression	59	23%
Water Rights	58	22%
Taxes	58	22%
Housing Types & Sizes	55	21%
Sustainable Community Practices	54	21%
Open Space, Wildlife habitat	53	20%
A Valley Trail System	49	19%
Trash & Junk Disposal	45	17%
Water Quantity	44	17%
Road Improvements	44	17%
Water Quality	43	17%
Road Quality & Condition	43	17%
Protection of the Aquifer	35	13%

3. Check which, if any, conditions need improvement right now.

Issue	# Mentions	% of 260 people
Road quality	29	11%
Road Improvements	25	10%
A Valley Trail System	21	8%
Trash & Junk Disposal	17	7%
Protection of the Aquifer	12	5%
Animal Control	12	5%
Sewer/septic regulations	11	4%
Water Quantity	9	3%
Fire prevention & suppression	9	3%
Water Quality	8	3%
Tranquility/silence	8	3%
Sustainable Community Practices	8	3%
Housing Types & Sizes	8	3%
Dark Night skies	7	3%
Noise regulation	7	3%

Taxes	7	3%
Open Space, Wildlife habitat	6	2%
Water Rights	4	2%
Scenic View	3	1%
Zoning	3	1%
Air Quality	2	1%

4. Check which, if any, conditions you feel should be a higher budget priority

Issue	# Mentions	% of 260 people
Road Improvements	13	5%
A Valley Trail System	7	3%
Sustainable Community Practices	7	3%
Road quality	7	3%
Fire prevention & suppression	3	1%
Water Rights	2	1%
Open Space, Wildlife habitat	2	1%
Protection of the Aquifer	2	1%
Trash & Junk Disposal	2	1%
Water Quality	1	0%
Water Quantity	1	0%
Air Quality	1	0%
Taxes	1	0%
Tranquility/silence	0	0%
Scenic View	0	0%
Dark Night skies	0	0%
Animal Control	0	0%
Noise regulation	0	0%
Zoning	0	0%
Housing Types & Sizes	0	0%
Sewer/septic regulations	0	0%

5. Check which, if any, conditions you feel should be a lower budget priority.

Issue	# Mentions	% of 260 people
A Valley Trail System	14	5%
Taxes	8	3%
Zoning	7	3%
Tranquility/silence	5	2%
Sustainable Community Practices	5	2%
Noise regulation	5	2%
Housing Types & Sizes	5	2%
Sewer/septic regulations	5	2%

Open Space, Wildlife habitat	4	2%
Scenic View	4	2%
Animal Control	4	2%
Dark Night skies	3	1%
Water Quality	2	1%
Air Quality	2	1%
Road quality	2	1%
Road Improvements	2	1%
Water Quantity	1	0%
Water Rights	1	0%
Protection of the Aquifer	1	0%
Fire prevention & suppression	1	0%
Trash & Junk Disposal	1	0%

1. What do you like best about life in Castle Valley?

Rural/privacy/peace/quiet	44% of comments
Views/open spaces	36%
People/diversity	17%
Access to Parks	2%
Other	1%

2. What do you like least about living in Castle Valley?

Pollution, junk	11% of comments received
Town squabbling	10%
Commute down River Road	8%
Rising Taxes	7%
Ordinances	7%
Rude residents	7%
Roads	7%
Wealthy people moving in	6%
Loose, barking dogs	5%
Bright lights	5%
Cows/livestock	4%
Noisy vehicles	4%
Large homes going up	4%
Other	15%

3. Please tell us anything else that you think should be considered when developing the 5-year General Plan?

Better road maintenance	13% of comments received
Architecture to fit Valley	13%
Promote sustainable energy	10%
Newsletter/ website	10%
Protect water	7%
Better animal control	7%
Recycling	7%
Some gathering places	7%
Better management skills	3%
Weed control	3%
Van/ bus service	3%
More trees	3%
Other	14%