



TOWN OF WICKENBURG  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council  
From: Gary Edwards, Town Manager  
Date: January 25, 2010  
Subject: **Manager's Update**

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### Projects of Interest:

1. Interim Bypass Project: Cost Est: \$33 Million  
Completion of the Bypass is scheduled to occur in late February or early March. Recent rains may cause some delay. Construction on the plazas at both ends of the pedestrian bridge is well underway. It still is estimated that Tegner Street will be turned over to the Town in March or April. The LOMAR related to work on Sols Wash and the Bypass should be issued one year after completion of the Bypass.
2. Ocotillo Road Improvements: Cost Est: Up to \$591,000  
Work is well underway on Ocotillo Road. Should be completed in February, although recent rains may cause somewhat of a delay.
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion: Cost: \$4.7 Million  
Work continues on the plant application for the plant reclassification. Received word a few days ago that ADEQ has determined that our reclassification is administratively complete. They are now beginning the substantive review process.

Below is an update from my office of other various projects.

### **US 60 East Utilities –**

\$5.3 Million

The Calamity Wash Lift Station and the Aztec lift contracts were awarded by the Council on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Work should start soon.

### **Annexations –**

The Counties have sent needed information. The process continues to move forward.

### **Streetscape Phase III Infrastructure –**

Work on Phase III is underway. A large portion of the work should be complete by Gold Rush Days.

### **Westside Sewer –**

Plans are moving forward. Staff is continuing to do some Westside sewer work in tandem with the Vulture Mine Road stimulus project.

### **Personnel**

Please refer to the separate monthly report you receive from HR. This report is intentionally kept separate from the Council packet for purposes of confidentiality.

## **PLANNING**

FROM: Steve Boyle, Planner 1

RE: Community Development Department Updates of Current Projects

### **Planning Projects**

- Saguaro Estates Subdivision (Robert Schena) – The applicant submitted the preliminary plat and the Town Council approved the plat with various stipulations.
- Calamity Ranch (Michael Pierce) – The PAD request was approved by Town Council on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. Technical Review session was held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 for phase 1 of the development. Council granted a 2 year extension of the PAD which is valid until July 2011.
- Habitat For Humanity Palm Drive – 16 lot subdivision proposed along a property on the south side of Palm Drive in the RM-1 zoning district. Application to be heard on January 21, 2010 at the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Hermosa Ranch (Vulture 34) Application for 34 single-family homes on 34 acres in the R1-35 PAD Zoning District. The utilities are approximately 95% complete with no progression.
- Monte Vista Ranch Cottages – RM-1 Zoning- Preliminary plat was approved by the Town Council on August 6, 2007. Applicant had been granted a 6 month extension by the Town Council to his preliminary plat but it has expired. Staff met with the applicant and the preliminary plat will be re-submitted soon.
- Ace Hardware development review was approved by Planning & Zoning Commission on July 19, 2007. Grading has begun for the project but the building plans have not been submitted for approval by the Building Official.
- Wickenburg County Club Estates (Richard Ringwood). Final Plat was approved by the Town Council for 118 lots. The grading for the project is complete and utilities for Phase 1 are being installed.
- Holiday Inn Express – Development Review was approved on July 24, 2008<sup>h</sup> at the Planning and Zoning Commission. The applicant is currently arranging financing for the construction of the hotel.
- La Quinta Inn & Suites – Development Review was approved on September 18, 2008. A variance to the height requirements was approved by the Board of Adjustments on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Awaiting building application.

**Annexations** - Vulture Mine Road/Hwy 93—Council granted permission to staff to have a annexation plat prepared by a town engineer. Blank petition to be filed and hearing set for February 16, 2010

### **General Plan**

- Review of the entire General Plan (ongoing)
- EDAC has worked on a survey of the current General Plan and it will be distributed in the utility bills early next year.
- Waiting for approval of grant from the Department of Commerce.

### **Code Revisions**

- A draft copy is available on the Town website.
- Council is half way complete with the sign code. About 50% of the code has been reviewed by Council.

**Variance/Code Interpretation Case for January** - None

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** - Continual update of data

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

FROM: Steve McKay, Community Services Director  
RE: Community Services Department Updates of Current Projects

- We are still looking for a courtesy car for the airport. The AWOS system has been repaired and is working well. Most airports are reporting from 40% to 65% decline in traffic.
- Gothic Landscaping was making good progress on Streetscape III, until the rain. They are working hard not to inconvenience the downtown businesses. They have poured the first 4 curbs and will be starting the planting and irrigation weather permitting. They will be doing some survey work next week.
- We are getting ready for Gold Rush at the rodeo grounds. The rodeo grounds continue to be very busy this season. Camping in Constellation Park however is down by at least 50% due to the economy. We are replacing the very dangerous post and cable, parking lot fence with a two rail pipe fence which should prevent any further injuries of horses and riders. There is quite a bit of interest in the Ranch Rodeo at the end of the month this will be a new event for Wickenburg.
- We are asking for quotes for the RV pedestals at the Community Center and are still seeking ADOT permission to attach the conduit to the bypass wall.
- We have designed the future restrooms for the Pedestrian Bridge and Rodeo grounds.
- We have completed the Special Event Ordinance and associated Fee Resolution.
- We are moving ahead with the dog park, and the Sunset Park ball diamond fence extension, weather permitting. We have also settled on a design for the new play structure at Sunset Park.
- The Community Center is in the middle of the busy season with events seven days a week.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

FROM: Rick Austin, Public Works Director  
RE: Public Works Department Updates of Current Projects

### **PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN-PROCESS:**

1. **93 Bypass Project** – ADOT is the lead on this project. Project began February 11, 2008. Projected to be a 2 year project. The water and electric lines in conflict with the pedestrian bridge have been relocated, pressure tested and are operational.
2. **Highway 60 East Water and Wastewater** – ADOT is the lead on this project. Bid opened on 8/22/08. S J Lewis (low bidder) was awarded the contract. Construction began on November 17, 2008. The Town's portion of the water and sewer is complete. Final punch list submitted to ADOT.
3. **Calamity (Highway 60 East) and Aztec Lift Stations** – Plans have been approved by Maricopa County. Easement issues resolved and ADOT right-of-way permits have been issued. Bid opening held on December 1, 2009. Carson Construction low bidder, awarded by Council. Construction to begin at the end of February.
4. **Monte Vista Well** – Land acquisition completed. Will go out to bid for drilling late January.

5. **Ocotillo Road Improvements** –Council awarded bid to Carson Construction on September 21. Construction has started – road alignment complete. Rip rap and concrete in process.
6. **West Side Sewer Connections** – Project will be split into two portions upon Council approval on December 21, 2009 for the additional engineering. The first phase will consist of running the line down Vulture Mine Road in conjunction with the Vulture Mine Road project. Engineering 90% complete by January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be submitted to County.
7. **Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Rate Study:** Study adopted by Council on December 21, 2009.
8. **CDBG Water Projects** – Two projects, Sylvan Addition Fire Improvements and El Recreo Fire Improvements have been approved and a notice to proceed from Maricopa County was issued in December. Engineering should be completed by end of February.
9. **Downtown Parking** – Staff received lease agreement from Railroad. Council approved lease agreement pending concept design. Concept design complete and being reviewed by railroad. Lease agreement being drafted.
10. **Country Club Estates** – Project has been split into 3 phases. Phase I mass grading almost complete. Phase I water and sewer lines complete and pressure tested.
11. **Lincoln Street connector** – Council approved engineering on 6/1/2009 for paving the dirt portion of Lincoln Street near Center Street, off Pleasant Valley Subdivision. Council awarded bid to Carson Construction, low bidder @ \$60,212.60, on October 19. Paving complete waiting final walk through.
12. **Vulture Mine Road** – Project qualifies for stimulus funds and includes milling, paving and drainage improvements to address safety issues. Council approved concept design and environmental study required for stimulus funds on 6/1/2009. Funding has been allocated. 100% plans to ADOT for review.
13. **Power Conservation Stimulus Grant** – Qualifying projects include solar power for Town facilities, hybrid vehicles and power efficient lighting and street lights. Phase one approved which includes airport power improvements with solar.
14. **Mount Pleasant Road Bank Reinforcement** – Geotech and survey complete. Bid opening held on October 13, 2009. Slaton Brothers low bidder at \$75,690.00. Award by Council on October 26. Work in process. Excavation complete, block being set.
15. **Washington Alley Power Improvements:** Part of APS annual upgrades. Currently in engineering phase.
16. **Mariposa Sewer Lift Station** – Lift station not repairable. Began constructing new line to bypass lift station on 11/16. Construction completed pending final punch list. Payment going to Council on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
17. **Yucca Tank Easements** – Went to Council on 11/16 to approve appraisal.
18. **2011 CDBG Projects** – two sewer project applications have been submitted to the County, Washington Alley and Whipple Court. Waiting on approval process.

#### **PROJECTS ON HOLD:**

- **New Downtown Directional Signs** – All signs but 2 have been erected. The last 2 are going before DRAC again before they are set.
- **Hermosa Ranch**
- **Forepaugh Road**
- **Forepaugh Well:** Well has been video taped. Test pump completed. Well sample results received and order review.
- **Walk Path at Sols Wash** – ADOT and Flood control has given authorization to tie in sidewalks to their projects to utilize the walk path over Sols Wash (on bridge). Reviewed by engineer and received cost estimates. Project pending funding.
- **Borrow Pit** – No trespassing signs in place and chains and bollards are now blocking both entrances. Hydro-seed in place.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FROM: Ed Temerowski, Fire Chief  
RE: Fire Department Run Report for December 2009

<b>MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Fires	3
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhead – no fire	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	58
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4
Service Call	3
Good Intent Call	9
False Alarm & False Call	3
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

<b>INCIDENT – TOWN</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Cooking fire, confined to container	1
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	41
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	3
Hazardous condition, other	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2
Animal Problem	2
Assist police or other government agency	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	4
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

<b>INCIDENT – RURAL</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Outside rubbish fire, other	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>INCIDENT – OUTSIDE DISTRICT</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>