

Public Services

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July Meetings

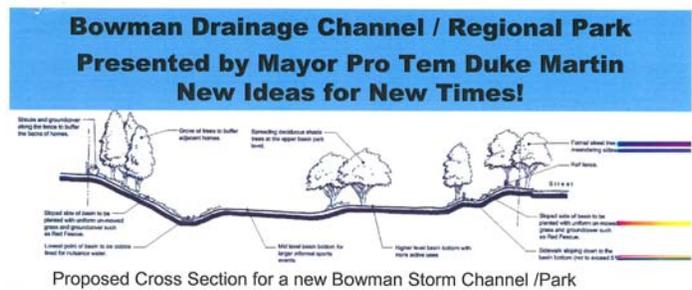
- July 05 - TTAC, KernCOG Bakersfield
- July 11 - Pam Devel. Mtg.
- July 12 - Transit Operators, KernCOG Bakersfield
- July 13 - Military Affairs Mtg.
- July 13 - Devel. & Annex. Mtg.
- July 14 - Women Center High Desert Groundbreaking
- July 14 - Blueprint - KernCOG Planning Dir. Forum.
- July 17 - Kern County Devel. & Annex. Mtg.
- July 17 - Kern County Overview Planning Mtg.
- July 19 - Corp. Yard Master Plan Inter-dept. Mtg..
- July 19 - Devel. Mtg. Walters
- July 19 - Globe Protect Mtg.
- July 20 - Exchange Club Presentation
- July 27 - Devel. Mtg. Mule'
- July 28 - Blueprint - KernCOG Planning Dir. Forum.
- July 31 - Workers Comp. 101

The City Council adopted Resolution 06-52, a Resolution adopting the "Bowman Drainage Channel Park" in concept at their regular meeting of July 12th. The creation of a design concept which directs staff to incorporate a linear park, greenbelt, and drainage course along the Bowman Road Channel from W. Downs St. to E. Ridgecrest Blvd. for potential incorporation into the Ridgecrest General Plan and the Master Drainage Plan as they are reviewed, rewritten, updated, and re-adopted. The flood retention channel would be redesigned to provide a gentler slopes, and/or rip rap along the south side abutting Bowman Road. A safety fence with seasonal access would be installed at the edge of sidewalk. A drainage profile with varying depths would be provided with a potential barrier between them to allow the upper northern channel to be used as a motorcycle dirt trail during the dry seasons. The existing bikeway would remain the northern boundary of the channel, or redesigned to suit new improvements. The existing right-of-way will allow a frontage road to the north of the bikeway in some areas. Rest areas might encroach into this area in some locations where a frontage road is not planned or desired. Landscaping would be held to a minimum, and the use of native plants and Xeriscaping utilized within and adjoining the channel. Portions of the landscaping might utilize wastewater effluent that has been appropriately treated for irrigation usage.

The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce introduced its new electronic community reader board at the northeast west corner of Bowman Road and S. China Lake Blvd. Limited landscaping and improvements are also planned for the immediate area. Community Group may post events and items of community interest by contacting

CITY OF RIDGECREST

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CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Wastewater Headwork's and Digester Cleaning

Work continues on this project. Completion is anticipated to be in mid-September 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 is in the process of capping China Lake Boulevard and Ridgecrest Boulevard (SH 178). Traffic and ambient day time temperatures have forced work to be done at night. Work on the Mahan, Graaf and Reeves projects should commence this week.



Before construction pictures, after pictures coming soon. Reeves looking east from Sierra View, Graaf looking west from Wayne and Mahan looking north from Upjohn

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A total of 36 permits were issued in July. Of the permits issued in July, one was a Single Family Residence (SFR) permit. As of July 31st a total of \$47,417.40 has been collected in impact fees. This month we welcomed a new and much appreciated Building Technician, Dorene Morgan.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

The City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Facility operated within compliance and design directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The treatment facility operated with no discharge violations for the month of July 2006.

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

The reclamation department reclaimed 9.6 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 2,000 ft of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

TRANSIT

Fare box and pass revenue collected totaled \$ 2,645.75 for the month of July. Transit now starts at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for riders needing to catch the Regional Transit bus by 6:00 a.m.

Navy Golf Course Use

