

Town of Yucca Valley Community Update June 23, 2014

June 23, 2014 Special Town Council Meeting

Please join us tonight, June 23, at the Special Town Council Meeting at 6:00PM in the Yucca Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center. The agenda includes the following items for Council consideration:

- Presentation by the Yucca Valley Youth Commission- Video Project
- Report from Hi Desert Water
- Adoption of Assessment Districts Report and Levying Annual Assessments
- Amendment to Public Lands Highway Discretionary Funds Projects (PLHD) to Include Black Rock Canyon Road and Additional Traffic Control
- Authorization of the Levy of a Special Service Tax Upon Real Property Within Community Facilities District
- Budget Amendment for Recall Petition Summary

The Consent Agenda includes:

- Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 19525 for Three Commercial Lots – Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center, Panda Express, Taco Bell
- Amendment to Town Wide Slurry Seal Project to include Joshua Lane from Joshua Drive to Yucca Trail
- Award of Contract for Information Technology/Network Services
- Approval of the Amended and Restated Community Block Grant Cooperation Agreement and the City-County Delegate Agency Agreement with San Bernardino County
- Receipt of the End of Services Report for the Hi Desert Nature Museum Contract Registrar
- Approval of the Measure I Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Expenditure Strategy
- Receipt of the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the Month of May 2014
- Ratification of the Payroll and Warrant Registers

The Town Council's regular meetings are held in the Yucca room at the Yucca Valley Community Center on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM.

June 24, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Yucca Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center. The agenda includes the following items for Commission consideration:

- Development Code Amendment - Home Occupation Regulations
- Development Code Amendment – Article 2, Zoning Districts and Development Standards

The Planning Commission meets in the Yucca Room and the Yucca Valley Community Center on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM.

Highway (SR) 62 from Apache Trail to Palm Avenue Median Island and Sidewalk Project Public Information Workshop

Business owners, property owners, and the general public are invited to attend the Public Information Workshop for the PLHD Highway 62 raised median island and sidewalk project on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Ocotillo Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center, located at 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

The Public Lands Highways Discretionary Fund (PLHD) Project is located on Highway 62, between Apache and Palm, and includes the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalks, raised median islands, and a traffic signal at Church Street.

The installation of the sidewalks, curb & gutter, and handicap ramps began on Monday, June 2, 2014. The Town is working with the contractor to minimize impacts on traffic by having two lanes open in each direction after the work day and on weekends. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2014.

At the Workshop on Wednesday, June 25th, the Town will provide an overview of the raised median and sidewalk project, and it will also cover topics such as the anticipated project schedule, project funding sources, and business community outreach and communication during project construction.

If your property or business is affected by this project, or if you have an interest in the project, please plan on attending this workshop.

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Ocotillo Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.**

Please contact the Town Yucca Valley at 760 369 1265 ext.304 for further project information.

SR 62 Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements from Apache Trail to Palm Avenue (PLHD)

The project includes construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and raised median islands on SR 62, between Apache and Palm Avenue and the construction of a traffic signal at SR 62 and Church Street. In addition, there will be traffic signal modifications at SR 62 and Acoma/Mohawk. The Project was awarded by the Town Council on November 19, 2013 to

Matich Corporation in the amount of \$2,798,000. The Town is working with Matich Corporation on traffic control measures which would result in the all travel lanes being re-opened at the end of each construction day and on weekends. These efforts are designed to minimize to the extent feasible the impact to business access and traffic flow on SR 62 during the construction process.

Status:

Demolition work on the east bound side is complete from Church Street to west of Apache Trail. Over 1,000 feet of curb and gutter will be complete this week. The started pouring the sidewalks on Friday, June 20th. The Hi-Desert Water District relocated 700 feet of water main along SR62 that was discovered to interfere with the new sidewalk location. Preliminary work for the Church Street signal has also begun.



Town Wide Slurry Seal 2014/2015

The project involves the application of a Type II cape seal on designated streets throughout the Town. The project includes but is not limited to mobilization, traffic control, removal of pavement stripping, markings and legends, and application of slurry and cape seal as well as all appurtenant labor, materials and equipment.

Status:

Work area notifications were completed last week. Striping removal will begin on Monday, June 23rd. Our crews will be performing some minor overlay work next week between Joshua Drive and Onaga Trail. Chip seal is expected to start on Wednesday, June 25th and will begin at San Marino and continue north. The Town Council will act on a change to the scope of the project to include the portion of Joshua Lane from Joshua Drive to Yucca Trail (approximately 225,000 square feet) to avoid further deterioration to the Joshua Lane and prevent it from falling into a grind and overlay status.



Senior Housing Project

The project includes the construction of a 74 unit affordable senior housing development and the construction of all improvements associated with the project. A managers unit will also be constructed.

CORE will be holding additional sign up days in June for those who wish to submit applications. They will be accepting applications at the Joshua Tree room in the Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday June 30th.

Status:

Work on the interior is continuing on both buildings. The exterior pop out framing on building one is nearly complete, and stucco for building one is expected to be underway within the next two weeks. Work has started for the onsite sewage treatment package plant.



Hawks Landing Golf Course at Blue Skies

The project involves the reconstruction of the former Blue Skies Golf Course.

Status:

All planting has been completed, and several of the greens are being mowed every two days. Site preparation for the clubhouse is ongoing.



Marshalls/Petco

The project involves the construction of 34,650 square feet of retail space for a Marsha/Petco commercial building at the Home Depot front parcel.

Status:

The interior of the Petco building is ready for shelving and furniture. The septic facilities for both buildings have been installed. Parking lot paving is also complete. Petco is currently expected to be ready for opening in approximately the second week of July, and Marshalls is expect to be completed in August.



Safe Route to School Project

The project includes the construction of sidewalks on Sage Avenue, between Onaga Trail and SR62. The project also includes the replacement of existing flashing beacons by Yucca Elementary, Onaga Elementary

Status:

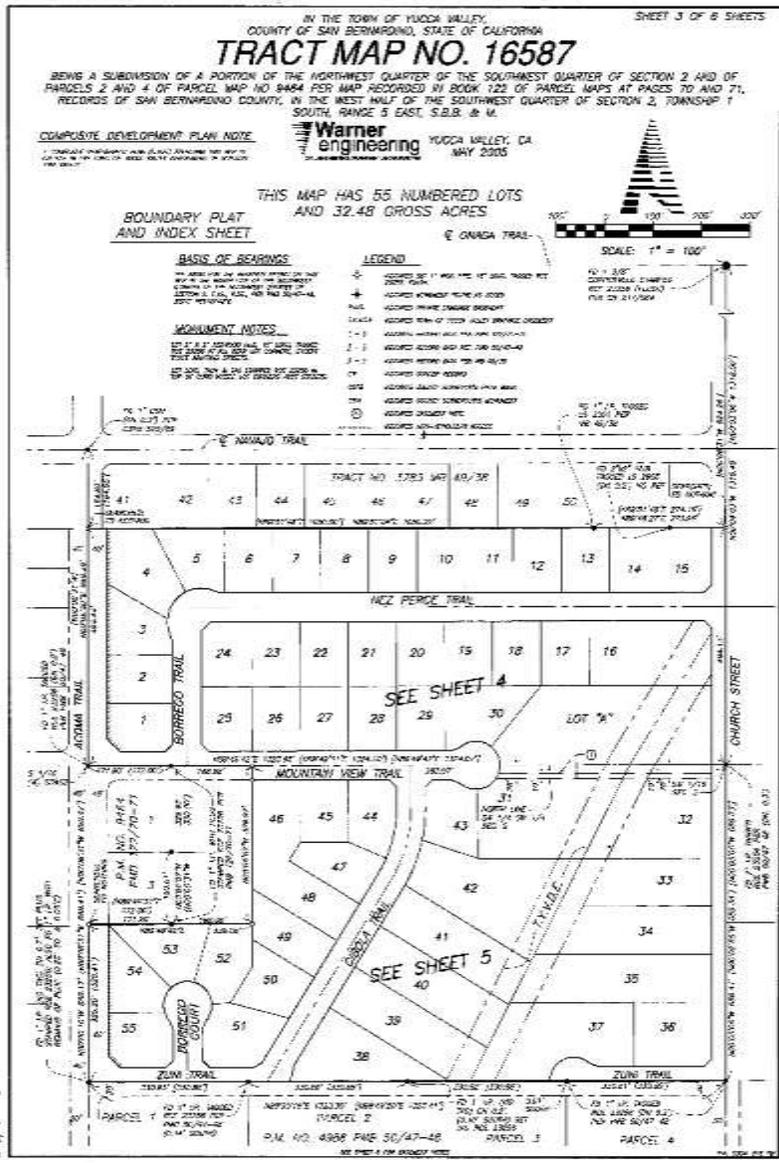
The Town Council awarded the construction contract to Matich Corporation on June 3, 2014 in the amount of \$274,000 and authorized a construction contingency in the amount of \$27,400. The Council also authorized the Alternative C bid option for an additional \$89,000. Alternative C provided for the inclusion of the installation of all improvements on the east side of Sage Avenue from Onaga Trail to Pueblo Trail. Work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the school year.

Mesquite 55, Residential Development

The project involves a residential development on Acoma Trail, south of Onaga Trail.

Status:

Precise grading plans for 8 lots and residential units have been approved and 4 building permits were issued.



HOP 11-05 Falossi

This project involves a request for approval of a Home Occupation Permit for an artist studio located at 6229 Hoot Owl Trail.

Status:

This request was approved by the Planning Commission on June 10, 2014. An appeal application has been filed and the Town Council will hold the Appeal hearing in the near future.

HOP 01-11 Zorawicki

This project involves a request for the renewal of an approved Home Occupation Permit to assemble firearms that are purchased in kit form and to buy and sell firearms to the public. The project is located at 55990 Skyline Ranch Rd.

Status:

This request was approved by the Planning Commission on June 10, 2014.

SPL 05-14 Starfinds

This project involves an application to conduct a weekly (Saturdays) Certified Farmers Market to include a crafters and artists. The property is located at 7332 Apache Trail

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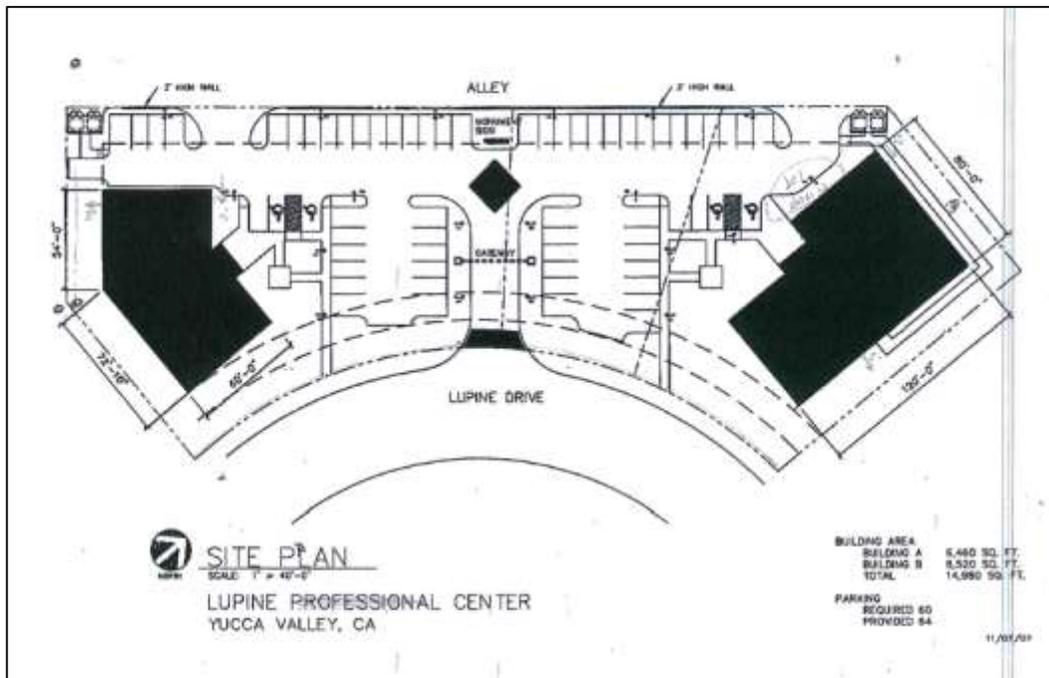
This application is currently undergoing review by the Planning Division, pending the submission of further materials by the applicant.

CUP 09-07 Lupine Plaza

This project involves the Extension of Time on the approval for the construction of two office buildings on the north side of Lupine Drive.

Status:

This project is currently under review by Town staff.

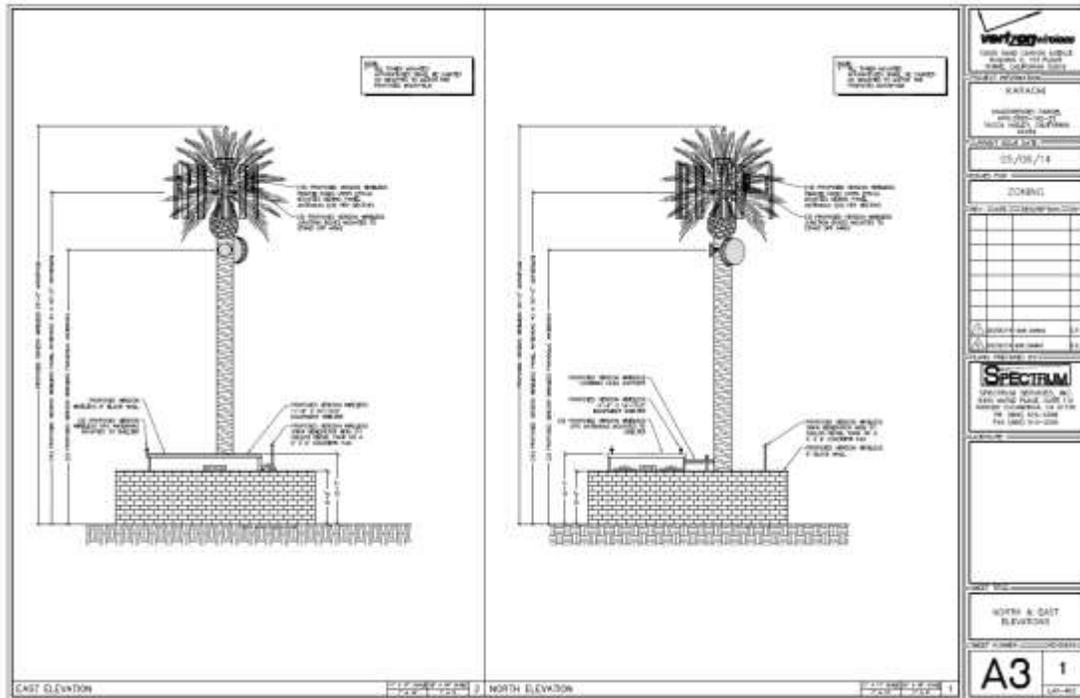


CUP 01-14 Spectrum-Verizon

This project involves a proposal for a 60 ft. cell tower located on a vacant lot on Primrose Dr.

Status:

This project is currently under review by Town staff.



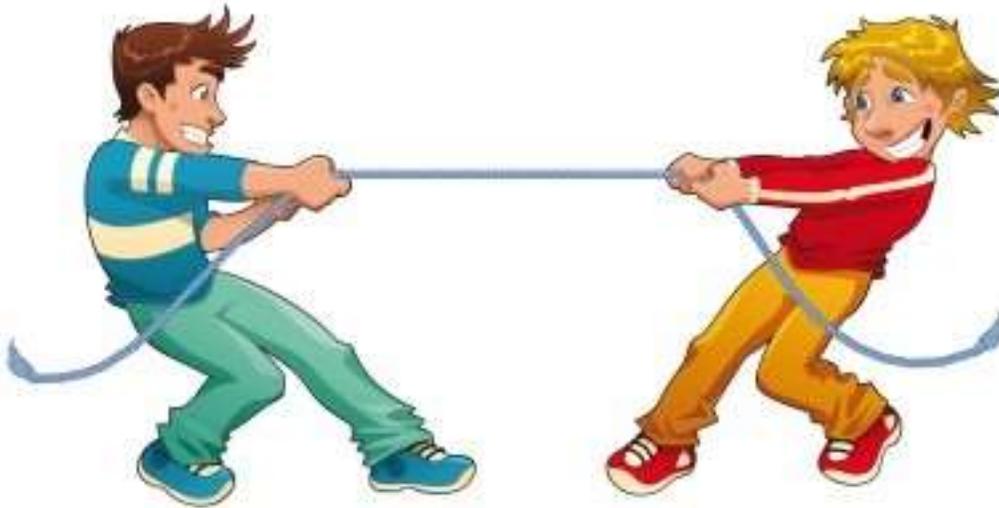
Science Saturdays at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Join us for days of discovery during Science Saturdays! These programs will ignite your children's curiosity by presenting information and performing experiments relating to biological and physical sciences. All programs will be facilitated by our Museum Educator. It is recommended that children be of school age for this program. Science Saturdays are held from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. and are offered free of charge with no pre-registration required.

Forces

Saturday July 12, 2014

11:00 – 11:30



Hi-Desert Nature Museum Presents “Hatching The Past”

May 30 through September 22, 2014

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum will present a new temporary exhibition, “Hatching the Past,” on display May 30 through September 22, 2014. This exhibit takes a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs through their eggs, nests, and embryos. “Hatching the Past” blends the arts and sciences with an astounding array of dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe, including those of each major plant and meat-eating dinosaur group. This science rich hands-on exhibit invites visitors to dig for eggs, touch a real dinosaur bone and discover the mysteries of dinosaur family life.

For 50 years the Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been dedicated to the process of education by exploring the natural, artistic and cultural heritage of the Morongo Basin and High Desert. The Museum seeks to inspire wonder, discovery, understanding, and responsibility in its community and visitors through exhibits, programs, and collections in the arts, history, and natural sciences. The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms Highway. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations support the educational mission of the Museum. For more information, contact the Hi-Desert Nature Museum at (760) 369-7212 or see our web site at www.hideserternaturemuseum.org. Visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!



Animal Vaccination Clinic

Yucca Valley Animal Control will be holding its second animal vaccination clinic for 2014 on June 26th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Community Center with both the Town and County staff selling dog licenses. The attending veterinarian will be Dr. Bethan Smith, D.V.M. of VCA along with supporting VCA staff members.

June 26th from 4 -6 p.m at the Community Center

Animal Shelter Visitors and Adoptions

Sponsored Pet Adoptions

Recent adoptions at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter include sponsored adoptions. Sponsored adoptions are adoptions that are paid for in part or whole. Funds that support sponsored adoptions are received through donations to the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter. Pets that are typically sponsored are either senior pets, pets that have been at the animal shelter for a longer period or pets adopted to folks who are on a limited income. If anyone wishes to support this program, please call 760-365-3111. Or, come in and visit us at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter located at 4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley. We would be happy to show you around the facility!





Animal Control Call for Service

Animal Control Receiving Call about Snakes

Within the past week, Animal Control Officers have responded to six (6) calls for service from residents regarding snakes located in or around people's residences. Officers removed a number of snakes, including four (4) venomous rattlesnakes. While responding to calls, Officers routinely provide residents with educational information regarding local snake species. Animal Control officials would like to remind local residents to be aware of the possibility of snakes and other reptiles visiting their properties during the warm summer months. To reduce your risk of an un-wanted encounter, Officers offer the following tips:

- Keep the area around your home clean and free of debris.
- Trim vegetation, including bushes, so that the ground is clear.
- Keep garage doors and sliding glass doors closed, particularly early in the morning and in the late afternoon. Also, make sure the screens covering your windows have no areas that a snake can slide through.
- Pool pumps are popular places for snakes to rest.
- Limit the amount of standing water that you leave near your home.

Remember, non-venomous snakes are welcome partners in rodent control. If you observe a venomous snake in your house or in an area close to your house, make sure children and dogs are removed and in a safe area, keep a distant eye on the snake's location, and contact Animal Control at 760-365-1807.



Code Compliance

Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about junk and trash located out in the public view on a property located on Richard. Code made contact with the owner, and within 30 days the owner was able to bring the property into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about dead and dry vegetation located out in the public view on a property located on Richard. Code made contact with the owner and owner stated that they had to complete an eviction with the current tenants. Within 30 days owner was able to get the tenants out of the property and was brought into compliance.



Parks Division Repairs and Improvements

Turf Maintenance

The Parks Division is constantly working to keep our parks beautiful and green, and recently they have been aerating both Machris and Essig Parks. This is a process necessary for maintaining healthy turf.



Paradise Park Vandalism Repairs

Unfortunately the Parks Division also has to repair damage caused by vandalism. Recently damage was caused in Paradise Park by vandals painting graffiti across the restroom building. If you see someone vandalizing our public parks and facilities, please report it, and help in our efforts to keep Yucca Valley parks beautiful and clean for all users.



Streets Division Repairs and Improvements

Asphalt Crack Repair

The Streets Division recently completed sealing the cracks in 3.3 lane miles of roadway on 5 different streets throughout the Town. The process involves first cleaning any dirt or debris out of the cracks, filling the cracks with hot liquid sealant, spreading the sealant evenly into the cracks, and then applying detack coating to make it safe for immediate vehicular traffic. Crack sealing is a necessary part of extending the lifespan of our roads.



Streets Division - Completed Asphalt Overlays

Free Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Western Terminus

Asphalt season is well underway, and the Streets Division has completed paving Free Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to the western terminus of Free Gold Drive with an asphalt overlay. This repair was necessary because pothole repair is constantly being performed of Free God Drive due to its dilapidated state. This project involved:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 45 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 136 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic “STOP” and limit line.

The cost of this project was approximately \$12,532.00 in materials.



Streets Division – Upcoming Asphalt Overlays

The Streets Division will be laying asphalt overlays this summer to repair some of Yucca Valley's more damaged streets. Laying asphalt is something that can only be done in the summer, as the high temperatures are needed to make sure the asphalt mix adheres properly. The following streets are scheduled to receive asphalt this season:

Desert Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue

The street crew will be paving Desert Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue with an asphalt overlay. This repair is necessary because pothole repair is constantly being performed on Free God Drive due to its dilapidated state. This project will involve:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 28 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 90 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic "STOP" (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project is approximately \$8,279.00 in materials.



Hidden Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Western Terminus

The Streets Division will be paving Hidden Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to the western terminus of Hidden Gold Drive with an asphalt overlay. This repair is necessary due to rough driving conditions with numerous rock protrusions visible. This project will involve:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,

2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 50 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 155 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic “STOP” (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project is approximately \$14,152.00 in materials.

