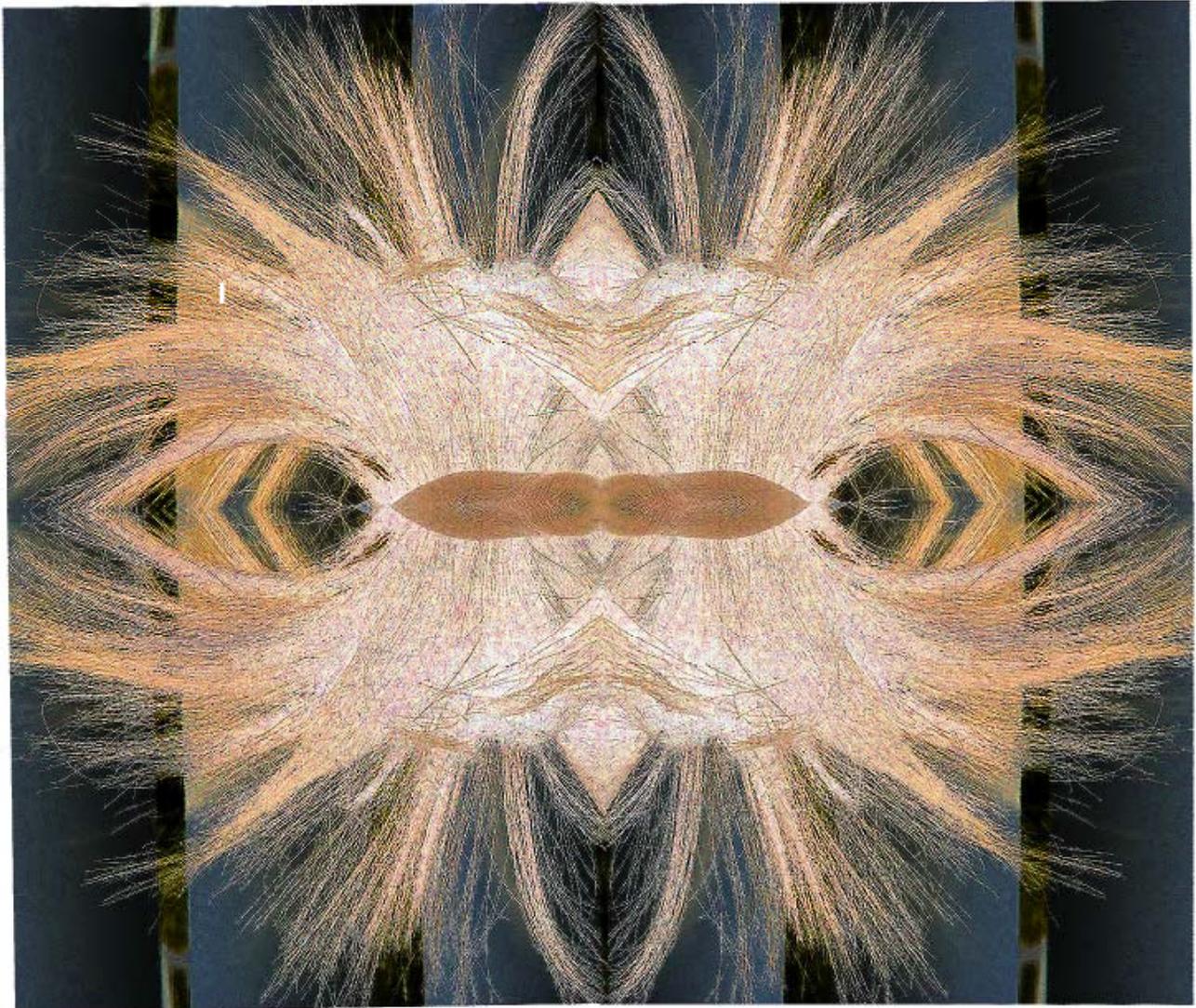


# **The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report**



**September 2009**

# City Manager/Administration

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## CITY MANAGER SEPT MTGS.

- Sept 01 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept 02 - RACVB
- Sept 02 - Land Solutions Mtg.
- Sept 02 - CITY COUNCIL MTG.
- Sept 03 - Tonya Pyle Interview
- Sept 03 - DR Horton Mtg.
- Sept 08 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept 09 - Benz Mtg.
- Sept 09 - Infrastructure Committee Mtg. - CANCELLED
- Sept 10 - SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MTG
- Sept 10 - DR Horton Mtg.
- Sept 10 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept 10 - City Org Committee Mtg. - CANCELLED
- Sept 15 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept 16 - Larkspur Village Mtg.
- Sept 16 - CITY COUNCIL - CANCEL
- Sept 17 - Water District Mtg.
- Sept 22 - Benz Mtg.
- Sept 22 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept 23-24 - RDA Training
- Sept 29 - Media Mtg.

## ADMINISTRATION

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|---|--|
| <b>Michael D. Avery</b><br>City Manager   | <b>Eva Peterson</b><br>Exec. Secretary |
| <b>Rachel Ford</b><br>City Clerk          | <b>Pat Anderson</b><br>HR Clerk        |
| <b>Ann Taylor</b><br>Adm. Analyst III     | <b>Craig Bradley</b><br>MIS Manager    |
| <b>Karen Guidangen</b><br>Risk Management | <b>Starla Shaver</b><br>Adm. Analyst I |

## City Manager



City website.

City Manager Mike Avery - The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Ridgecrest Wal-Mart and Retail Center Project, draft resolution recommending the City Council certify the EIR, draft site plan resolution including conditions of approval, draft variance resolution, draft tentative parcel map resolution, draft resolution recommending the City Council approve a development and draft agreement between Wal-Mart and the City of Ridgecrest were all discussed last month. All this information is available on the

## Administration



Eva Peterson – City Manager Mike Avery announced his plan to retire from the City Manager position and his staff and the community is happy for him. Speaking on behalf of the many people whose lives he has touched during his 30 year career at the City we wish to say thank-you rather than good-bye. Thank you for protecting our families. Thank you for building a strong and trustworthy police force. Thank you for helping to make this a wonderful community to live in . Thank you for supporting and participating in so many worthwhile organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, the Ridgecrest Area Community Visitors Bureau (RACVB), Rotary, A.C.T.I.O.N., and many others. You will be missed. You will be remembered.



Ann Taylor - I helped prepare and celebrate the Retirement of Rita Gable as City Clerk. The city was able to say Good-bye to Rita and welcome Rachel Ford as the new city Clerk. I continue to work with SCE on the partnership. I am preparing for the next three year agreement. I also will be helping on special projects in Human Resources. I am currently preparing the grant application for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program. This grant will provide the City with approximately \$147,000 for an energy efficient project for a municipal facility.



Lauren Elliott - In the month of September 12, summer participants completed their classes and continued their work experiences within the community. The Y.E.S! staff has continued to progress more applicants through the approval process. The Y.E.S! Staff has completed the summer portion of the program and is currently working on the winter intake. During the month

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of September 3 participants were employed outside of the program within the community. The program had 28 participants successfully complete the program and another 16 to follow shortly. Please remember, the interest you show today in our youth of this community will ultimately shape our community and our country tomorrow. Show a positive interest and secure all of our futures



Rachel Ford - City Clerk's office has been busy with the change-over from Rita Gable retiring and Rachel Ford assuming the new duties. Our immediate goal is to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible so there is no disruption to business. There have been 3 new requests for public records which are being researched and filled and we have been fielding numerous calls from the public with questions and concerns about the new Recycling ordinance. We are gearing up to complete the scanning of all past Council and Redevelopment Agendas, Resolutions and Ordinances into Questy's for accessibility and search capability. This project will take several months but the final product will help staff with records retrieval and reproduction thereby making the office more efficient. Smog certification of City vehicles will be taking place over the next two months and we are fast approaching the time for FPPC Form 700 annual submissions so letter will be going out to staff member, elected officials and committee/commission members who are required to file the Form 700.



Karen Guidangen - Definitely there is change in the air..... the retirement of Rita Gable and the forthcoming retirement of Michael Avery, our City Manager. Let's make sure to wish Mr. Avery a heartfelt farewell on November 5<sup>th</sup> with a special bring your favorite dessert potluck. Starting time is at 2:30pm in the City Hall Training Center located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Open enrollment is now complete. AFLAC will come in one more time on November 16<sup>th</sup> to catch any of you that may have missed them when they were here. Please make sure to contact me at x5035 to schedule your appointment. Our Flu Shot Clinic was a huge success; we had 58 employees inoculated. The Events Committee will be putting on a Halloween Party October 29<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to come in your best garb for there will be a reward for the Best Costume and Best Carved Pumpkin.

Risk Management - we had 28 open Worker's Compensation claims, 1 new and 3 claims closed leaving 26 open claims. There are no open liability claims and no property claims. Renewals for next year have been submitted with the exception of the Crime Bond which runs on a different cycle. As always, I appreciate your support and the opportunity to work with you "Our Employees".

# Finance Department



## Staff

Tyrell Staheli – Finance Director  
Tess Sloan – Controller  
Kristi Cole – Accountant  
Margaret Rana – Payroll  
Kelly Brewton – Accounts Payable  
Virginia Johnson – Account Clerk /  
Front Counter

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## September 2009



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**FRONT COUNTER**

Business License – 25 new business licenses were processed in the month of September. With Maturango Days approaching, Virginia has been busy working with the Chamber of Commerce to get all the vendors for the event licensed with the City and that they all have correct badges.



Scanning – Virginia scanned AP batches, new and update forms for 2009 Business Licenses, as well as additional miscellaneous scanning.

Bus Pass – Virginia produced 1400 adult single ride passes for Kern County Human Services, along with the monthly order of passes from Kern Regional Center.

Record Destruction – Virginia continues to work on the list of records that are to be submitted to the City Council for destruction per the retention schedule.

Miscellaneous projects – In addition to answering the phone, helping customers at the counter, and processing payments, Virginia updated monthly spreadsheets and distributed mail daily. She also filed all month end, adjusting journal and budget adjustment batches.

Due to recent projects, it became apparent that Finance needed to acquire a letter folding machine. After researching possibilities, Virginia ordered one. Hopefully this will help expedite some projects within the office.

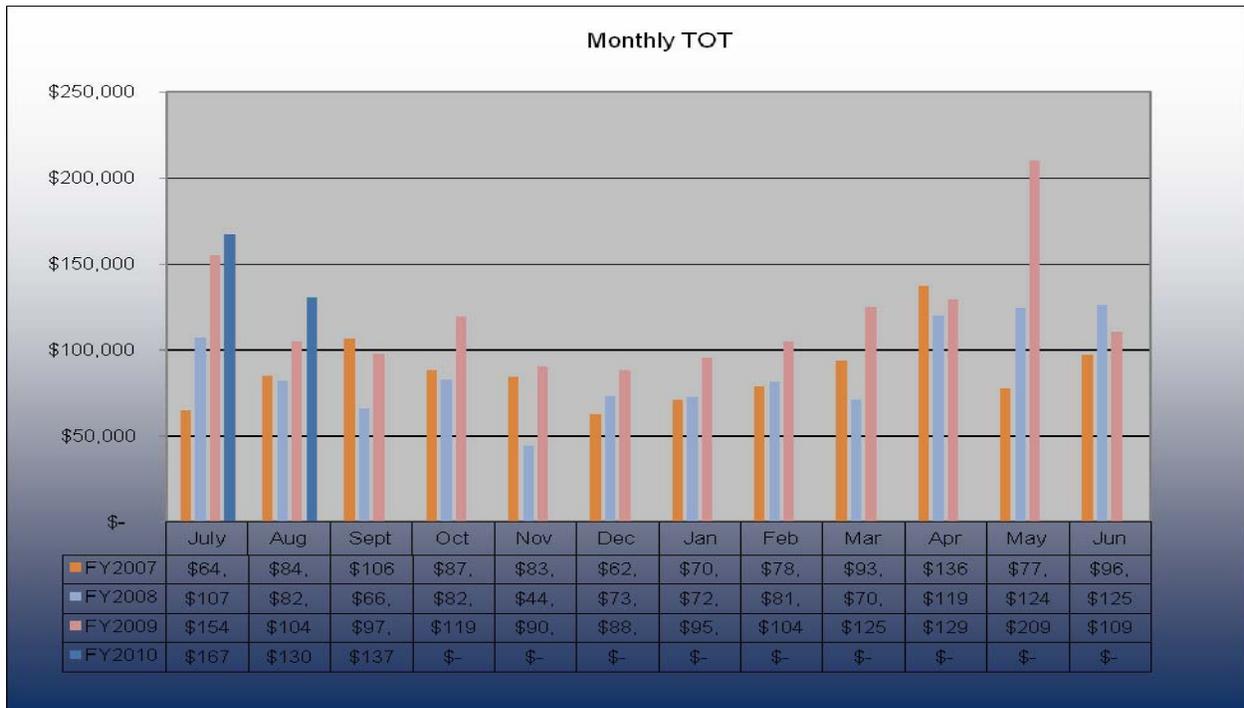
October To Do List:

1. Complete W-9 scanning
2. Desk Book for Finance and MIS



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3. Organize the conference room filing.
4. Submit destruction list for City Council approval.
5. Scan latest assessment district files.
6. Find guidelines for Handyman Services. Evidently the sheet previously being used no one knows where it came from and it is wrong. Which probably means that all of the information previously being used is also incorrect % { POOP!!!
7. Send out letter regarding Finance holiday closures for upcoming holidays.
8. Enter Maturango Days business licenses.
9. Call Kem Park regarding Ty's title on his window.



### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE



- All payables must be received no later than 10 am on the Thursday before the check run, unless otherwise specified.
- ~If there is something that needs be paid with the next check run and you will be unable to get it to AP's by the deadline, arrangements must be made **prior** to the deadline. We will not accept any request made after the deadline and invoice payment will be made the following check run.



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- When you receive utility bills get them coded, signed and return to Account Payables the next business day. We try to get the utilities put in the blue inter-department envelopes so please pay close attention to these.
- Receipts need to be turned in no more than 5 business days after date of purchase (excluding Cal Card-see below).
- Cal-Card: Hold on to receipts until you receive the Cal Card statement then send receipts along with the coded and signed statement to AP's within 5 business days of receiving.
- Write description of what was purchased if it is not clearly stated on the receipt. Do not write over descriptions on receipts. If there is no room on the receipt you may write it on the back of the receipt or you may tape it to a piece of paper (just make sure that the receipt is taped at the top of the paper) to write the description on or you may write it on the back of the receipt.
- Keep receipts away from heat and do not highlight receipts, as most receipts are now printed on thermal paper and the heat turns them black and highlighter erases the text.
- When submitting travels: If a registration check and advance check are needed, please submit 2 copies one with the employee name highlighted, and one with the registration highlighted.
- If submitting a check request in which back up needs to be sent with the check, include an additional copy. If an additional copy is not attached, nothing will be sent with the check.
- Remember all Account Payable documents are now scanned, so please try to remove as many staples as possible and use paper clips to keep papers together, if they are tiny receipts you may staple them and we will take the staples out. You also may tape them to a larger sheet of paper just make sure that the receipt is taped at the top of the paper.
- Prior to using a vendor check to see if they are an active vendor in our system, if they are not please obtain a w-9 prior to purchase or services.
- Remember any purchase or service costing over \$2000 will need a purchase order and needs to be completed before the purchase is made or services are rendered.

### Check pick up

- Checks are generally ready for pick up at 4pm on the Thursday of the check run. If you have checks you need to pick up please send me an e-mail to let me know what checks you need and I will contact you as soon as they are ready for pick up.
- If a vendor wants to pick up a check, arrangements must be made with me no later than Wednesday of the check run, they can pick them up after 4pm on the Thursday or if they leave a phone number; I will contact them once the check is ready for pick up.



### Work Completed September 2009:

1. Processed and paid 656 invoices



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2. Processed a total of 226 checks
3. Paid out \$258,864.48 to vendors

### **PAYROLL**

Margaret wants to say thank you to all the Departments for getting their time sheets entered and turned in to payroll by 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday of the week before payroll.

As usual, two payrolls were processed for the month of September, as well as any manual checks that were required.

September marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for payroll; end of the calendar year will be here soon. The payroll schedule for 2010 will be set up as well as any other changes.



Please remember to update any address changes before the end of the year so your W2 will get to the right place!

### **ACCOUNTING SERVICES**



FY09 was closed in the month of September, along with July and August. This puts us back on normal schedule for FY10.

Now that fiscal year end is over, it is time to get back to normal projects. Kristi has been working on going through all of the W9's the City has on file to make sure there is one for every active vendor. If there is not, Kelly is sending out letters to those that are missing so our files can be up to date before 1099's are processed at calendar year end.

In addition to miscellaneous projects, Kristi has been taken over monthly reconciliations of deposit accounts since Virginia is now working for MIS part time. She has been continuing to verify accounts payable edits and sometimes payroll. Month end allocations have been updated for the new fiscal year and that required a slight change in the process.

**RIDGECREST** **PARKS**  
**RPRD**  
**RECREATION** **DEPARTMENT**



## Park Pre-School visits Freedom Park Healing Field



## Sister City Representatives make a Special Visit



The Indian Wells Valley received some special visitors - a 12-person delegation from Ridgecrest's sister city Tepatitlan, Mexico. They arrived Monday 10/28 and spent 7 days with host families in the community. This group of travelers included two members of Tepatitlan City Council, Sanjuana Gomez and Geoveva Venegas de la Torre. Others in the delegation work in industries ranging from tourism to education. During their visit the group stayed with local host families as they embarked on a busy schedule. Guests from Tepatitlan enjoyed an official welcome by the City of Ridgecrest during a barbeque Tuesday 10/29 in City Hall's Freedom Park. The delegation also participated in tours of Searles Valley and Randsburg as well shopping at the Victorville mall.

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# Open Gym BASKETBALL is Back!!

Open Gym Fee

\$2.00/person



Open Gym BASKETBALL is Mon - Thurs  
starting November 2, 2009  
11:00am - 2:00pm\*  
  
\*Hours Subject To Change.

**SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AND THE KERR MCGEE CENTER IS STILL HOPPING!  
IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL USES OUR GYM AS THEIR HOME VOLLEYBALL COURT AND  
MONROE MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PRACTICES HERE.  
BUT....  
WE STILL HAVE TIME SET ASIDE FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE FACILITY!  
COME OUT TO THE OPEN GYM TIMES TO PLAY A QUICK PICK-ME-UP GAME!  
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!**



# ADULT Open Gym VOLLEYBALL is Back!!

Open Gym Fee

\$2.00/person



Open Gym Volleyball is on EVERY WEDNESDAY!  
starting August 26, 2009  
8:00pm - 9:45pm\*  
\*18 yrs & older ONLY  
  
\*Hours Subject To Change.

# Financially Fashionable

## How supplementing spraygrounds for pools impacts a budget

**A**s finances become tighter and legislation on pool regulations become tougher, parks and recreation departments are faced with finding new ways to use aquatics as summer entertainment, while keeping budgets in line. Some are turning to spraygrounds as a solution.

BY HEATHER REICHLER

### Eliminating Swimming Pools

Over the years, the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department has tried to find a winning combination to please its population with places to cool off in the hot summer months. Three years ago, the department incorporated family aquatic centers with a newer idea—spraygrounds.

“The interest and attendance have been much higher than with traditional swimming pools,” says Wendel Whisenhunt, parks director. The average stay at swimming pools was between 45 minutes to an hour. Residents are staying at spraygrounds an average of three to four hours per visit.

“Play value is much higher for the visitor, and the cost is lower for the city,” says Whisenhunt. “It benefits the department and our citizens.”

Because of the success with spraygrounds and aquatic centers in cost and entertainment value, Oklahoma City plans to eliminate swimming pools altogether.

“We’re reacting to trends in aquatic recreation. Adults and children are getting bored with pools. They want something more interactive, and with spraygrounds they have plenty of buttons and levers to push and pull to activate different features,” says Whisenhunt.

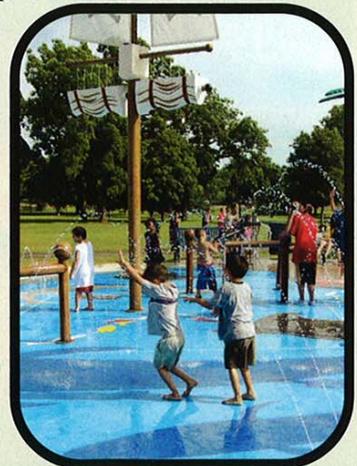
In Oklahoma City, spraygrounds have been installed near shaded pavilions and playgrounds. “It gives it a family affair,” says Whisenhunt. “It doesn’t create control problems. The parents can sit underneath the picnic pavilion and keep an eye on the kids. The kids can jump back and forth while the parents are in the middle, and have a clear view of either side.”

In Tacoma, Wash., there has been a three-fold increase in usage of the sprayground versus the wading pool.

“Whereas there was some initial resistance to

*Above: In Tacoma, Wash., usage of city amenities tripled when the city replaced their wading pools with spraygrounds.*

*Facing: Oklahoma City will eliminate pools altogether to lower operation costs.*



## Financially Fashionable

losing the wading pools, comments regarding the spraygrounds have been 100-percent positive," says Curtis Hancock, project manager for the city of Tacoma Parks and Recreation Department.

Before spraygrounds, Tacoma offered wading pools as its primary

aquatics program. They were open for only six hours per day, five to six days per week. By replacing them with spraygrounds, residents now have a place to play for 11 hours a day, seven days a week.

"[It's] a method of serving more people for more hours in a safer environment and [we] used them to replace wading pools," says Hancock. Tacoma currently has three spraygrounds and plans to add at least three more.

In Dallas, only a fraction of the

22 Olympic-sized swimming pools has been eliminated. Those with great attendance will remain open, while others are replaced by spraygrounds.

"It's unjustifiable to keep pools open when at some areas we see fewer than 100 patrons all summer long," says Pyland. "With chemicals and individuals staffing the pools, the cost adds up."

### Reducing Costs

Spraygrounds not only provide a new concept for water play, but are also less expensive than traditional swimming pools. And because they are self-operated, they don't require lifeguards.

"Attendance at city pools has been down the last 10 years," says Whisenhunt. "The cost per service rate was up towards \$10 per person. In an attempt to reduce costs and increase attendance, we turned to the idea of spraygrounds."

"There is no comparison in terms of costs," he adds. The cost savings associated with the switch has been incredible. The pools in Oklahoma City ran about \$34,000 to operate per season. The spraygrounds only cost \$7,000 a season to operate.

Aside from a financial savings for lifeguards and maintenance staff, Dallas officials are hoping to save a natural resource—the pools require over 200,000 gallons of water, while a sprayground operates on 4,000 gallons.

### Low Maintenance

"Spraygrounds were a great alternative for both efficiency and ease of maintenance," says Kenneth Pyland, project manager for planning and design for the Dallas Parks & Recreation Department.

In Oklahoma City, daily maintenance includes a visit to the sites to check for clogs and drain overflow. In the winter months, staff thoroughly examines the computers on the spraygrounds. Technicians check the chemical controls twice a day in Dallas. They also check to make sure any of the toys and attachments haven't been broken or clogged.

Filters are checked and cleaned on a daily basis in Tacoma. The health department requires water to be replaced on a weekly basis (approx 3,000 gallons). Chemical treatment is automatic, but the health department still requires daily hand-testing for verification.



*Above: Despite daily maintenance checks, spraygrounds in Oklahoma City cost \$7,000 per season compared to \$34,000 per season to operate the city's swimming pools.*

*Facing: Switching to spraygrounds in Tacoma, Wash. offered more flexibility and accessibility to aquatic entertainment.*

## Safety

"Kids want to run, and this gives them a safe place to do it," says Pyland.

Spraygrounds offer a safe alternative to swimming pools. Since they operate similarly to a sprinkler in the yard, there is little to no risk of drowning. And with soft surfacing on the ground, kids can run and play without worrying about getting hurt or scraped by rough surfaces like concrete. The rubberized concrete surface creates a non-slippery cushion.

"In addition to the water quality, being better and more easily monitored, the site is now open 24 hours a day rather than being fenced with standing water in a wading pool that is an attractive nuisance," says Hancock.

## Tips For Building Spraygrounds

**1** Choose a water system that makes the most sense. There are three types—flow-through, flow-through with irrigation and recirculation. Some require slightly more maintenance to check chemical levels, but can have a cost savings in the amount of water used.

**2** Choose standard designs to cut costs. If you are looking at building more than one facility at a time, stick to a simple design to cut architect redesign costs. If you're doing multiple spraygrounds, make them the same design if the area permits.

**3** Think efficiently. Oklahoma City installed 10 at once, and was able to cut costs in production.

**4** Check utilities in proximity to the proposed site. If they aren't nearby, the land may have to be reworked or a new location selected.

**5** Take into consideration the amount of dirt or flat work that will need to be done, advises Whisenhunt. Drainage will be a major factor, so site prep needs to be mapped out in advance. **PRB**

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**September 14, 2009 -  
September 20, 2009**

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| 14      | Monday    | 15  | Tuesday  |         |  |   |   |
|---------|-----------|---|----------|---------|--|---|---|
| 8:00am  | 11:30am   | Patrice; Kitchen                          | 7:30am   | 1:00pm  | Patrice; Kitchen                           | ↻                                       |   |
| 9:30am  | 10:30am   | ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym                    | ↻        | 5:20pm  | 6:20pm                                     | ZUMBA; Petro                            | ↻ |
| 5:00pm  | 7:30pm    | ACTION Committee; Fossil Falls/Ballararat | ↻        | 6:00pm  | 8:00pm                                     | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym        | ↻ |
| 5:20pm  | 6:20pm    | ZUMBA; Petro                              | ↻        | 6:30pm  | 8:00pm                                     | CERT Meeting; Ballararat                | ↻ |
| 6:00pm  | 9:00pm    | Desert Artists; Red Rock/Chimney          |          | 6:30pm  | 7:30pm                                     | Pilates; Petro                          | ↻ |
| 6:00pm  | 8:00pm    | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym          | ↻        | 7:00pm  | 8:30pm                                     | CAMEO Dog Training; Red Rock/Chimney Pk |   |
| 6:30pm  | 7:30pm    | Pilates; Petro                            | ↻        |         |  |   |   |
| 16      | Wednesday | 17  | Thursday |         |  |   |   |
| 9:30am  | 10:30am   | ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym                    | ↻        | 9:30am  | 12:00pm                                    | SSI; Fossil Falls/Ballararat            | ↻ |
| 11:00am | 7:00pm    | Houchin Blood Bank; Pinnacles             | ↻        | 10:00am | 12:00pm                                    | Daughters of the Constitution; Gazebo   |   |
| 11:00am | 1:00pm    | YAC Leadership Meeting; Red Rock/Chimney  | ↻        | 4:00pm  | 8:00pm                                     | Wahl Reception Early Set up; Pinnacles  |   |
| 6:00pm  | 8:00pm    | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym          | ↻        | 5:20pm  | 6:20pm                                     | ZUMBA; Petro                            | ↻ |
|         |           |   |          | 6:00pm  | 8:00pm                                     | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym        | ↻ |
|         |           |   |          | 6:30pm  | 7:30pm                                     | Pilates; Petro                          | ↻ |
| 18      | Friday    | 19  | Saturday |         |  |   |   |
| 8:00am  | 11:00pm   | Wahl Reception; Pinnacles                 | 8:00am   | 1:00pm  | Ponce-Hernandez Reception; Pinnacles/Petro |   |   |
| 7:00pm  | 8:00pm    | Wahl Wedding - 70 chairs by 1 pm; Gazebo  |          |         |  |   |   |
| 20      | Sunday    |   |          |         |  |   |   |

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**September 21, 2009 -  
September 27, 2009**

| September 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 4:00pm 9:30pm  | Forrest Service Travel Mgmt Plan; Pinnacles | 5:00pm 6:00pm  | Walmart; Fossil Falls/Ballararat                    |
| 4:00pm 5:45pm  | Monroe Volleyball; N/S Gym                  | 5:20pm 6:20pm  | ZUMBA; Petro ↻                                      |
| 5:20pm 6:20pm  | ZUMBA; Petro ↻                              | 6:00pm 8:00pm  | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ↻                  |
| 6:00pm 8:00pm  | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ↻          | 6:30pm 7:30pm  | Pilates; Petro ↻                                    |
| 6:30pm 7:30pm  | Pilates; Petro ↻                            |                |   |
| 23             | Wednesday                                   | 24             | Thursday  |
| 8:00am 11:00pm | DI Ladies Night; Pinnacles                  | 8:00am 9:00pm  | Blue Floor; N/S Gym                                 |
| 9:30am 10:30am | ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻                    | 5:00pm 9:00pm  | SCE Homeowner Solar Wkshop; Fossil Falls/Ballararat |
| 6:00pm 8:00pm  | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ↻          | 6:00pm 9:00pm  | CLMR Tracking Course; Red Rock/Chimney Peak         |
| 25             | Friday                                      | 26             | Saturday  |
| 6:00pm 9:00pm  | Stewart Reception Early Set Up              | 8:00am 12:00am | Stewart Reception                                   |
| 27             | Sunday                                      |                |   |
| 12:00am 2:00am | Stewart Reception                           |                |   |

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**September 28, 2009 -  
October 04, 2009**

| September 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 39             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27           | 43 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 40             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |              | 44 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| 28     | Monday                                     | 29      | Tuesday   |
|--------|--|---------|---|
| 8:00am | 12:30pm Patrice; Kitchen                   | 7:30am  | 1:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ✕                                       |
| 8:30am | 12:00pm Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm ↻ | 8:30am  | 12:00pm Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm ↻                      |
| 9:30am | 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; Petro ✕             | 9:00am  | 1:00pm Kern County Shot Clinic - Call 375-5157 with ?'s; N/S gy |
| 5:20pm | 6:20pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻                      | 11:00am | 1:00pm Sister City Lunch; Gazebo                                |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ↻  | 4:00pm  | 6:00pm ICS Volleyball GAME; N/S Gym ✕                           |
| 6:30pm | 7:30pm Pilates; Petro ↻                    | 5:20pm  | 6:20pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻   |
|        |  | 6:30pm  | 7:30pm Pilates; Petro ↻   |
| 30     | Wednesday                                  | 1       | Thursday  |
| 8:30am | 12:00pm Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm ↻ | 8:30am  | 12:00pm Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm ↻                      |
| 9:00am | 3:00pm Rita Gable Retirement ; Pinnacles   | 11:30am | 1:30pm IWVESC; Red Rock/Chimney ↻                               |
| 9:30am | 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻           | 5:20pm  | 6:20pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻   |
| 5:45pm | 8:30pm Adult Cooking ; Pinnacles           | 6:00pm  | 8:00pm ICS Volleyball AWAY; N/S Gym ✕                           |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ↻  | 6:30pm  | 7:30pm Pilates; Petro ↻   |
| 6:30pm | 8:00pm CERT Mtg; R/C rm ✕                  | 7:00pm  | 9:00pm Alexander Technique Presentation; Fossil Falls/Ballarot  |
| 2      | Friday                                     | 3       | Saturday  |
|        |  | 5:00pm  | 10:00pm Pops Concert in the Park; Gazebo/Freedom Pk             |
| 4      | Sunday                                     |         |   |

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**October 05, 2009 -  
October 11, 2009**

| October 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |       | November 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
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| 44           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31    | 48            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 29 |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |       | 49            | 30 |    |    |    |    |       |

| 5      | Monday    | 6   | Tuesday  |  |   |
|--------|-----------|---|----------|--|---|
| 8:30am | 12:00pm   | Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm                      | ↻        |  |   |
| 9:30am | 10:30am   | ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym                                | ↻        |  |   |
| 3:30pm | 5:00pm    | Quickstart Tennis; Petro                              | ↻        |  |   |
| 5:20pm | 6:20pm    | ZUMBA; Petro  | ↻        |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:30pm    | Desert Artists; Red Rock/Chimney                      | ↻        |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm    | Art Class - Cartooning Methods; Fossil Falls/Ballarat | ↻        |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm    | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym                      | ↻        |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm    | KC Public Health Townhall Mtg; Red Rock/Chimney Pk    |          |  |   |
| 6:30pm | 7:30pm    | Pilates; Petro  | ↻        |  |   |
| 7      | Wednesday | 8   | Thursday |  |   |
| 8:30am | 12:00pm   | Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm                      | ↻        |  |   |
| 9:30am | 10:30am   | ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym                                | ↻        |  |   |
| 5:00pm | 8:00pm    | Mad Science Camp; Pinnacles                           |          |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm    | Art Class - Acrylic Painting; Fossil Falls/Ballarat   | ↻        |  |   |
| 6:00pm | 8:00pm    | ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym                      | ↻        |  |   |
|        |           | 8:30am  | 12:00pm  | Preschool Pix - Empty Rm; R/C Rm             | ↻ |
|        |           | 2:00pm  | 4:00pm   | United Domestic Workers; Red Rock            |   |
|        |           | 4:00pm  | 7:00pm   | ICS Volleyball GAME; N/S Gym                 | ↻ |
|        |           | 5:20pm  | 6:20pm   | ZUMBA; Petro                                 | ↻ |
|        |           | 5:45pm  | 9:15pm   | Adult Cooking Class; Kitchen/Pinnacles       |   |
|        |           | 6:30pm  | 7:30pm   | Pilates; Petro                               | ↻ |
| 9      | Friday    | 10  | Saturday |  |   |
|        |           | 8:00am  | 11:00pm  | Parker Reception; Pinnacles/Petro            |   |
|        |           | 12:00pm   | 3:00pm   | Rebecca's Baby Shower; Fossil Falls/Ballarat |   |
| 11     | Sunday    |   |          |  |   |

# Public Services

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Sept. 01 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Sept. 01 - Wal-Mart Tele. Confr
- Sept. 02 - Rick Stokes, Land Solutions
- Sept. 02 - Kosmont Tele Confr.
- Sept. 03 - Dave Burdick, FOL Mtg.
- Sept. 03 - D.R. Horton Mtg.
- Sept. 08 - CIWMD , CWA Tele Confr.
- Sept. 09 - CIWMB Site Visit, Base Yr.
- Sept. 09 - 1st American Title Mtg.
- Sept. 10 - CIWMD Visit Base Yr.
- Sept. 10 - Special City Council Mtg,  
Trash & Recycling
- Sept. 10 - D. Schindler, Vimco - Wall
- Sept. 15 - Annual Confr. L.C.C.  
San Jose thru Oct. 18
- Sept. 16 - CIWMB Tele Confr.
- Sept. 18 - DMD Breakfast Mtg. L.C.C.
- Sept. 22 - Benz Mtg.
- Sept. 23 - Sister Cities Mtg.
- Sept. 23 - Tehachapi Main Street Visit
- Sept. 24 - Shaw Environmental Mtg.
- Sept. 24 - China Lake Alliance
- Sept. 24 - CIWMB;CWA Tele. Confr.
- Sept. 28 - KC Solid Waste Work Grp.
- Sept. 29 - Sister Cities Luncheon
- Sept. 30 - SSUSD;RDA Loan Mtg.

**James McRea**  
**Public Services Director**

**Gary Parsons**  
**Economic Development Manager**

**Matthew Alexander, AICP**  
**City Planner**

**Bob Smith Code, Enforcement Officer**

**Danielle Valentine, Admin. Secretary**

## PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

September departmental activities were directed to the California Integrated Waste Management Board and four Major Tasks required by the Local Assistance Plan and to be implemented prior to January 2010.

**Mandatory Commercial and On-Site Cardboard Recycling**  
A new program began in early September and had an October compliance date for businesses and commercial accounts to sign up for the new Program of Services with an increased fee scheduled. The rate schedule was reduced and modified at a Special City Council Meeting of Sept. 08.

**Mandatory Residential Curbside Pick-up and Recycling**  
A new program has not yet begun, however, the Program of Services was outlined at the above Special City Council Meeting. It is a work in progress and additional changes will be implemented. Rate schedule had been previously adopted and will be effective on receipt of the wheel cart containers. All residential properties are required to have curb side service.

**Mini Recycling Center & Drop Off Facility Corporate Yards**  
The Mini Recycling Center and Drop Off Facility was opened the first week of August and is operational during daylight hours at the west side of the Corporate Yards at 656 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Feasibility Study**  
Staff met with Shaw Environment Inc. and the feasibility study is being developed and will be completed within 30 days

**Additional Projects under development and review**

Economic development, Business Retention & Development  
Super Wal-Mart Retail Center; EIR and Planning Commission Approval  
R.D. Horton Tentative Tract Map No. 6740, 25 single family homes in 1st cycle.  
Hampton Inn, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, & Vimco Motels  
Ridgecrest General Plan Update, Planning Commission Public Hearing 10-20-09  
Zoning, Sign, Water Conservation & Solid Waste Ordinances  
AICUZ, JLUS, ALUCP, MIA, OEA GMP Studies  
Bowman Chanel Watercourse and Greenbelt Improvements  
RDA Home Loan Program  
RDA County Project Funding - Le Roy Jackson Park  
Kerr McGee Sport Complex; land expansion and property exchange

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**October, 2009**

**Conditional Use Permit- Advanced Imaging Center**

Advanced Imaging Center, Inc. (AIC), currently occupies part of Building B at the office complex located at 900 N. Heritage Drive. AIC is a medical provider offering advanced imaging services. AIC has moved two trailers housing MRI and CAT scan equipment into the parking lot in front of Building B to facilitate their imaging operation until the buildings can be retrofitted to permanently house the MRI and CAT equipment. The applicant requested a Conditional Use Permit to allow the two trailers to remain temporarily for six months within the parking lot until the equipment can be installed permanently into the building. The power source is proposed to be temporary power provided by SCE.



Following a public hearing on September 8, 2009, the Planning Commission denied the Conditional Use Permit application for the temporary use of the two medical trailers as an inappropriate use of this property at this location. It is expected that AIC shall file a appeal of this decision to the City Council.

**September 22, 2009**

**Wal-Mart Supercenter**

**Site Plan Review SPR-08-12 WalMart S China Lake Blvd and E. Bowman Rd**

A proposed 205,000 sf Wal-Mart Supercenter on 21 acres to include a Garden area and Tire and Lube Facility. Attached 11x17 drawing C-3 Review of full size drawings available upon request.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Gary Parsons, Economic Development Manager,

Several projects were rejuvenated during this month including the pizza factory opening, Ross department store, viewfinders, packs wrap building and a medical building within the business park. Other projects include the purchase of land behind the current ball fields and next to city hall.

In the area of housing we have relieved several requests for the agencies first time home buyer loan program, in September time on market for homes went down to a yearly low with housing prices currently running at an average price of 167,895 even with the base job increase we are seeing only a small increase in buyers for houses in Ridgcrest.

The rental market continues strong with a very low vacancy rate of less than 2%.



Wal-Mart still represents the largest retail project in Ridgcrest and did receive approvals from the planning commission

The Solar project has now chosen to utilize dry cooling and will no longer require city waste water and will instead purchase water from the IWV water district. But will provide about 75 jobs for the area.

The two Vimco hotels are now under construction providing over 90 new rooms to the cities hotel market. Planning has started on the Vimco 7 ac. Site next to the business park with additional hotels and restaurants being planned

The Hampton inn located within the business park is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in February of 2010.

Talks have begun on the rehabilitation of the Ridgcrest plaza to include the parking lot and exterior improvements with a result look seminar to the Rite Aid building across the street.

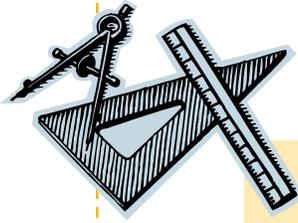
Tourism efforts increased this month via supporting projects of the RCVBC just as the viewfinders event, off-road groups like the Friends of Jawbone Cal RV and others

Staff attended chamber board meeting, IWV 2000 China Lake Museum, 2010 Ridgcrest Outlook Planning Committee GAVEA, East Kern Economic Alliance, to name only a few.

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# Public Works Monthly Report

Special points of interest:



## Potholes - How to patch them!

### Quality is the key

In patching potholes, quality of materials is more important than method or machine, according to the Strategic Highway Research Program H-106 project, one of the most extensive evaluations of pavement maintenance experiment ever conducted. Launched under SHRP and then contin-

ued by the FHWA's Long-Term Pavement Performance program, the project's focus included better understanding of the performance and cost-effectiveness of various cold-mix materials and procedures for repairing potholes in asphalt concrete pavements.

"The study found that the real key is the qual-

ity of the patching material," said Bill Bellinger, P.E., senior engineer within the FHWA for LTPP. "If you use a poor quality mix, it doesn't matter how you apply it. You have to use a high-quality patching material, and some of the best-performing mixes were the proprietary mixes. They performed very

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## Wastewater Department



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 or abnormal conditions. The department inspected and passed (8) new connection to the sanitary sewage system. The department responded to (13) re-

quests for service (1) odor complaint, (1) requests for treatment of the sewage collection system for roach control, and (1) possible main line stoppage, that was the homeowners problem. The Department also responded to (2) main line sewer stoppages which were cleared and logged under the departments SSO report-

ing requirements. The department performed periodic maintenance on the levees of the treatment lagoons. The Department replaced the flow meter on the reclamation line. The department also performed PM on the influent channel grinder. The reclamation department reclaimed 3.46 million gallons of

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well.”

Bellinger feels that machines aren't appropriate for all applications. “The spray injection machines are best used in urban areas,” Bellinger told Better Roads editors. “When you are out in rural areas, where traffic congestion is not a problem, throw-and-roll is as good as any method.”

The tests also found that if quality materials are used, pothole patches can remain in service for several years, even though the patches are often intended as only temporary repairs. Overall, 56% of all patches survived until the final round of performance monitoring in 1995.

Starting in 1991, more than 1,250 cold-mix pothole patches were placed at eight test sites across the United States and Canada, representing five different climates. Four different patching techniques — throw-and-roll, edge seal, semi-permanent, and spray injection — were used at the test sites.

The study showed that picking the most cost-effective patch is a com-

plex issue because there are so many factors in the cost-efficiency equation: material cost, labor cost, equipment cost, productivity, and performance of

Productivity gains, especially through reduced labor costs, can be obtained through use of some of the newer pothole patching equipment.



the repairs.

Premium products used included [UPM](#) High-Performance Cold Mix, [Perma-Patch](#) from National Paving and Contracting, QPR 2000 from P.J. Keating, and a modified high-float, medium-setting (HFMS-2) material modified with Styrelf styrene butadiene additive. Two Pennsylvania DOT hot-mix asphalt mixes also were used.

Typical maintenance-crew tools and trucks were used to place most patches. For the spray injection tests, machines included the [Rosco](#) RA-200, a Durco Industries' [Durapatcher](#), and a Wildcat [Roadpatcher](#).

**Patchers boost productivity**

An example of this comes from the District of Columbia which purchased four pothole patching trucks last winter.

The self-contained units have a hydraulically driven screw conveyor for dispensing asphalt premix materials; this eliminates dump beds, mix shoveling, and wasting of materials. The hydraulic system also powers the unit's jack hammer, oil pumps, asphalt agitator, and other tools, such as concrete and asphalt saws, tampers, water pumps, and even tree trimmers.

The dedicated trucks use an on-board heating system to eliminate the chance of hot-mix asphalt patch material getting cold as the crew makes its

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rounds.

In Washington D.C., a single truck with a crew of three has replaced as many as three vehicles formerly used to repair potholes: a dump truck to haul asphalt, another truck to carry a third crew member, and sometimes a third truck to haul extra tools or traffic lights.

Another example comes from South Carolina. During the 1990s, the South Carolina DOT was able to use special funding to evaluate use of a spray injection pothole repair machine. The machine had two storage tanks, one for asphalt binder and one for aggregate. The materials were combined to form an asphalt mix as they traveled through a high-pressure hose to the pothole being repaired.

After testing the system, in 1997, South Carolina purchased 59 units for deployment throughout the state. South Carolina determined the devices are very cost effective, as it is estimated that they reduce the need for repeat maintenance by about 50-60%. They also save money in terms of personnel because less training is required to use this device versus traditional methods, and repairs take less time, the DOT said.

However, a government agency should make sure it can use a dedicated patcher

before it purchases one. In 2001 the Hawaii DOT rolled out a \$156,000 state-of-the-art pothole patching machine to improve productivity and to put down a more resilient layer of asphalt.

But an investigation by the Honolulu Advertiser in early 2003 found that the machine had sat unused in the DOT's base yard since July 2001, when it was demonstrated with flourish to the local news media.

The newspaper's Jim Dooley found state personnel didn't properly clean the tanks and hoses of the machine, and some material got stuck. The DOT also did not have a means of introducing the asphalt and oil into the machine. Finally, the DOT determined the machine used an asphalt mix that can be found on the Big Island, but not on Oahu.

Is pro-

ductivity the issue?

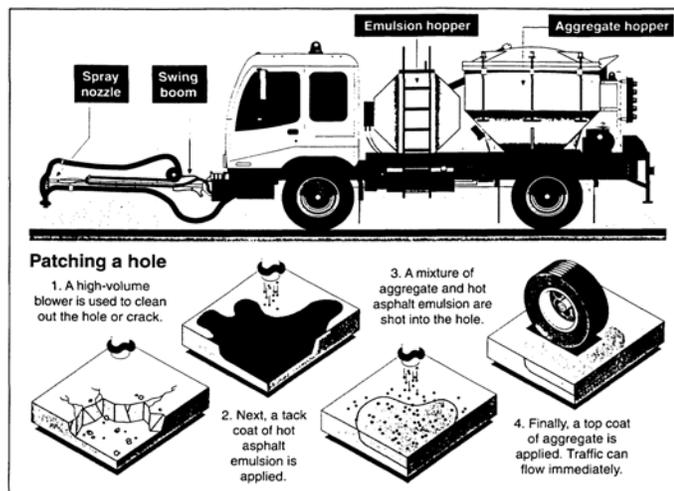
Value-added manufactured products like these trucks enable crews to be more pro-

ductive during winter. But the productivity of agency work forces may not be an issue during the winter doldrums.

Except during snow events, an agency can have trouble finding ways to keep crews busy at all times. Using multiple workers to patch potholes may actually save money if it precludes purchase of self-propelled pothole patchers or the hiring of maintenance contractors. Again, the pothole patching solution must be tailored to the individual department, work force, size and condition of street system, current and future budgets, politics, and local climate.

"Can you save labor using these products? Yes, you can," Ferragut said. "But many DOTs have plenty of

### Rosco Manufacturing RA-300 Pothole Patcher Here's How It Works . . .



manpower in the winter. You're talking about keeping a work force busy when it's

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not plowing. You still have to maintain the staff. For those agencies, it's cost-effective to use the labor force to do the work. It's a method of operation that's cheaper because you have the labor, and is a legitimate use of people and resources."

Yet this has to be balanced against the potential danger to workers when patching in traffic. "The safety issue is that the pothole patching equipment can keep people from doing repairs under high-speed traffic," Ferragut said. "It has the potential to save lives. So California is looking for a more mechanized, auto-

mated process to patch potholes as a people-saver and as a crash preventer. But you still are faced with decisions of how long-term you want the patch to be."

*Source : Better Roads Magazine  
February 2004*

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secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation. The department as compliance with Board Order No. 6B150116011 and 6B159101001 is required to sample, monitor and report various ground water parameters on a semiannual

basis. The annual report for 2009 is complete and submitted with this month's SMR. The Department hydro flushed 12,650 ft. of main line sewer for compliance with the SSO and SSMP program.