

Public Services

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August Meetings

- Aug. 03 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 04 - Boss's Lunch
- Aug. 09 - Wildlife Park Sign
- Aug. 09 - WWTP, Corrollo Engr. Scoping Mtg.
- Aug. 10 - AICUZ Briefing
- Aug. 14 - Willows Mtg.
- Aug. 15 - Carol Vaughn Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - AICUZ Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - Cooperative Water Management Group
- Aug. 18 - ETCPP Mtg. Mammoth
- Aug. 23 - GAMA, IWVWD Mtg.
- Aug. 24 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 25 - Blueprint - KernCOG Planning Dir. Forum.
- Aug. 28 - Vacation thru Sept.01

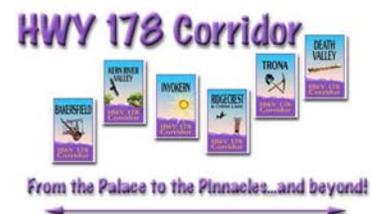
Additional regular meetings in support of various activities and on going projects of interest to the department and city were attended.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

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Deputy City Manager
Joe Pollock
City Engineer

The Highway 178 Corridor Tourism Expo October 27-19, 2006

The October 27-29 Highway 178 Corridor Tourism EXPO centered in Ridgecrest, California, is shaping up to be a huge crowd pleaser for southern California consumers and travel professionals alike. The Halloween weekend event will feature field trips, exhibits, a barbeque, multi-media presentations, music, stargazing, a street fair, visitor information and much more during the most prime-weather time of the year. Much of August has been directed towards the planning effort of the year long celebration and tourism project of the City, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, the IWV 2000, the RC&D, and the RACVB. Ray Arthur has accepted the leadership role for the IWV Valley and community with the assistance of Bob Barnes. Several grants for the County of Kern Tourism Promotion Board of Trade Grant and funding the event and the work of Bob Barnes.



Ground Water Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA)

A statewide comprehensive assessment of ground water quality is currently being done in the Owens and Indian Wells Valley by the State Water Resources Control Board. The research is in coordination with the USGS and Lawrence Livermore National Labs and is a water well sampling process with the water quality being analyzed at very low detection levels. The report will be shared with the IWV Water District and the IWV Cooperative Groundwater Management Group. Additional information is available at www.waterboards.ca.gov or ca.water.usgs.gov/gama/

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Waste Water Headworks and Digester Cleaning

Work continues on this project. Completion is anticipated to be in the first part of October of 2006. A study has commenced to determine the feasibility of either expanding the existing waste water treatment plant or to construct a completely new plant to provide for future waste water treatment demands.

Private Sector Projects

The demand for inspection and plan checking is still increasing primarily in the commercial and residential sectors. There are currently about 38 new residential subdivisions being processed with a total of more than 3200 new lots. In addition to these there are about 1500 lots in the Ridgecrest Heights area that are vacant and buildable.

Street Projects

CALTRANS has completed the project on Ridgecrest and China Lake. Work has commence on the Mahan, Graaf and Reeves. The Street Department was able to cap Ridgecrest Blvd. from Brady to Mahan.

WASTEWATER REPORT

The City of Ridgecrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The treatment facility operated with no discharge violations for the month August.

The department inspected and passed eight new connections to the sanitary sewer system.

The department had effluent water analysis performed on pond No. 3. The analysis is conducted on a bi annual basis as per Board order No. 6-00-56. The results are included with this months State Monitoring Report.

The reclamation department reclaimed 6.76 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydroflushed 1,500 ft. of main line collections system.

BUILDING REPORT

A total of 66 permits were issued in August. Of the permits issued in August, three were Single Family Residence (SFR) permits and one was for the Marriott Hotel.