

THE CITY OF RIDGECREST MONTHLY REPORT



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TEAMWORK

JULY 2010

City Manager/Administration

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CITY MANAGER PHOTOS



City Manager

I have been approached by countless people in the last few weeks wanting to help the community but not quite sure how. One easy way that we can all do is choose local vendors when we spend our money. Where we spend your money does matter when we consider the impact to our local businesses and the impact to city services. At first glance it seems like something as simple as shopping locally is an insignificant issue so people are often indifferent about it. After all, the city has so many other issues to worry about that consumer apathy wouldn't seem to rate too

high. The reality is that shopping locally does have a major impact on our community. Our local merchants are our friends and neighbors and they've invested their life savings into their businesses so shopping locally supports their livelihood. It's easy to complain about the variety of retail that we don't have but we should also appreciate what we do have before we lose that too. If we don't want even more to complain about in the future, we should cherish the things we have available to us in this community right now.

The local revenue from taxable sales represents about 30% of the city's general fund. That money pays for police officers, road repairs, recreation programs, and most other city services. If we all change our habits to look locally for the products we already plan to buy, we will increase the revenues and consequently increase the levels of service in our own community. Some argue that we don't have enough local options but it's difficult to attract those additional retailers if we can't convince them that they will be supported when they get here. The proof is in the numbers so the best way to demonstrate that is to support a thriving local retail environment. The most recent data (1st quarter of 2010) shows a sales tax leakage of \$1.4 million annually. That means that people in our community have been spending their money in other communities to buy things that are sold right here in Ridgecrest. We lost that sales tax revenue to those other communities. We can't continue to 'pave the roads' of our neighbors.

Just think how that \$1.4 could have helped our own community. We could have funded 14 police officers or duplicated the entire street maintenance budget. In fact, we could have funded our recreation programs at almost triple the current level if we had all shopped locally. It does make a difference.

As someone who is new to the community I have been pleased with the prices and level of customer service that I have received here in town. The merchants have seemed genuinely interested in getting my business and have even offered to order things that I needed if they weren't already in stock. That friendly atmosphere is part of the charm of this community. If we all do our part we can create the business friendly environment that retains and attracts business owners. That will expand our service levels and maintain the friendly atmosphere for which we are known.

We have a unique and fragile local economy that can thrive under the right conditions. It's up to us to create those conditions. Some of the contributing factors are beyond our control but many are things that we can control. Collectively, this community has an enormous buying power but only if we concentrate our resources. If we all make some modest adjustments to our buying habits we can create that healthy retail environment that benefits everyone. Our local businesses will appreciate our patronage and the entire community will benefit.

Please shop local.



ADMINISTRATION

Kurt Wilson **Eva Peterson**
City Manager Exec. Secretary

Rachel Ford **Pat Anderson**
City Clerk HR Clerk

Ann Taylor **Craig Bradley**
Adm. Analyst III MIS Manager

Karen Guidangen _____
HR/Risk Mgmt. _____

Administration

Eva Peterson - It has been a very busy time assisting our new City Manager with set-up of various meetings, accepting speaking invitations, and meet and greets as he begins his first month including his desire for one-on-one's with all city employees. Meeting times have been shortened across the board while department head one-on-one's have been dropped altogether. I met with Sister City Organization representatives to discuss their upcoming trip to Mexico. In addition, Tepatitlan's delegate visit to Ridgecrest is scheduled to take place the fall of 2010.



Ann Taylor - The City received a signed contract from East Kern Air Pollution Control District, so the police Department can purchase a hybrid escape for their department and be reimbursed approximately \$21,000. I was able to attend an SCE Summit at Big Creek to see their Hydro electric plant. And network with our neighboring cities. A wonderful experience.

Karen Guidangen - Recruitment is still the focus this month....Administrative Secretary interviews took place and we have some very strong candidates. We will re-interview the top 2 candidates to take place next week. Kennel Attendant and Maintenance Worker I are now closed. We received over 240 applications for the 2 positions. We are still recruiting for Transit Relief Bus Driver and WIA Youth Coordinator. Although, I have been very busy with recruitment my door is always open to serve employee inquires and process daily personnel actions as needed.

Open Enrollment is underway for UNUM Supplemental Life Insurance. Coming in September open enrollment begins for Health and Dental. Penny Abbott from ICMA will also be coming this fall. Look for that date coming soon.





RPD monthly report

July 2010

RPD monthly report

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 28, 2010

TYPE OF INCIDENT: PC 460(a) – Residential Burglary, PC 496(a) – Possession of Stolen Property & PC 3056 – Parole Hold.

LOCATION: Residence on W. Kinnett Ave.

SUSPECTS: Brito, Michael Antonio (29 years old) and Cooper, Anthony Dewayne Jr. (31 years old).

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On July 28, 2010, the Ridgecrest Police Department received a report of a residential burglary that had just occurred on W. Kinnett Ave. The victim reported several power tools were stolen from his garage. Officers and Detectives responded to the location and were able to get a suspect description and a description of the stolen property. Upon an area check for the suspect, Detectives conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Anthony Cooper Jr. Cooper was determined to be on active parole and in possession of property stolen from the residence. Follow-up investigation at the residence Cooper was seen leaving, revealed the location of the suspect, Michael Brito, who had entered the garage and stolen the property. Both Cooper and Brito were arrested and subsequently booked at the Kern County Jail. All property stolen in the burglary was recovered and returned to the victim. During the investigation, a small amount of jewelry was recovered that is believed stolen from another location, but has yet to be reported. If you have any information or believe you are the victim, contact the Ridgecrest Police Department at 499-5100.

RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Sgt. R. Marrone

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: July 23, 2010 @ 2110 hours.

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 2800.1 VC-Felony Evading/ 148 PC-resisting arrest

SUSPECT: IDES, Sean Stephan 28 yoa Ridgecrest Resident

VICTIM: State of California

LOCATION OCCURRED: 600 S. Burbank and surrounding neighborhoods.

On 07/23/2010 at about 2110 hours Field Training Officer Sloan and Officer Tucker of the Ridgecrest Police Department attempted to stop a 2005 Silver Ford Focus for minor vehicle code violations. The driver of the car, later identified as Sean IDES, a parolee, refused to stop and attempted to evade the Officers. Over the next several minutes IDES would travel through several neighborhoods, striking curbs and running stops signs without any regard for the public's safety or that of the Officers pursuing him. As Officers closed in on IDES, shutting off his escape routes, he jumped out of the car while it was still moving and ran. The car ran up into the yard of a residence at 600 S. Alvord St. Officers gave chase as he fled through the homes and over fences. At the end, he was tackled by a resident who had witnessed the attempted escape. He was arrested without further struggle or injury. The car was towed from the scene. There were no injuries to citizens during the chase. IDES was transported and booked at Kern County Jail Ridgecrest where he remains without bail on the above open charges and a 3056 PC parole hold. The Ridgecrest Police department does not encourage citizen involvement as it is dangerous, but we would like to recognize the witnesses for their prompt action in assisting in the arrest of this criminal.

RONALD N. STRAND Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Sergeant Robert Obergfell

Saturday, July 24, 2010

INVESTIGATIONS

The Ridgecrest Police Department received a grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the amount of \$23,721.00. The monies are dedicated for various ABC enforcement operations, equipment, and training. Sergeant Justin Dampier will be supervising the grant with assistance from Detective Manny Castaneda. This month, both attended a conference in Sacramento, CA dedicated to the grant project.

Detective Manny Castaneda continued to work on his caseload this month. He attended the grant conference as well as a class on tactical communication and search and seizure updates.

Detective Kristen Hanley gave training to patrol officers on domestic violence strangulation cases. She continued her work on numerous investigations related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Several long term investigations were closed and sent to the District Attorney's Office. Detective Hanley attended a class tactical communication and search and seizure updates.

Detective Mike Atkins was in charge of the Investigations Bay while the Investigations Sergeant was at training. He assisted several outside agencies with their investigation follow-up within the city. He also has been working on several in-depth embezzlement cases. Detective Atkins attended a class on tactical communication and search and seizure updates.

Officer Franco was assigned numerous CPS referrals, runaway juvenile (RAJ) cases, and juvenile related incidents this month. She also took vacation for a portion of the month.

This month the Crime Suppression Unit (Detective Ballestero and Detective Merzlak) was assigned 9 cases as well as generating 6 self-initiated cases. These cases resulted in 9 arrests and the seizure of about 5 grams of methamphetamine. Several prescription drugs that are commonly being abused were also seized and numerous parole and probation searches were conducted. CSU assisted in the out of town trip to locate a warrant suspect and vital criminal witness for the District Attorney's Office which resulted in a felony plea on a known residential burglary suspect.



PACT

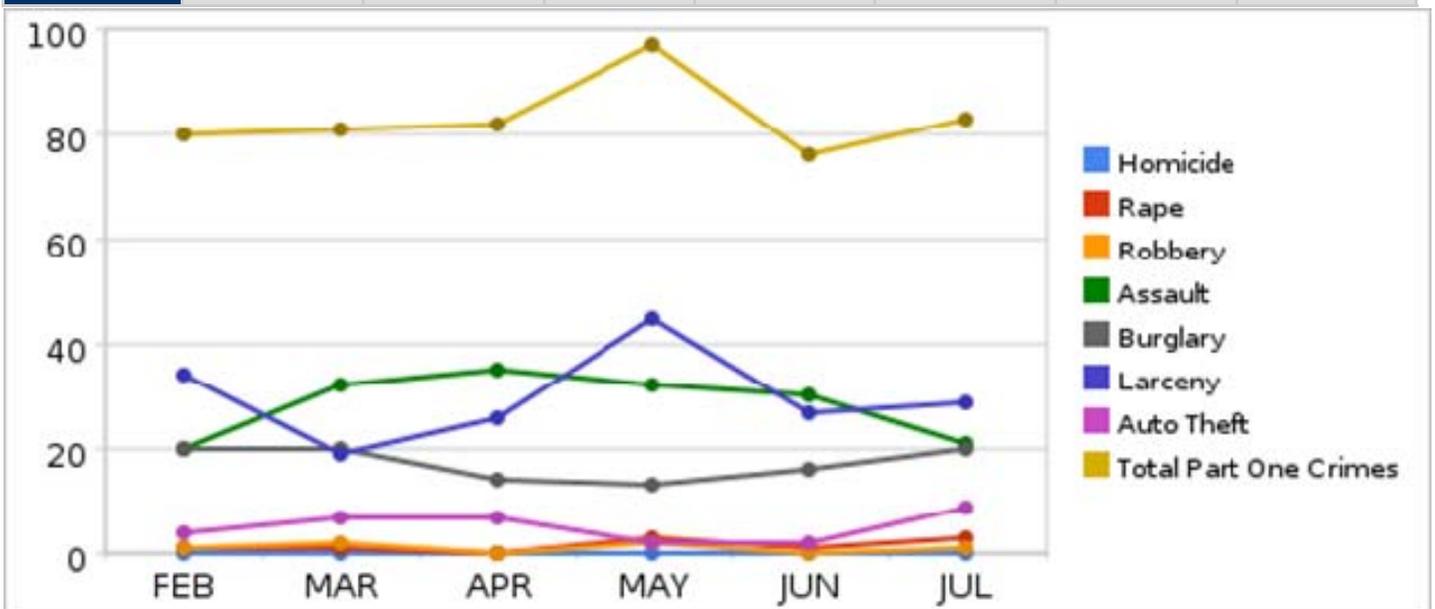
PACT volunteers worked a total of 982.5 hours during the month of July. PACT Graffiti removal team members cleaned up **187 graffiti sites**. 38 stray shopping carts were rounded up in July. PACT is pleased to welcome 2 new Animal Welfare Volunteers, Debra Erickson and Annette Burkiette. PACT is also pleased to welcome 3 new full PACT members, Shirley Bates, Nicole Turbide and Vice Mayor Tom Wiknich. The RPD Chaplain Corp has one new member, Chaplain Glenn Hill.

Ridgecrest Police Department

CrimeStatistics

Prepared March, 2010
Last Six Months

Crimes	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	3	1	3	9
Robbery	1	2	0	2	0	1	6
Assault	20	32	35	32	30	21	170
Burglary	20	20	14	13	16	20	103
Larceny	34	19	26	45	27	29	180
Auto Theft	4	7	7	2	2	9	31
Total Part One Crimes	80	81	82	97	76	83	499
	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	Total
Total Incidents	2,971	3,266	2,872	3,329	3,164	3,180	18,782

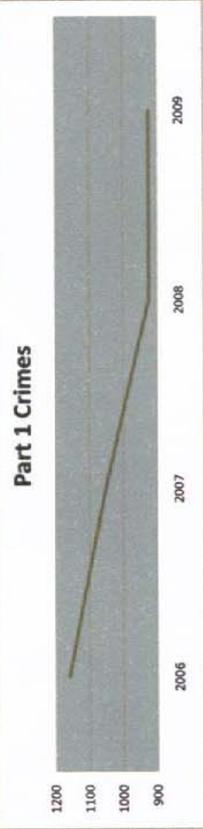


Ridgecrest Police Department Statistics

Crime

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Violent Crime	13	6	-54%	105	74	-30%
Murder	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Rape	3	3	0%	11	10	-9%
Robbery	2	1	-50%	4	7	75%
Aggravated Assault	8	2	-75%	90	57	-37%
Property Crime	41	61	49%	307	405	32%
Burglary	13	20	54%	89	130	46%
Larceny	25	29	16%	179	231	29%
Auto Theft	3	9	200%	26	34	31%
Anon	0	3	300%	13	10	-23%
Part 1 Crimes	54	67	24%	412	479	16%

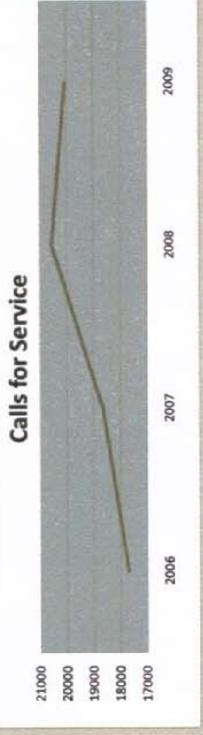
Part 1 Crimes



Performance Measures

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Patrol Activity	3592	3180	-11%	23783	21859	-8%
Total Incidents	1781	1805	1%	11887	11915	0%
Calls for Service	1811	1375	-24%	11696	9954	-16%
Officer Initiated Incidents	926	523	-44%	5553	3772	-32%
Traffic Stops	885	852	-4%	6343	6212	-2%
Other OIA Incidents						
Reports Taken	422	394	-7%	2620	2612	0%
Total Arrests	275	225	-18%	1544	1552	-6%
Felony Arrests	43	40	-7%	481	318	-34%
Juvenile Arrests	52	39	-25%	323	322	0%
Drug Related	30	38	27%	193	195	1%

Calls for Service



Personnel

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Total	51	50	-2%	50	50	0%
Sworn	35	34	-3%	34	34	0%
Professional Staff	16	16	0%	16	16	0%
Vacant						
Allocated	51	50	-2%	50	50	0%
Sworn	35	34	-3%	34	34	0%
Professional Staff	16	16	0%	16	16	0%
Vacant						

Vacant Positions

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Police Officer	274	202	-26%	1943	2017	4%
Clearance DA or Other	265	108	-59%	907	690	-24%
Arrests	68	68	0%	6800%	207	20700%
Inactivated	20	52	160%	212	241	14%
Active	0	344	34400%	962	2004	102%

STATUS
GOPS grant position left open - salary savings

Investigation

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
News Cases	274	202	-26%	1943	2017	4%
Cleared DA or Other	265	108	-59%	907	690	-24%
Arrests	68	68	0%	6800%	207	20700%
Inactivated	20	52	160%	212	241	14%
Active	0	344	34400%	962	2004	102%

K-9 Deploy

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Deployments	7	7	0%	120	12000%	0%
Apprehensions	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Building Searches	2	2	0%	6	600%	0%
Vehicle Searches	5	5	0%	52	5200%	0%
Drug Finds	1	1	0%	22	2200%	0%

Traffic

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	July 09	July 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Citations	64	31	-52%	1838	286	-84%
Moving	28	4	-86%	453	188	-58%
Non-Moving	41	17	-59%	159	159	0%
RMC Violation	16	13	-19%	125	117	-6%
Collisions	0	0	0%	0	3	300%
Fatal	1	1	0%	32	28	-13%
Injury	12	12	0%	81	80	-1%
Non-Injury	3	0	-100%	12	6	-50%
DUI Related						

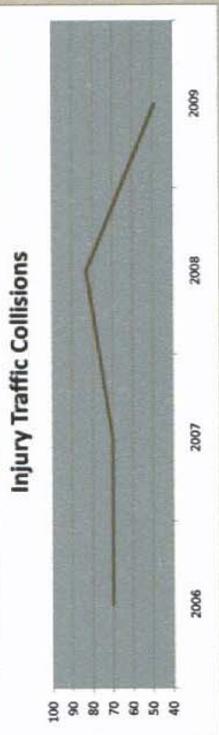
Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD

1. E. Ridgecrest Blvd./Broadway St.
2. Ridgecrest Blvd./Norma St.
3. Drummond Ave./N. China Lake Blvd.
4. N. Norma St./Las Flores Ave.
5. S. China Lake Blvd./Bowman Rd.

Top 5 PCFs YTD

1. Driver failed to yield right-of-way
2. Failing to stop at posted stop sign
3. Pedestrian failed to yield vehicle
4. Unsafe speed for conditions
5. Fail to stop at intersect stop sign

Injury Traffic Collisions



PACT MONTHLY REPORT July 2010

<u>PACT Volunteer</u>	<u>Hours</u>			
Executive Director	17.5			
Financial	2.5			
Fundraiser	3.5			
Training	2.0			
Training Administration	.0			
Administrative RPD	145.5			
Administrative Org	33.5			
Vehicle Maint.	0.0			
Animal Welfare	497.0			
Child ID	0.0	# of ID's issued - 0		
EOC	0.0			
Graffiti Task Force	57.5	# of sites: 171		
Nuisance Abatement	5.0	(38 shopping carts rounded up)		
Patrol	209.5			
Vac. House checks		#of sites: 22	#of checks: 84	
Preventive Patrol	0.0			
Surveillance	9.0			
Neighborhood Watch	0.0			
PACT HOURS	982.5	YTD Hours for 2010	5,881.5	
Non-member hours	0.0	YTD Hours for 2009	5,723.0	
Chaplain hours	0			
TOTAL HOURS	982.5	Total Hours for 2009	9,639.0	

Volunteers served six subpoenas and attempted to serve ten more.

Five evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.

One hundred and seventy seven graffiti sites were cleaned up in June with a total of fifty seven and one half volunteer hours being spent.

There were Thirty eight carts were rounded up in July. A total of 2201 carts have been rounded up so far since PACT started the round-ups.

Twelve Victim letters were sent out for Neighborhood Watch in June.

No Code Enforcement sign violations were turned in to Code Enforcement in July.

There are two new AW members, Welcome to: Debra Erickson, Annette Burkiett, with 3 more pending.

We also have three new full PACT members, Welcome to Shirley Bates, Nichole Turbide and Councilman Tom Wiknich with 3 more pending. and one new Chaplain, welcome to Chaplain Glenn Hill.

Twenty one members attended the monthly coffee along with Det. Kenny Merzлак and Chief Strand and 1 guest.

PACT members Henry Wilson and Justin Olson transported a stray animal to the Animal Shelter after hours.

Henry also assisted the CHP in the county with a vehicle roll over and a tow after a high speed chase..

Prepared by Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator

Ridgecrest Police Department

Animal Control Section

Monthly Report of Activities
July 2010

	CITY	NAWS	KERN CO	SAN BERN	Current Year		Previous Year	
					MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Dispatched Calls	208	0	0	0	208	1167	134	1188
Field Calls	17	0	0	0	17	116	11	88
Emergency Calls	7	0	0	0	7	51	2	32
Impounded Dogs:								
Public	21	0	8	0	29	218	42	309
A.C.O.	30	0	5	0	35	317	30	274
Total	51	0	13	0	64	456	72	670
Impounded Cats:								
Public	49	0	13	0	62	559	163	756
A.C.O.	4	0	1	0	5	71	10	55
Total	53	0	14	0	67	630	173	810
Miscellaneous Animals:								
Dead Animals:	10	0	0	0	10	33	2	28
Dead Animals:	3	0	0	0	3	55	16	88
Cumulative of Animals Handled:	117	0	27	0	144	1174	263	1509
Dispositions								
Dogs Adopted	20	0	2	0	22	110	8	104
Dogs Released	32	0	4	0	36	219	20	199
Dogs Euthanized	7	0	2	0	9	86	28	167
Cats Adopted	9	0	3	0	12	61	5	28
Cats Released	2	0	0	0	2	18	0	11
Cats Euthanized	51	0	20	0	71	524	165	715
Animals Euthanized:	58	0	22	0	80	589	193	882
Fees Collected								
Licenses		MTD	YTD		Pre MTD	Pre YTD		
	\$2,321.00		\$12,427.00		\$2,412.00	\$14,017.00		
Vaccinations	\$382.00		\$3,045.00		\$150.00	\$1,434.00		
Shelter Fees	\$3,675.50		\$21,389.00		\$1,905.00	\$21,507.00		
Total Fees Collected	\$6,378.50		\$35,406.50		\$4,467.00	\$36,958.00		

Prepared By: Mary Stage Reviewed By: _____

RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
EXPLORER POST #806
MONTHLY STATS

JULY 2010

ACTIVE EXPLORERS/last year

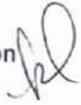
HOURS/last year

18/9

105.5/141.5

The Explorer Post has changed to the summer schedule in which there is only one meeting a month because our events decrease drastically. Six additional explorers were added to the post during the month of July. The above hours include teen court, ride a longs, and assistance in major incidents.

Prepared by: Detective Kristen Lawson



Ridgecrest Police Department Code Enforcement Division July 2010 Monthly Report Current Open Cases - 12

File #	Address	Description	Open Date	Status
<u>09-000165</u>	620 West UPJOHN Avenue RIDGECREST	Owner of 25 mobile homes that are in various degrees of disrepair has left the blight in the park without pulling permits or making a continuous effort to fix them up and resell them.	6/16/2009	Awaiting Court case on August 4, 2010
<u>09-000237</u>	1051 North SHERRI Street RIDGECREST	Dry waist high weeds in the front and back yards. Dead tree in the back yard and a fence that is falling apart or is being damaged by vandals.	8/13/2009	Unable to locate owner of property.
<u>09-000293</u>	1109 South MAYO Street RIDGECREST	Open case file in regards to properties owned by Dale Howard and any associate or other property owner where Howard's property is stored and constitute a blight within the community.	12/8/2009	Case work continues on these properties.
<u>10-000022</u>	1445 South MAYO Avenue RIDGECREST	Property is a mess with junk and debris. Boats parked in the yard, access to the home is a fire hazard.	3/1/2010	2nd Inspection due August 15, 2010
<u>10-000061</u>	743 North BALSAM Street RIDGECREST	RP reported a tree in an adjoining lot has dead tree branches hanging over the community fence and well over the business parking lot. The business is afraid a strong wind will break the branches and damage the cars in the lot.	6/14/2010	Awaiting response from owner of property.
<u>10-000067</u>	1429 West BOSTON Avenue RIDGECREST	Abandoned home at 1429 W. Boston has the roof being blown off. Kids in the neighborhood play in the mobile home.	6/21/2010	Letter to property owner has been sent. Awaiting response.

Ridgecrest Police Department

Code Enforcement Division

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Current Open Cases - 12

<u>10-000068</u>	329 East RIDGECREST Boulevard RIDGECREST	Officers complain a dumpster is a traffic hazard in the alleyway adjacent the Rose Garden Inn.	7/3/2010	Business and Benz Sanitation notified. Looking for dumpster to be moved.
<u>10-000069</u>	913 JESSICA Street RIDGECREST	Tree is overhanging the road, keeping the street sweeper from doing its job.	7/13/2010	Letter of complaint sent,
<u>10-000070</u>	402 West MOYER Street RIDGECREST	Health Hazard at home where junk, cars, machines and weeds can be found.	7/13/2010	Letter of complaint sent.
<u>10-000071</u>	1400 West IOWA RIDGECREST	Home has residents living in an RV in the backyard and now the residents are bringing in a lot of trash.	6/5/2010	Contacted residents. Will quit living in RV. Remove junk by 8-1-10.
<u>10-000072</u>	240 Palm Drive Ridgecrest	Trash build up in the backyard.	7/13/2010	Need to check the area for validity.

**Ridgecrest Police Department
Code Enforcement Division
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Closed Cases for the Month - 10**

File#	OpenDate	CloseDate	Description	PropertyAddress	CycleTime	Actions Taken
10-000045	4/13/2010	6/10/2010	Complainant contacted city regarding a trip hazard at the intersection of Maime and Randall.	700 North Randall Avenue	58	Owner replaced sidewalk and curb around his property.
10-000048	4/28/2010	7/13/2010	Reporting party owns the property at 208 W. Wilson. He indicates that an adjoining property has so much stuff in the backyard that it has made his fence collapse.	209 West ROBERTSON Avenue	76	Neighbors got together and settled dispute to fix the fence.
10-000058	6/5/2010	7/1/2010	Oversized vehicles parked on the street longer than 72 hrs.	Lilac at California	26	Vehicles moved from the area.
10-000059	6/14/2010	6/25/2010	Car parked in a neighbors driveway for over seven years. Not sure if it runs, but all the tires are flat.	536 AMANDA Street	11	Vehicle moved behind solid fence on property.
10-000060	6/14/2010	6/15/2010	Report there are BMX jumping ramps in the roadway at Wasp and Ranger Streets.	1225 South RANGER Street	1	Contacted neighbors. Ramps removed.
10-000062	6/14/2010	7/1/2010	RP reports Zip Self Storage has 6-feet of tumble weeds piled in the corner of their property. Huge wind gusts blow the tumble weeds into the mobile home park.	1430 North NORMA Street	17	Business contacted; Tumbleweeds removed.
10-000063	6/14/2010	6/25/2010	5th-Wheel trailer parked on the street over 72 hours.	1105 EVELYN Court	11	72-hour notice issued; Vehicle removed.
10-000064	6/14/2010	6/25/2010	5th-Wheel trailer parked on the street over 72 hours. CA Lic# 1LK9418	1101 EVELYN Court	11	72-hour notice issued; Vehicle removed.
10-000065	6/15/2010	6/27/2010	Mobile Home at 215 W. Panamint has trash stored in the backyard. Smells up the neighborhood.	215 West Panamint Street	12	Trash removed by the owner.
10-000066	6/15/2010	7/1/2010	RP complained about mold in the bathroom and closet from broken shower. Shower has not been replaced. Property is a nest of wasps, dangerous to children.	3565 Alene Avenue	16	Property manager fixed all issues; Renter to remove fire hazard.



Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Department



Back to School

Youth may be hitting the books but there is still plenty going on at the Parks & Recreation Department!!

Soccer Season Kicks off !!



This years fall Soccer league will see a large crowd we are sure! The youth will practice one night per week and play games on Friday nights and Saturday mornings during the season which starts on September 6th.



Flag Football Sign ups begin September 13

The Parks and Recreation Department Youth Flag Football Season will begin on November 1, 2010. Sign-ups for this years league are being held from September 13 - October 14. The league is for youth ages 6-15, they practice one night per week with games every Friday night or Saturday afternoon. The Ridgecrest McDonalds Restaurant will be back to sponsor the league.



Youth Basketball Sign-ups Coming Soon!!!!!!



It is almost that Basketball time of year again! Sign-ups for the Parks and Recreation Departments Youth Basketball league will begin on November 1 and will run through November 23rd. Everyone ages 5-13 years will be accepted. Players will practice one night a week with games on Friday nights or Saturdays.

**KMCC...
THE PLACE
TO BE**



Open Gym Fee

\$2.00/person

Open Gym BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL !!



Open Gym is SATURDAYS....
12:00pm - 4:00pm*
*Hours Subject To Change.

**School may be back in session ...
... the Kerr McGee center is still hopping!**

**We have time set aside for the public to enjoy the facility!
Come out to the open gym time s to play a quick pick-me-up game!
All skill levels welcome!**

The end of Summer is drawing near and Pinney Pool is gearing down. The last day to swim is Monday August 23rd. Open swim will be 12:00pm - 4:00pm...

Come Dive in one last



Pinney Pool

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**July 19, 2010 -
July 25, 2010**

July 2010							August 2010						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4							1
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7:00pm 9:00pm ACES Volleyball Club; Gym ☺	
7:00pm 8:30pm CERT Meeting; Ballarat ☺	
23 Friday	24 Saturday
9:00am 11:00am IWW Cheer Camp; N/S Gym ☺	12:00pm 4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym ☺
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12:00pm 4:00pm Chess Camp; Red Rock/Chimney Pk ☺	
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KMCC Weekly Schedule

July 26, 2010 - August 01, 2010

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<p>28 Wednesday</p> <p>9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻</p> <p>12:00pm 1:30pm Chess Camp; Red Rock/Chimney Pk ↻</p> <p>1:00pm 3:00pm Modeling Camp; Pinnacles ↻</p> <p>5:00pm 7:00pm FPCS; R/C Rm ↻</p> <p>6:30pm 8:30pm Boys Basketball; N/S Gym</p> <p>6:30pm 7:30pm Sign Language Class; Fossil Falls/Ballar. ↻</p>	<p>29 Thursday</p> <p>10:00am 12:00pm Puppet Performance; Fossil Falls/Ballar. ↻</p> <p>12:00pm 1:30pm Chess Camp; Red Rock/Chimney Pk ↻</p> <p>1:00pm 3:00pm Modeling Camp; Pinnacles ↻</p> <p>5:35pm 6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻</p>
<p>30 Friday</p> <p>9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻</p> <p>12:00pm 1:30pm Chess Camp; Red Rock/Chimney Pk ↻</p>	<p>31 Saturday</p> <p>9:00am 1:00pm Sierra Desert Gun Club; OUTSIDE KMCC</p> <p>11:00am 11:00pm Mondragon Graduation Party - No Alcohol; Pinnacles</p> <p>12:00pm 4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym ↻</p>
<p>1 Sunday</p>	

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**August 02, 2010 -
August 08, 2010**

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4 Wednesday	5 Thursday
6:00am 6:00pm Crossroads; Petro/Pinnacle/Meeting Rooms ☺ 9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ☺ 7:00pm 9:00pm ACES Volleyball Club; Gym ☺	6:00am 6:00pm Crossroads; Petro/Pinnacle/Meeting Rooms ☺ 12:00pm 1:00pm Quality of Life-Council Conf Rm; CITY HALL ☺ 5:35pm 6:35pm ZUMBA; N gym ☺
6 Friday	7 Saturday
6:00am 7:00pm Crossroads; Petro/Pinnacle/Meeting Rooms ☺ 9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ☺	12:00pm 12:00am Corlett-Baez Reception; Pinnacles (NO ALCOHOL) 12:00pm 4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym ☺ 1:30pm 4:00pm Griffin Babyshower; Red Rock/Chimney Pk
8 Sunday	

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**August 09, 2010 -
August 15, 2010**

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<p>9 Monday</p> <p>9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>5:00pm 8:30pm FPCS; R/C Rm ☺</p> <p>5:35pm 6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ☺</p> <p>7:00pm 9:00pm Green Acres Homeowners Assoc; Red Rock/Chimney Peak</p>	<p>10 Tuesday</p> <p>2:00pm 3:00pm Badminton; Gym ☺</p> <p>5:35pm 6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ☺</p>
<p>11 Wednesday</p> <p>9:00am 12:00pm IWV Collaborative; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 10:00am Multi DSC Tm; R/C Rm ☺</p> <p>9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>2:00pm 3:00pm Badminton; Gym ☺</p> <p>5:00pm 7:00pm FPCS; R/C Rm ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 7:30pm Sign Language Class; Fossil Falls ☺</p> <p>7:00pm 9:00pm ACES Volleyball Club; Gym ☺</p> <p>7:30pm 8:30pm Gospel Mtg; Ballarat ☺</p>	<p>12 Thursday</p> <p>2:00pm 3:00pm Badminton; Gym ☺</p> <p>5:35pm 6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ☺</p>
<p>13 Friday</p> <p>9:30am 10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ☺</p>	<p>14 Saturday</p> <p>12:00pm 4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym ☺</p>
<p>15 Sunday</p>	

Public Services

JULY MEETINGS

- July 01 - Budget Work Session .
- July 07 - EOC Mtg..
- July 07 - Spec. City Council Mtg.
- July 08 - TAB Closing Tele-confr
- July 08 - Benz Mtg. Tehachapi.
- July 08 - Benz Mtg. .
- July 09 - IWWVD Mtg. .
- July 14 - EOC Mtg.
- July 14 - TAB Tele-confr.
- July 15 - Inter. Agency IWWVD
Comm. Mtg.
- July 19 - TAB Closing Lunch . .
- July 19 - WalMart Mtg.
- July 21 - Emerald Point Mtg.
- July 22 - RAHO Mtg.
- July 22 - Chin Lake Alliance Mtg.
- July 23 - LCC D.M.D. Mtg. Big
Bear Lake
- July 28 - Solid Waste Briefing .
- July 28 - Town Hall Meeting .
- July 29 - Spec. City Council Mtg.

James McRea
Public Services Director

Gary Parsons
Economic Development Manager

Matthew Alexander, AICP
City Planner

Pam Hill
City Planning
Desiree Becker
Administrative Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Public Services Department Staff worked in partnership with the City Council, County of Kern, CalRecycle, and Benz Sanitation to continue to improve the level of service and resolve many of the concerns reported and expressed by the community with respect to Mandatory Curbside Pick-up and Recycling Program. The Commercial on-site Recycling does allow right sizing and will remain mandatory. The Universal (Mandatory) Curbside Pick-up and Recycling Program was modified by Ordinance No. 10-04. It is now possible for property owners or authorized agents to file a Self-haul Notification for Residential Premises Exemptions to opt out of Solid Waste, without recycling self-haul; Recyclables self-haul; or both Solid Waste and Recyclables self-haul. The voluntary Opt-out option, will require notification of the City and for individuals to take personal responsibility to increase recycling and diversion by utilization of the commercial recycling buy back centers and/or a new Self Haul Drop off Area to be developed at the Ridgecrest Sanitary Landfill during September. The program will not begin until late August or early September. Billing corrections are still in process and pending. A letter from the City of Ridgecrest has been forwarded to effected individuals with respect to concerns reported and delinquent accounts.

Information may be obtained from:

24 hour Hotline:	760-499-5069 recycle@ridgecrest-ca.gov
City Website:	http://ci.ridgecrest.ca.us
Benz Sanitation:	760-375-8455

Everyone can recycle! And you can do it everywhere you go!

At home: Curbside collection is easy and convenient. Check the weekly pick-up schedule for your neighborhood at www.ci.ridgecrest.ca.us/residents.aspx?id=2960.

At work: There are a lot of ways you can recycle at work. If there is not a recycling program where you work, get one started. To learn more visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/office

At school: Talk to your school's administration about starting a recycling program. Recycling programs can be as easy as capturing white paper in the classroom or as simple as collecting bottles and cans to earn money for your school.

Social, church and non profit organizations:

Recycling is a great service to the community and can help your group earn money.

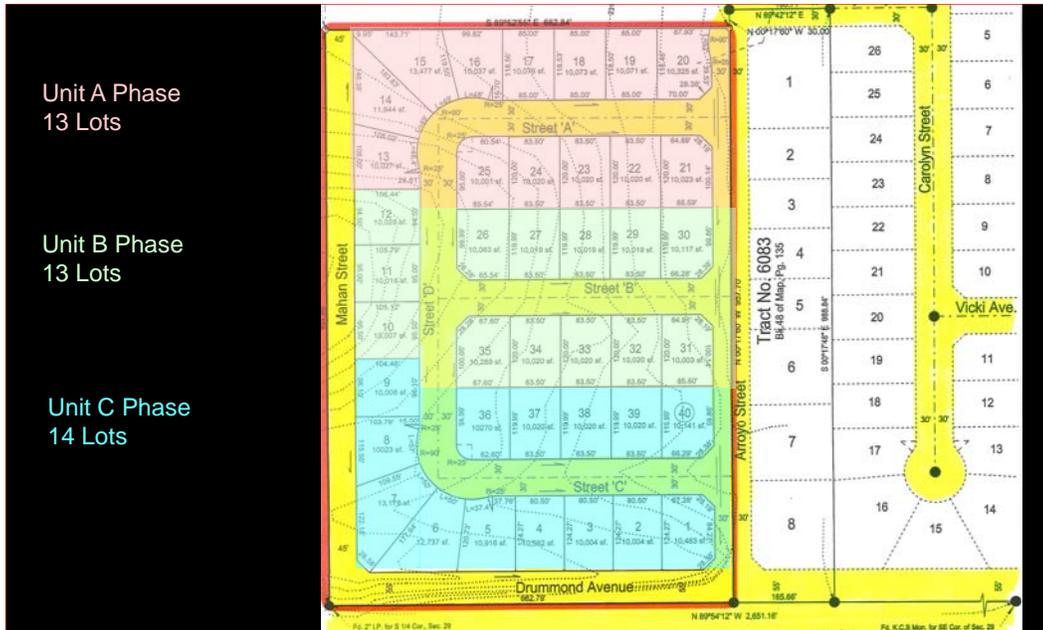
If your workplace, school or organization is interested in starting a recycling program, contact the City's recycling coordinator and/or check out the website at www.bottlesandcans.com or



PLANNING COMMISSION :

July 27, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting

Mike Ferguson, owner of Emerald Point Development, submitted an application on to create three phases to the approved Tentative tract Map 7188 - a 40 lot subdivision at the Northeast corner of N. Mahan St. and W. Drummond Ave. on a 14.4 acre parcel zoned Estate Density, 10,000 s.f. minimum.



The .Amended Map identified above was approved subject to developing the lots in three phases.

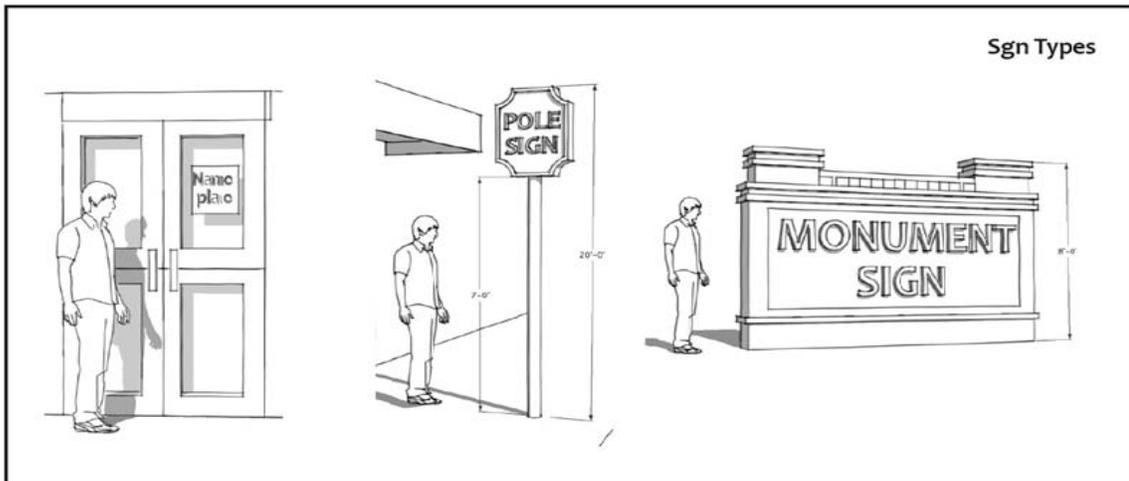
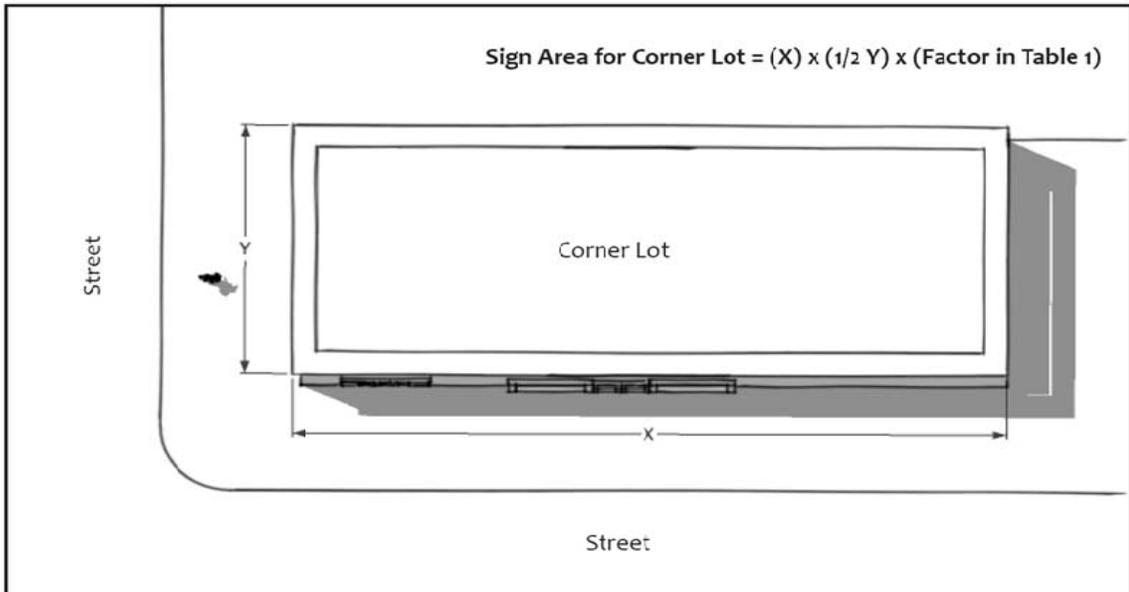
August 10, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting

On August 10th the Planning commission held a workshop to consider the new draft Sign Ordinance. The City's Community Development Committee directed the staff to begin work on re-writing the current sign ordinance in February, 2009. A first draft was completed and reviewed by the Community Development Committee on April 21, 2009, followed by revised second and third drafts considered by the Sign Ordinance Subcommittee on May 7, 2009 and May 15, 2009 respectively.

A Special meeting was conducted to consider the draft Sign Ordinance by the Chamber of Commerce in May, 2009. Input and comments were received from those attending the Special chamber of commerce meeting. A Sign Ordinance Community Opinion Survey was handed out to those who attended the Special Chamber of Commerce meeting in order to generate community sentiment regarding the extent that sign regulation that is appropriate. Also, the members of the Planning Commission responded to the Sign Ordinance Community Opinion Survey.

The Planning Commission considered the final Draft Sign Ordinance within a workshop format as a Discussion Item at August 10, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. At the conclusion of the workshop on August 10, 2010 the Planning Commission directed the staff to amend the draft Ordinance to permit signs on all exposed sides of a business as well as allowing aggregate permissible sign area based upon the number of exposed sides of a business. Also, the staff was directed to eliminate any restrictions to electronic signs except for the maximum permitted size.

The Planning commission shall hold one more workshop, anticipated to be held on September 14, 2010.



OLD TOWNACTION PLAN COMMITTEE :

OTAP Committee Meeting July 27, 2010

On July 27, 2010 the Old Towne Action Plan Committee considered the 2-D and 3-D visualization Project for Downtown Ridgecrest Prepared by the Kern Council of Governments. Including in this presentation were the following concept plans for Downtown Ridgecrest:



1. Existing view looking south down Balsam Street



Bird's Eye view of China Lake Blvd and Ridgecrest Blvd.
City Hall complex at upper left, Balsam Street at upper right



Balsam Street Extension crossing W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Security Engineering now becomes a corner building, 127 – 135 W.R. Blvd. now renovated



August Monthly Report



City of Ridgecrest

Public Works Department

August 15, 2010

Safe Driving Tips

The summer season has arrived. The kids are free, vacation plans are booked and it's time to hit road for fun and relaxation. Or maybe you're still in commute mode, the weather is heating up and taking its toll on you and the car. This weekend, before you pack your car for vacation or get ready for a new work week, remember these tips and reminders to 'Arrive Alive.'

Vehicle Safety

- Check the tires, including the spare – proper inflation and good tread can save money, time and lives
- Inspect the engine, battery, hoses, belts and fluids for wear and proper levels. Check the A/C.
- Do a "once around" – test all the lights, wipers and clean the windows (inside and out)

- If you're not sure of what to do, consider a quick inspection by a qualified technician. A few dollars can mean peace of mind and safe arrivals

Prep an Emergency Roadside Kit

Traveling with Children

- Parents, grandparents and caregivers, use the **correct** seat for your small ones and get it installed properly. Remember that long trips can be especially tough on your kids
- Stopping along the way makes the trip easier and could be an adventure too!

Books, toys, DVDs and video games will keep them occupied and the driver focused

Tips for Staying Focused

- Don't use the cell phone and

don't text – Distracted Driving is deadly!

- Share the driving to avoid fatigue

- Rest – driving while drowsy can be fatal

- Schedule your trip to allow for frequent breaks

- Stop for food or beverages. Don't eat while driving

- Take time to pull over at rest stops to stretch your legs and focus your head

- Plan, map and time your trip ahead of time and let others know of your plans

Don't fall into the trap of driving while angry – aggressive driving kills.

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Wastewater Department

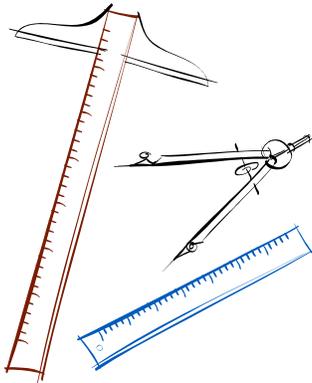
The City of Ridgecrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The Treatment Facility operated with no discharge violations or abnormal conditions. The Department inspected and passed (16) new connections to the sanitary sewage system. The Department responded to (3) requests for service, after in-

spection proved to be home owner related. The Department is continuing the treatment of man holes with a Boric Acid solution for the control of pests and vector reduction. As per Board order requirements the Department collected and had annual laboratory analysis performed on the discharge effluent from Pond No. 3. The results are included with this monthly report for July 2010.

The Reclamation Department reclaimed 8.37 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation. The Department hydro flushed 4,780 ft. of main line sewer for compliance with the SSO and SSMP program.

August Monthly Report

Engineering Department



Encroachment Permits Issued:

11 permits issued thru the month of July

Inspections:

IWWWD inspection of Searles Valley water line replacement project.

Private Development Activity:

Worked with Vimco, (Hotel developers, builders), for solution to sewer connection to California Ave.

Meeting with Walmart Engineer, Jeff Wagner of EDA to discuss design issues with streets, drainage, traffic controls, grading, etc.

1. Plan checked and returned improvement plans to EDA as a courtesy review of conceptual plans.
2. Further discussions with Jeff Wagner regarding proposed extension of Bowman Channel to near Ridgecrest Blvd. Proposed pilot channel project to city property adjacent to Ridgecrest Blvd. , (Highway 178).

Safe Driving Tips

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ers, it is legal and encouraged for you to call 911.

Summer Heat Alert!

- Remember: Never leave children & pets unattended in parked vehicles

Even on a relatively cool summer day, temperatures inside a vehicle can soar and your loved ones can die from heatstroke.

If travelers heed these safety tips, it will help keep you, your family and our roads safe during these summer months. This effort is part of the ongoing California Strategic Highway Safety Plan, where hundreds of state and local agencies, advocacy groups and private industries help develop tactics to significantly reduce deaths and injuries.

Safety First and Always

Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.

If you have a flat tire, engine problems or a fender bender, drive out of traffic lanes and off the highway if possible – freeway shoulders are not safe for repair work

- You will encounter roadwork, delays & detours – ‘Slow for the Cone Zone’

- Always plan ahead, use a Designated Sober Driver.

If you see drunk or dangerous driv-



Public Works Department

3. Authorized Penfield & Smith to prepare proposal for plan check services for the Walmart Project.
4. Coordinate and meet with City Staff members to appraise of activities.

Meeting with Tom Martin; property owner to the north of D.R. Horton Project, to discuss local drainage conveyance issues.

Worked on request by resident at 212 Apache for acquisition of portion of Walkway Park.

1. Meeting and field review of Walkway Park near 212 Apache.
2. Research municipal code and state legislative code on procedures for disposal of excess land.
3. Contacted city attorney for assistance in sale of excess land procedure.

Meeting with Commander Kloss of NAWS to discuss Transportation Incentive Programs.



Public Sector Projects

Pavement Management System

Interviewed and reviewed fee proposal with Penfield & Smith for PMS.

Ridgecrest Blvd.

Worked with Mark Thomas INC., Ed Noriega & Greg Gross, on drainage capacity issues and project delivery schedule.

1. Plan checked plans and specifications for project and returned to Mark Thomas.
2. Authorized Penfield & Smith to perform technical plan check review of traffic plans.
3. Worked with Bart Godett on Kern-Cog's recent call for projects.
4. Met with general public on comments, concerns and questions on the project
5. Worked with Mark Thomas, Inc. to get proposal for an update to the Environmental Compliance documents to be prepared for project ready status if necessary.

RDA Public Works Projects:

Reviewed RDA list of public works projects,

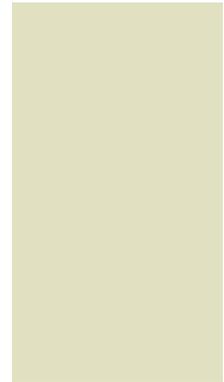
1. Coordinated and met with Parks Director for scope of work for parks projects
2. Coordinated and met with Public Works and Community Development Director for project priorities and recommendations.
3. Performed field investigation of existing streets for pilot capital street improvement projects.
4. Meeting and field review of alley way between City Hall and car wash, hotel with Penfield & Smith for proposal for alley way improvement design.

College Heights Blvd. Phase I & II, ARRA Projects:

1. Coordinated with SCE for pole relocation at Nancy Drive and south of Dolphin Ave.
 2. Coordinated with Verizon and Media Com for relocation of facilities.
 3. Prepared addendums I & II, minor corrections, clarifications and additions, and distributed to contractors.
 4. Conducted Pre Bid job walk with contractors and Penfield & Smith.
 5. Conducted Bid opening with Bowman Asphalt as apparent low bidder.
 6. Prepared scope of work for Penfield & Smith to prepare proposal for construction management services.
- Worked with Consultant and Cal-Trans, Bart Godett on ARRA process.

College Heights Blvd. Phase III:

1. Staff provided Penfield & Smith with file information to prepare proposal for design services.



Cycle 9, Safe Routes to School,

1. Authorized Penfield & Smith to prepare Cycle 9, Safe Routes to School application, staff performed field investigation with consultant and coordinated and managed consultants schedule and work.
2. Application was submitted on time and within consultant's negotiated price.

Church & China Lake Blvd. Traffic Signal:

1. Worked with Rob Kilpatrick, Hall & Foreman, on inspections and finalization of project.

Radar & China Lake Blvd. Traffic Signal:

1. Worked with Bart Godett and Rob Kilpatrick on obtaining an E-76, authorization to proceed with bidding of project.

S. Norma Street Improvements

1. Staff worked with Helt Engineering in finalization of bidding documents to prepare for advertisement.

General:

1. Attended meeting with Kern-Cog with Cal-Trans presentation on project status and new directives from FHWA.
2. Attended and gave presentation on Ridgecrest Blvd. status to Infrastructure Committee.
3. Attended and gave presentation on recommendations for Public Works Projects at City Council Meeting.
4. Attended meeting with Cal-Trans, Bart Godett, and Penfield & Smith on local projects status and requirements.