

Town of Yucca Valley

Community Update

June 16, 2015



Welcome to another edition of the Town’s Community update. We trust that you will find this information useful and interesting. While some of the highlighted projects are significant and easily identifiable as you travel around Town, we also like to highlight other important tasks and accomplishments that might not be quite as obvious. As always, we appreciate your participation and feedback at any time. Visit the Town’s website for contact and additional information at www.yucca-valley.org.

County Provides Results for June 2, 2015 Measure X Special Election

The San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters released the preliminary outcome of the Town’s Measure X which was voted upon in the June 2, 2015 Special Election. According to the Registrar of Voters, Measure X received 43.27% of votes in favor of Measure X, and 56.73% of votes in opposition to Measure X. Accordingly the Measure has FAILED.

The Town Clerk for the Town of Yucca Valley will present the final tabulated election results to the Town Council for certification at its first regular meeting after official notification from the Registrar of Voters. Upon Town Council certification, the special election process will be complete, and the Town’s existing prohibition on medical marijuana dispensaries will remain unchanged.

“We are thankful to the voters of this Town who took the time and effort to make their voices heard on this important matter.” stated George Huntington, Mayor of Yucca Valley. “The voters of the community have spoken, and it is the responsibility of the Town to honor and uphold the voice of the people.”

Additional questions related to the election can be directed to the Town Clerk via email at townclerk@yucca-valley.org, or by contacting the Town at (760) 369-7207 ext. 226.

Mayor to Hold Regular Office Hours

Town of Yucca Valley's Mayor, George Huntington invites the public to become engaged in the community and local government. Mayor Huntington will be available at Town Hall every Monday, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to meet with local individuals to discuss their areas of concern, ideas for the community, or to learn more about the activities within the Town.

Individual meetings with the mayor will occur on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to meet with Mayor Huntington outside of this designated time are invited to call the Town Clerk at (760) 369-7209 x226 to arrange for an appointment.

Measure Y – Hi Desert Medical Center Affiliation Vote

In a special mail ballot election scheduled for June 23, 2015, Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District will seek voter approval of the agreements with HDMC Holdings, LLC, an affiliate of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, to lease and operate the medical center and associated facilities for 30 years. These agreements ensure continued health care services to the Hi Desert Memorial Health Care District communities without an increase in cost to taxpayers. Tenet would expand service offerings, recruit physicians to treat patients and install newer medical equipment and electronic health systems. Tenet will not receive taxpayer monies through these agreements; financial support to the community would increase through Tenet's payment of rent and property tax. For more information on this important vote, visit the District's website at <http://www.hdmc.org/documents/BoardAffiliationQA> .

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department announces New Commander of the Morongo Basin Station

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Sheriff John McMahon promoted Lieutenant Jeff Joling to the rank of Captain. Lt. Joling will return to the Morongo Basin Station as Commander on June 27, 2015. Lt. Joling will leave his current assignment as the Lieutenant of the Volunteer Forces/Emergency Operations Center at Sheriff's Headquarters.

Lt. Joling has been a resident of the Morongo Basin for over 20 years. He has also spent a majority of his career serving the citizens of the Morongo Basin.

Lt. Joling graduated from the 97th Academy in November of 1989. His first assignment was to the Central Detention Center. In March of 1991, he was assigned to the Morongo Basin Station. In March of 1996, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal/Detective and remained in Morongo. In September Of 2000, he was transferred to the Specialized Investigations Division,

Homicide Detail as a Detective. Joling returned to the Morongo Basin in April of 2002 and in December of 2003, was promoted to Sergeant and remained in Morongo. In May of 2010, Joling was reassigned to the department's Volunteer Forces/Emergency Operations Center. In January of 2013, Joling was promoted to Lieutenant and remained in Volunteer Forces until his promotion to Captain.

For more information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Public Affairs Division at: 909-387-3700

Recreation Department – Upcoming Events and Activities

Experience Yucca Valley Activity and Events Guide

Keep track of upcoming events with the Experience Yucca Valley Activity and Events Guide. Copies can be picked up at the Community Center and at Town Hall. It is also available on our website at www.yucca-valley.org.

Summer Adult Slow Pitch Softball Registration Extended

Sign up: May 18 – June 16

League Play Begins: June 22

Registration: \$400 per team

Maximum Roster: 16 players

Ages: 18 & over (2 minor age players 16+ allowed with parent permission form)

Enjoy summer evenings at the park by joining one of four adult slow pitch softball leagues offered by the Town of Yucca Valley. Teams will play an average of ten games followed by playoffs and a championship game; league play begins the week of June 22, 2015. Teams may choose from men's league, ladies league and two coed leagues. Games will be played once a week at the Community Center with Ladies League on Monday; Coed Leagues on Tuesday or Thursday; and Men's League on Wednesday. Teams play 10 players defensively, with a maximum of 16 players on a roster. Two minor players (age 16 or 17) are allowed per team with parent permission. This recreation-level program is well suited for corporate or family teams that want to play for fun and exercise.

League fees are \$400 per team and must be paid in full at the time of registration. First place teams receive a League Champion trophy and player t-shirts; a second place trophy is awarded to the runner up. Umpire fees, scorekeeping, balls, lights and field preparation are all included.

Registration is underway with the deadline extended to June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., or when divisions are full. Games schedules will be posted on or before June 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m. All interested teams can register online at www.yucca-valley.org or in person at the Yucca Valley Community Center from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For Town of Yucca Valley sports information, forms, schedules and league standings visit <http://www.quickscores.com/yuccavalley> or contact the Town of Yucca Valley Community Services Department at 760-369-7211.



Personal Self Defense Class

Registration is underway for this Saturday workshop. \$15.00 per session, free with student ID. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged. Two dates to choose from: July 18 or August 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Learn the time tested art of the Samurai - tailored to today's environment. Instructor Norman Rose, black belt in Ketsugo Jujitsu, has 20 years of experience and will teach a variety of self-defense techniques. This 2 ½ hour, hands-on lesson is presented by the Town of Yucca Valley Recreation Department and includes demonstrations, instruction and lecture. Students should wear comfortable clothing. Ages 14 and up are welcome to participate and no experience is required. The Self-Defense Workshop is offered twice this summer, July 18 and Aug 22 at the Community Center. The cost is \$15.00 per person; the class is free to students with ID.

Space is limited. Participants may pre-register online at www.yucca-valley.org or in person at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. On-site registration will be accepted as space allows.

Swim Lesson Registration

Registration opens Monday, June 8, 2015, beginning at 12 noon.
\$45.00 per session. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged.

Register online at www.yucca-valley.org or in person at the Yucca Valley Community Center Mondays - Thursdays, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Classes will remain open until filled.

For proper class placement and maximum opportunity to learn, skills testing is recommended. Aquatic staff will be available during the following times for skills testing. Testing only, no registration on these dates:

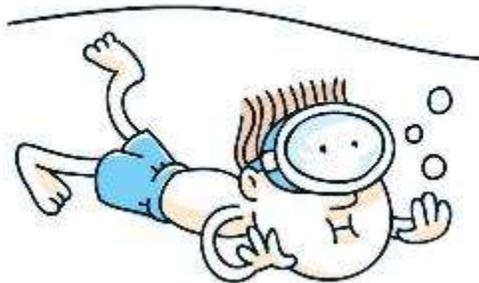
Saturday June 6th, 9 am – 12 pm

Saturday June 13th, 10 am – 12 pm

Additional skill testing is available throughout the season.

The Town of Yucca Valley Recreation Department will begin its summer Aquatics program on June 22, 2015 at the community pool located at Yucca Valley High School. The Town of Yucca Valley conducts the summer Aquatics program Monday through Saturday with an exciting array of offerings that include swim lessons, fun swim, lap swimming and water aerobics. The pool will be open through August 15, 2015.

For more information about Aquatics program offerings or to view the complete schedules please visit us at www.yucca-valley.org.

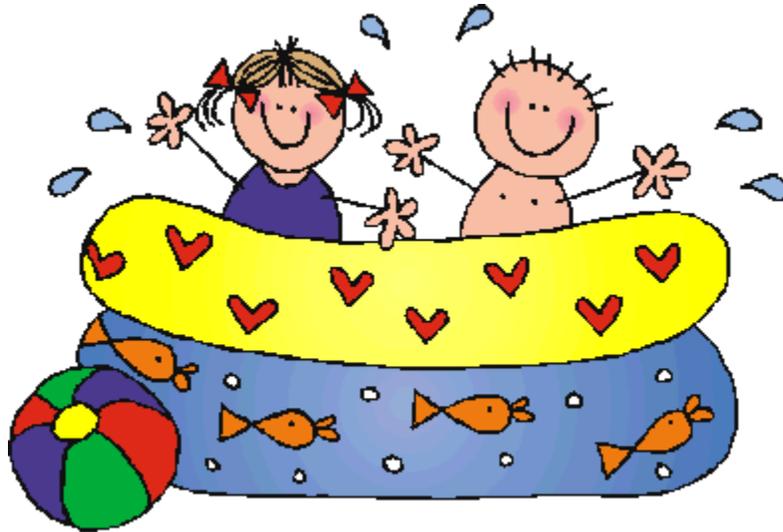


Paradise Park Kids' Splash Day

Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 11 am to 2 pm

This free event will transform Paradise Park into a mini water park for children including an inflatable water slide, water games and refreshments! Free hotdogs and snow cones!

Ages 5-17, children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Every Other Friday

June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14

Hey kids! Is the summer heat starting to get to you? Come cool off in the park! Recreation staff has lots of ways to beat the summer heat. Slide down a slip-n-slide, splash in wading pools, run in and out of sprinklers, or how about a water balloon toss? We'll keep you cool by keeping you drenched! This event is FREE to the public.



Hi-Desert Nature Museum – Upcoming Events and Activities

Eat Well, Play Well Exhibit

Nutrition and Fitness Exhibit Helps Visitors Explore Healthy Choices

On display June 4 – September 12

What is in the food we eat? Are fruits and vegetables important? Can everyday activities burn calories? The Hi-Desert Nature Museum offers its newest exhibit, which opened on Thursday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Visitors will find the answers to a variety of interesting questions by exploring nutrition and fitness in Eat Well, Play Well, an engaging and educational science exhibit. The hands-on exhibit appeals to children and their families and features text in English and Spanish.

Eat Well, Play Well encourages healthy living by teaching the science of making healthy food choices and helping children and adults discover there are many fun and interesting ways to stay active. Visitors will discover what an appropriate serving size looks like, see firsthand what it takes to burn off calories, test their flexibility and balance, review the latest clinical research and realize that they can reduce their risk of disease with healthy choices.

Come bien, Juega bien es una exhibición de ciencia, práctica y bilingüe (Español/Inglés) que ayuda a los niños y familias a descubrir la ciencia de tomar decisiones saludables acerca de la alimentación y las muchas maneras divertidas e interesante de hacer ejercicio. Los visitantes aprenderán acerca del mundo de la nutrición y el ejercicio a través de nueve áreas interactivas que enseñan estrategias para vivir saludablemente.

Eat Well, 
 **Play Well**

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Come Bien, Juega Bien

Youth Summer Camp

This year a summer camp themed around the Museum's Eat Well, Play Well Exhibit is offered to children 6 years and over. The programs run Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. \$20 per week. Sign-up early!

[Sign up online here](#)

Week 1: June 23 – June 25

Science - How does your body work?

Biology and chemistry of body functions

Week 2: June 30 – July 2

Food - Prepare Fun and Health Food

Make your own yummy food and eat it too.

Week 3: July 7 – July 9

Art and Food

Pottery and Paint related to food.

Week 4: July 14 – July 16

Exercise Fun and Games to Keep You Fit

Try some new sports and activities.



Brown Bag Lunch Lecture – Parasites. The good, the bad and the ugly!

With Stefanie Ritter, Museum Biologist

June 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5 and Free for Members

Thinking about parasites gives most people the creeps. In this lecture you will also experience awe, astonishment and disgust while immersing yourself in the bizarre and sometimes beautiful world of parasites. From plant to animal, internal to external, parasites have explored all realms. See eye-popping snails (literally) and beautiful plants, the parasitic world has that and much more to offer.

Bring your lunch, bring your friends, or just bring yourself to our Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series once a month. Speakers will present topics of special interest for high desert residents. The lectures start at 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$ 5 – Free for Members - beverages will be served.



Jacob's Park Playground Equipment Improvements Project

The new playground equipment project at Jacob's Park was recently completed. The Yucca Valley Town Council awarded an \$89,405.00 construction contract for replacement of the playground equipment at the Jacob's Park. This project was funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars that are distributed from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the County of San Bernardino to the Town of Yucca Valley.

The Jacobs Park Playground Equipment Improvement project included the replacement of the old playground equipment, as well as replacing the existing sand with wood chips for ADA access. The playground equipment is designed for both the 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 year old age groups. A new swing apparatus was installed south of the new playground equipment, where the former 2 to 5 year old playground apparatus was located.

Jacob's Park is open for public use at this time. The Town Council will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for Jacob's Park on June 16, 2015 at 5:00 pm.



Parks Division News, Repairs and Improvements

Jacobs Park

The Parks Division has been performing final safety inspections for the new playground equipment installed at Jacobs Park to insure that the new equipment conforms to all safety guidelines.



Community Center

The Parks Division, with the the assistance of the Facilities Maintenance Division, recently installed new safety fence toppers at the Community Center softball field. The Parks Division also prefomed irrigation repairs



These are just a few examples of the work the Parks Division undertakes to keep the community's parks looking great.

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and Animal Care and Control

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

During May 2015, a total of 82 dogs and cats were either adopted, returned to their owners or transferred to an animal rescue for adoption! If you are looking for a companion animal, please visit us. The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter is located at 4755 Malin way which is off of Skyline Ranch Road. The Shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 5 pm, excluding holidays. Please call us at 760-365-3111 if you have any questions. Pictures of some of our adoptable pets can be found on Petfinder.com



Pets Left in Vehicles on Warm or Hot Days

California Penal Code 597.7 states “No person shall leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability or death to the animal”. During the month of May 2015, Yucca Valley Animal Control received an average of two calls per day about dogs being left in hot cars. This number does not include the calls the Sheriff’s Department received on this same topic. Even with newspaper articles, radio announcements, television, and internet news all warning people about the dangers of leaving pets in their car during warmer weather, many people still believe it is okay. The most common excuses animal control hears are: “I was only gone for a few minutes,” or “The windows are cracked and it is only 78 degrees outside”. In reality, it is rare anyone can go in and out of a store and purchase items “in a few minutes,” and at 78 degrees, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise remarkably fast even with the windows cracked open and the vehicle parked in the shade. Have you ever waited in a car yourself in this type of situation? It is an eye opening experience.

If you see a pet left in these conditions, write down the license number, color of the vehicle and the vehicle make. If possible, go immediately into the business where the vehicle is parked at and give the information to the business and have the owner paged. If the owner does not respond, call animal control or the Sheriff’s department. Yucca Valley Animal Control’s number is 760-365-1807. If it is after five (5) p.m. or on a weekend or holiday, call Sheriff’s dispatch at 760-365-2364. Please note that some people leave pets in vehicles with the air conditioning on. While this is not advised, it is not against the law.



Code Compliance

Property Maintenance

The Code Compliance Division has received multiple complaints of junk and trash located on Pinon Drive. Code made contact with the owner, and they stated that the property was in foreclosure. Code cited the bank for the junk and trash, and the bank brought the property into compliance.





The Code Compliance Division received complaints about a dumped sectional couch located on Joshua Drive. Code contacted the Clean Team for assistance with the removal, however the residents took care of the dumped couch. Thank you for helping take care of the local environment by removing trash and illegally dumped materials.



The Code Compliance Division received a complaint about an infestation of bees on a residential property. Code attempted to contact the property owner to have the bees removed, but received no response. The Code Compliance Division obtained a warrant through the courts and scheduled a professional bee removal service to enter the premises and remove the bees. The property owner contact Code before the scheduled date to notify Code that they had scheduled their own professional bee removal company to remove the bees, and that the bee would be removed within the week. Code allowed the property owner to remove the bees and then made an inspection to make sure the bees had been removed. The bees were removed and the property was secured.

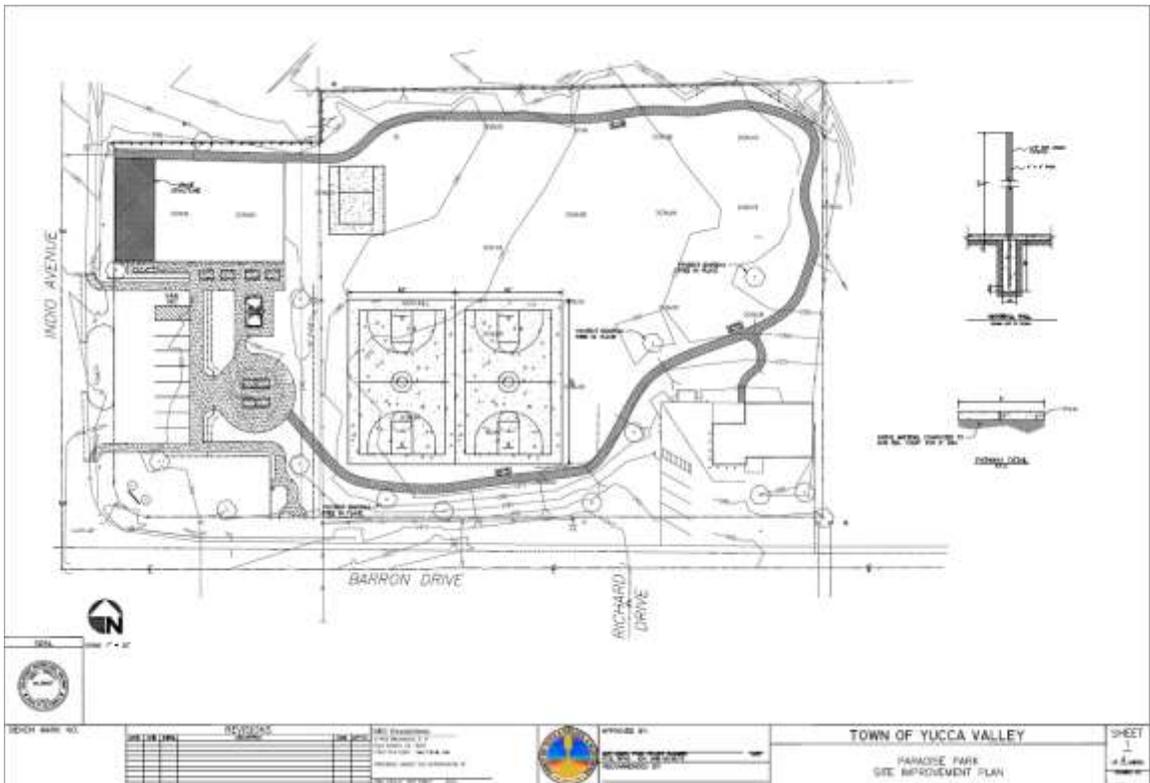
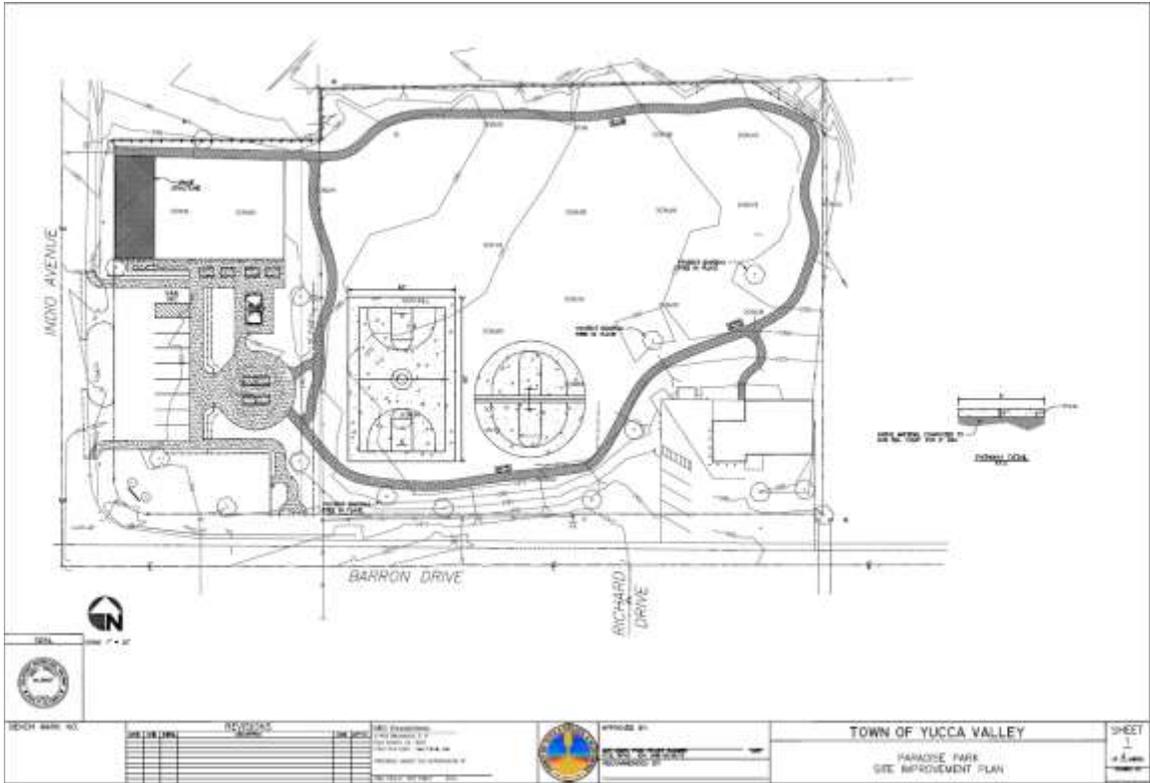


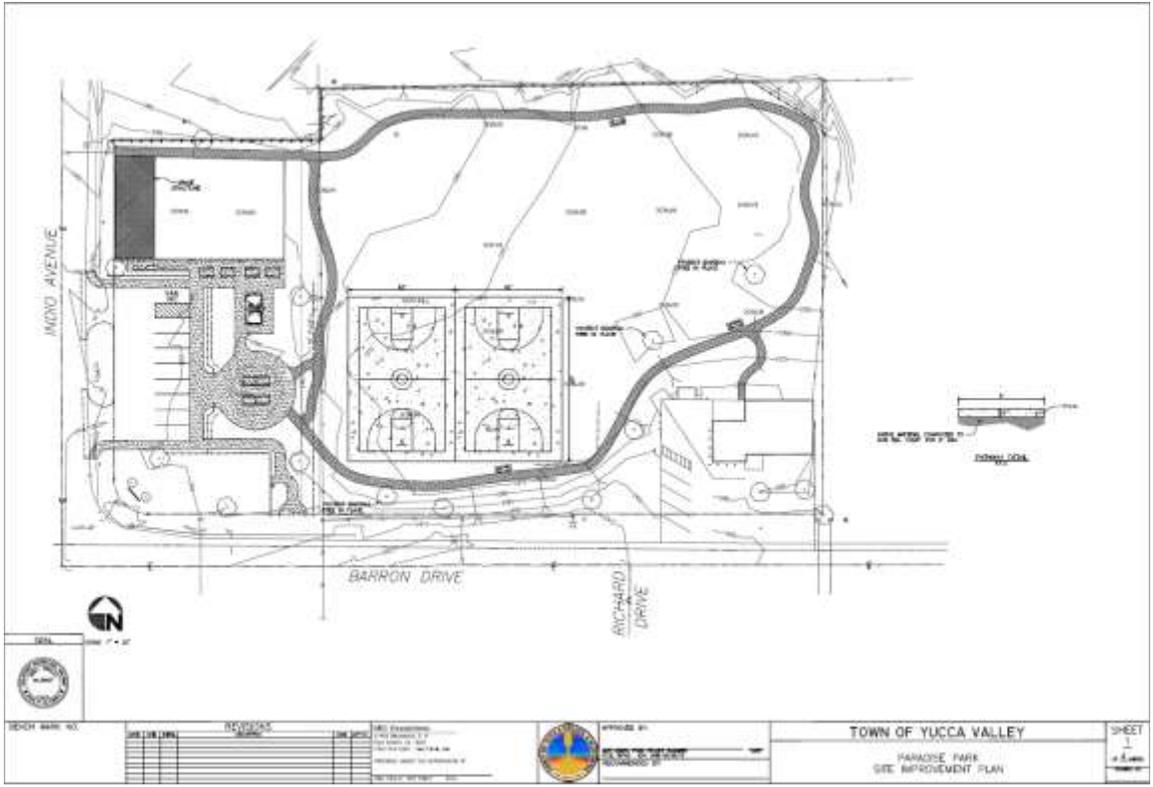
Paradise Park Improvements

The Town received a state grant award in the amount of \$168,700 for improvements to Paradise Park, and the Town Council recently allocated \$91,460 in Community Development Block Grant funds for a total allocation of \$260,160 to Paradise Park for upgrades. Various improvement options have been identified as desirable for the Park including construction of two basketball courts, walking trails, and expansion of shade around the playground area.

Status:

The Planning Commission and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission held a joint meeting on May 12, 2015 where they received public comment and provided direction to staff regarding improvement options. The Town Council will review the park project at its meeting of June 16, 2015.





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SR 62 at Dumosa Traffic Signal

The project consisted of the design and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR62 and Dumosa Avenue, as well as modifications to the left turn pockets at the intersection.

Status:

The installation of the signal light is complete, and the signal light is now in operation.

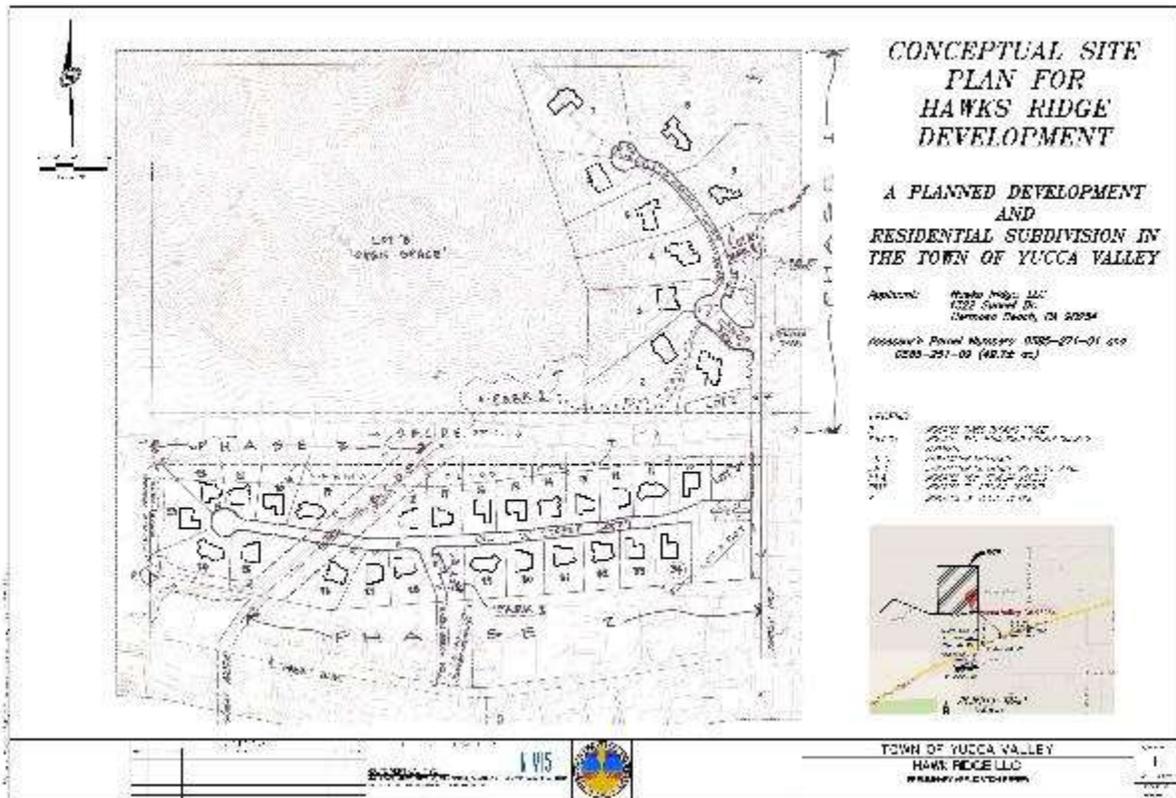


Hawks Ridge

Proposal to subdivide 60 acres into 34 residential lots. The project is proposed to be constructed in three phases and includes lots for storm water retention, parks and open space. The project is located on Fairway Avenue, north of Pinon Drive.

Status:

The applicant is preparing revised application materials for submittal in the near future.





Burrtec Yucca Valley Facility looking southeast from Sunnyslope Ave, at Indio Ave.



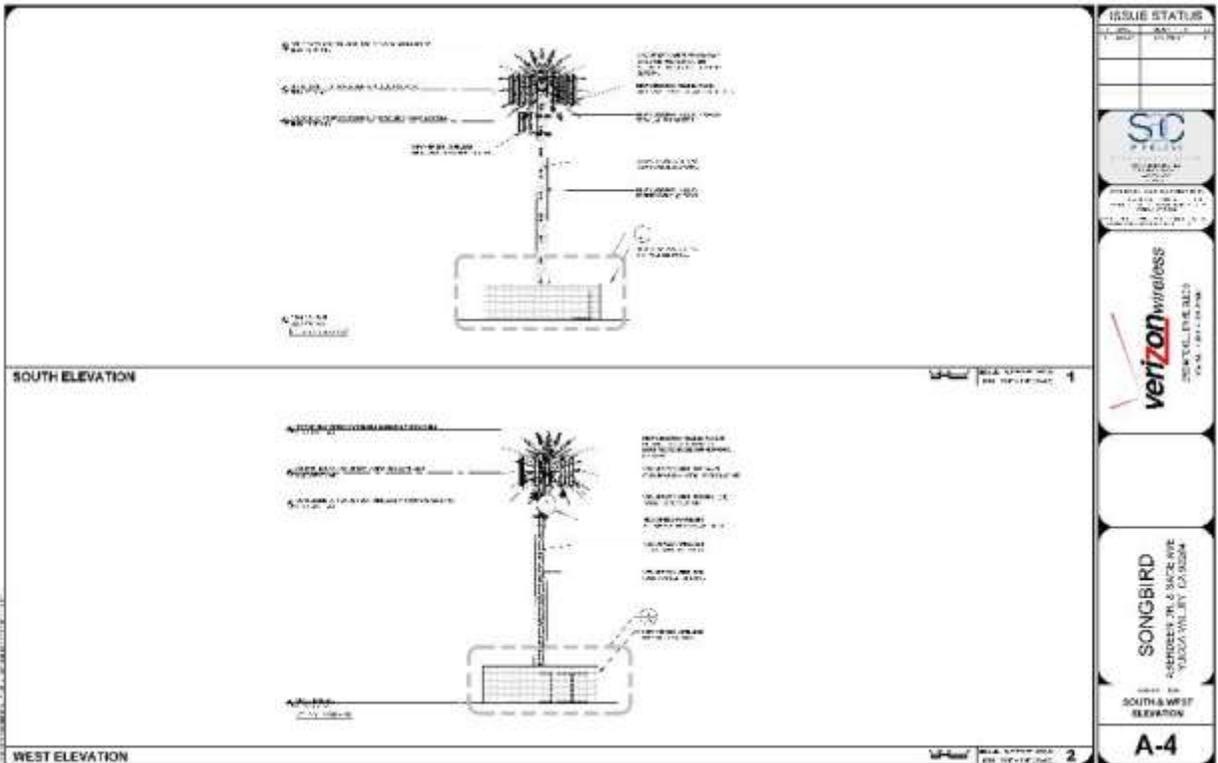
Burrtec Yucca Valley Facility looking southwest from Sunnyslope Ave.

CUP 03-15 VZW CORTEL

Proposal to construct a 59' cell tower disguised as a palm tree. The projects located at 3450 Sage Avenue.

Status:

The application is incomplete and pending the submittal of additional material by the applicant.

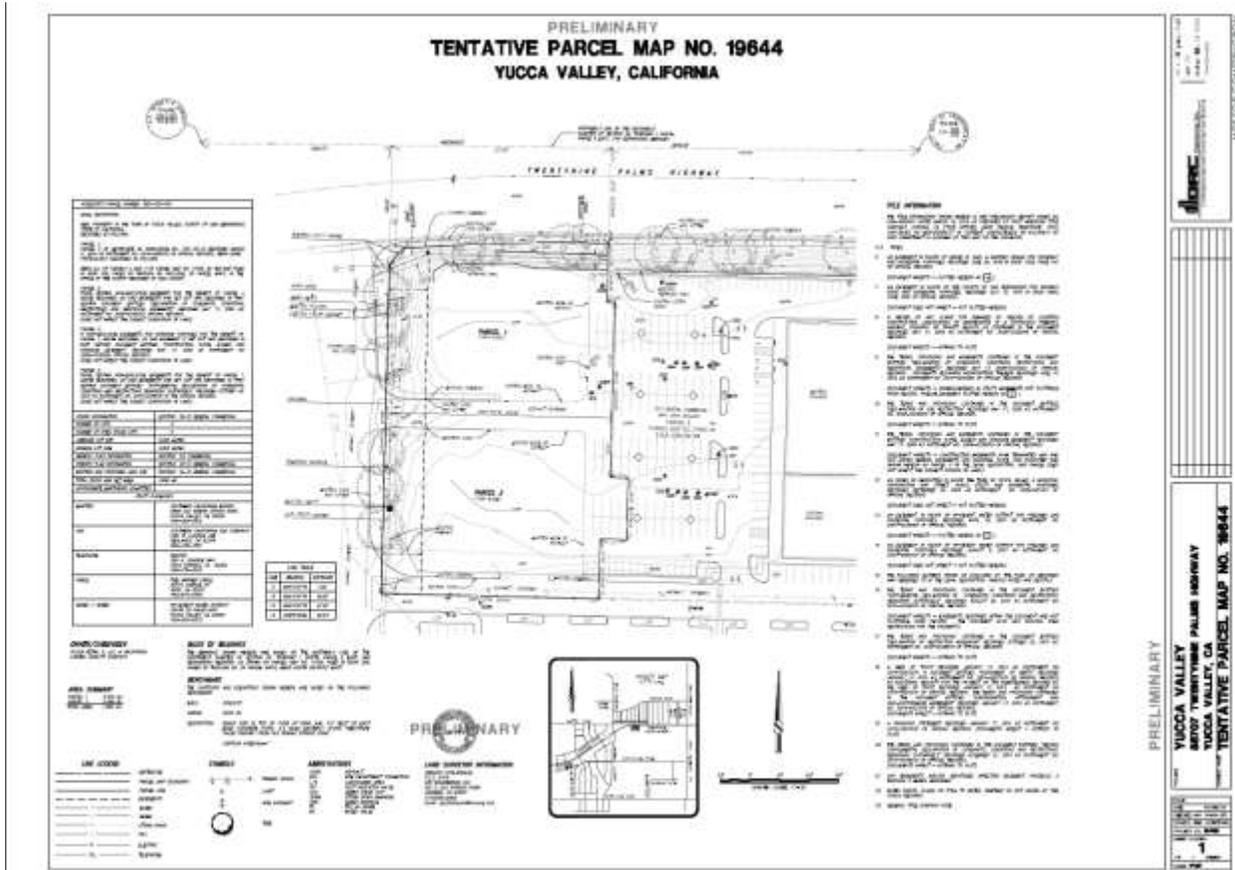


TPM 19644 YUCCA RETAIL 5

Proposal to subdivide a 1.89 acre parcel into two parcels of .986 acre and .904 acre, located at the 29 Palms Highway Home Depot outparcels. One parcel will contain an approximate 7,700 square foot retail structure, and a restaurant is planned for the other parcel.

Status:

The Tentative Parcel Map was approved by the Planning Commission on June 9, 2015.

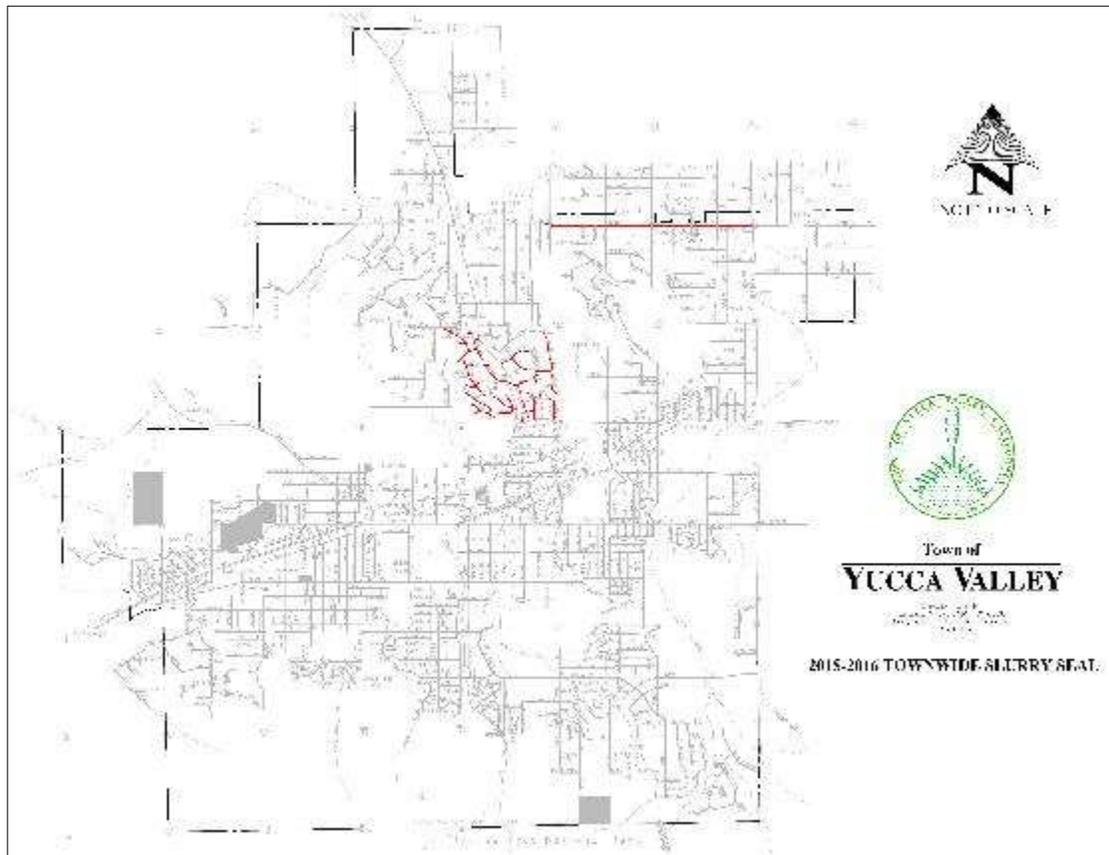


2015/2016 Town Wide Slurry Seal Project

The Town Wide Slurry Seal Project is an annual maintenance effort that is a part of the Town's overall pavement maintenance program. The annual maintenance effort is implemented to extend the lifetime of the roadway pavement throughout the Town prior to roads deteriorating to the degree where road reconstruction is necessary. The annual slurry seal project generally consists of applying a Type II Slurry Seal to the roadway, as well as replacement of obliterated traffic striping and damaged Raised Pavement Markers (RPM's).

Status:

The Town Council awarded the construction bid at its May 5, 2015 meeting. Construction is scheduled to start on June 29, 2015.



Hi-Desert Water District CRP Project

The Hi-Desert Water District water main line replacement project is scheduled to begin work soon on Onaga Trail, from Amador to Church St, and on Palm Avenue from Onaga Trail to SR62,

plus several cul-de-sacs along Palm Avenue. The Hi-Desert Water District will also be replacing waterlines in the Gates of Spain Mobile Park as part of this project.

Status:

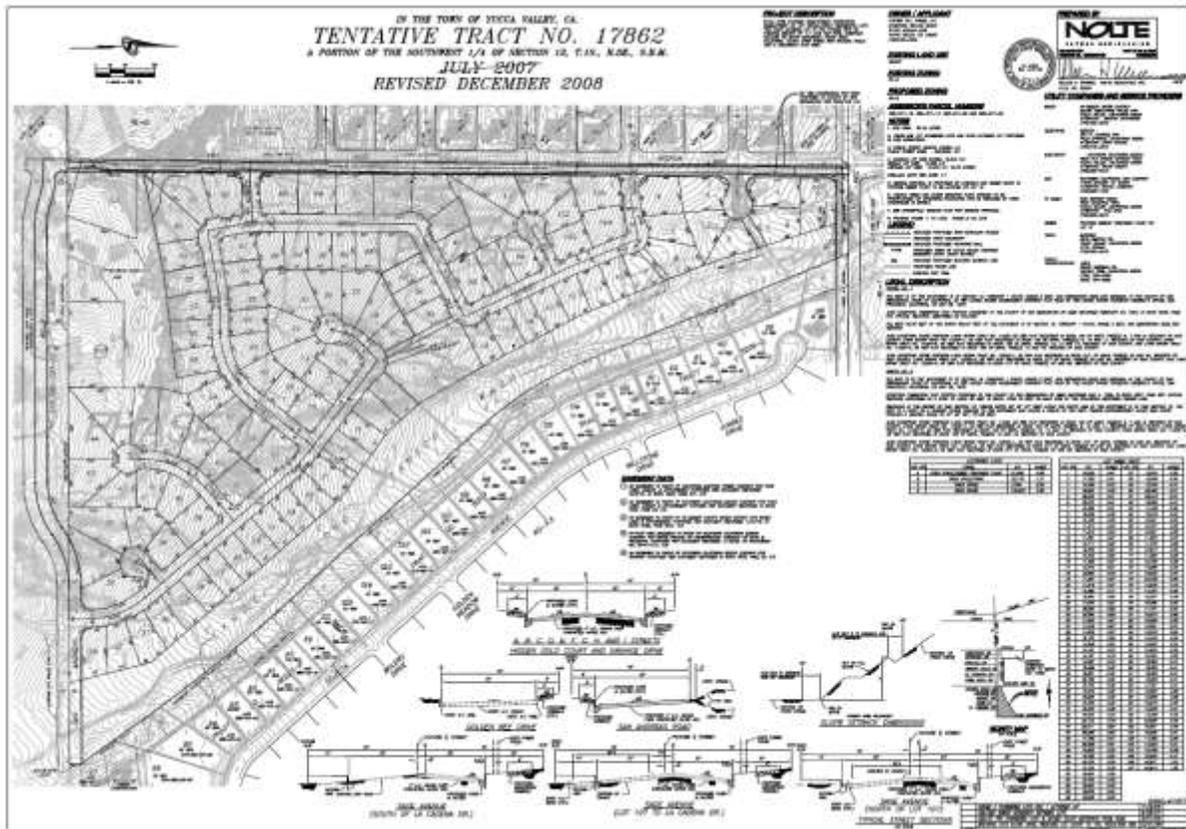
A Construction Permit was issued on June 12, 2015.

Sage Estates

The project consists of building a 107 single family residents on the southeast corner of Sage Avenue and Golden Bee.

Status:

The Rough Grading permit has been issued for this development. Work is underway, with grubbing, as the first step. All grubbing, which consists of the removal of any trees, shrubs or debris in footprint of the development, is being done under the supervision of a biologist who will be onsite for the entire process.

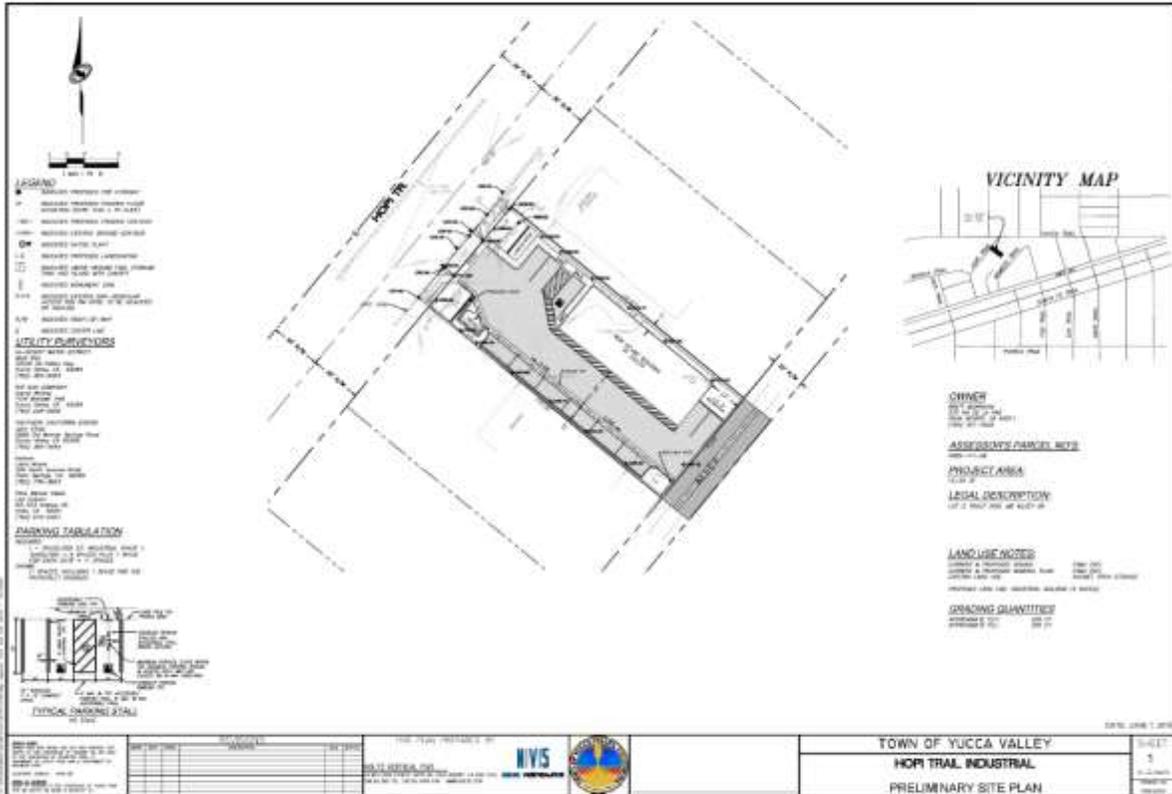


Pre-Application, PA 04-15 Morrison

A proposal to construct a one story, 2,900 square foot industrial building. The project is located on Hopi Trail, south of Yucca Trail. The property is zoned Old Town Industrial Commercial (OTIC).

Status:

The project is under review by staff.

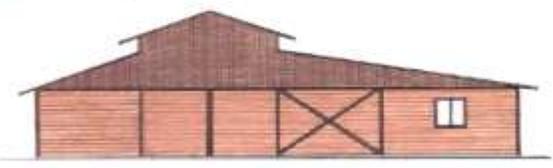
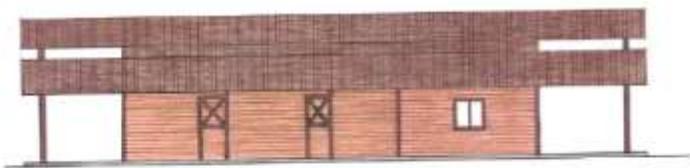
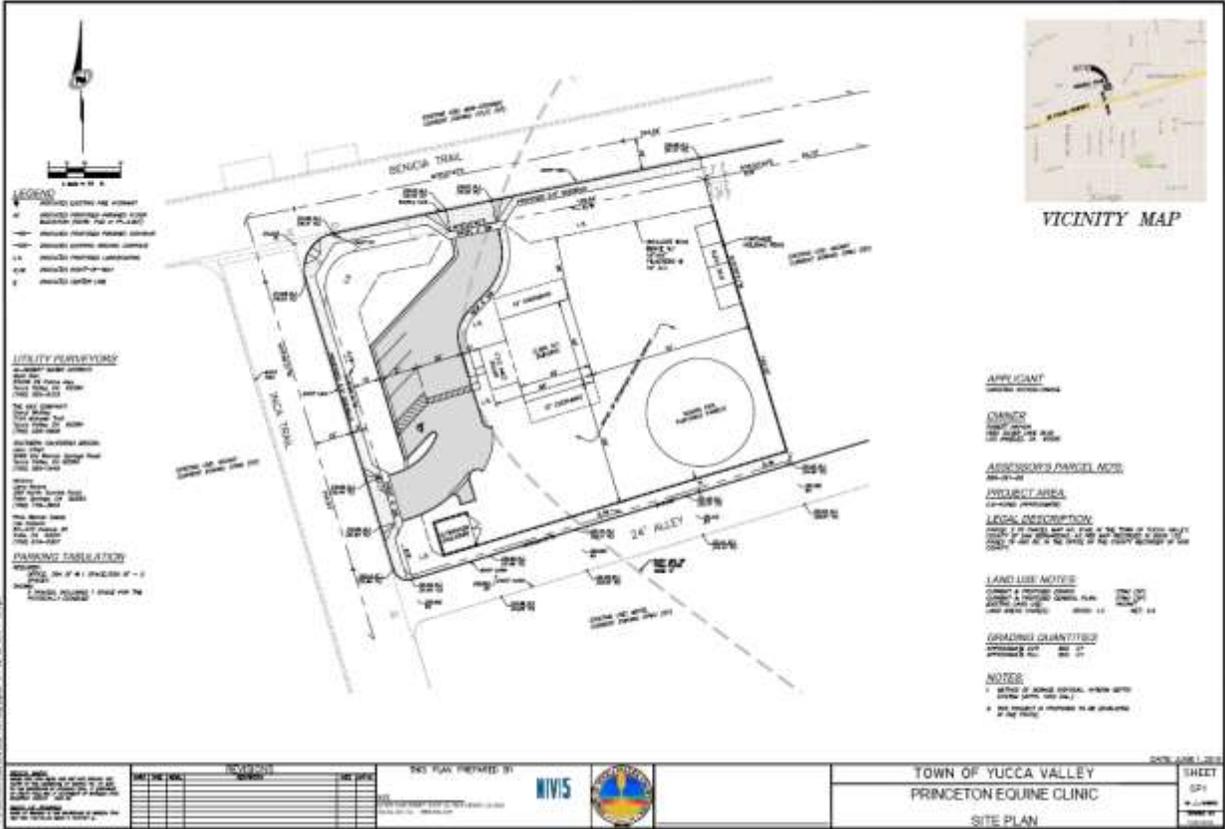


Site Plan Review, SPR 01-15 Princeton Equine

Proposal to construct an equine veterinary clinic, to include a 2,304 square foot treatment area/office, 576 square feet of outdoor holding pens, and a 60' diameter round pen. The project is located on the southwest corner of Inca Trail and Benecia Trail and is identified as APN: 586-081-08. The property is zoned Old Town Industrial Commercial (OTIC).

Status:

The project is under review by staff.



Conditional Use Permit, CUP 03-95 YV RV Park Amendment #1

A request to add four additional spaces to an existing recreational vehicle park. The project is located at 55408 29 Palms Hwy, east of Kickapoo Trail on the north side of 29 Palms Hwy.

Status:

The project was approved for two additional spaces by the Planning Commission at their meeting of June 09, 2015.

Conditional Use Permit, CUP 01-15 Hope Academy

A proposal to establish a charter school located at 57725 29 Palms Hwy, east of Warren Vista Ave. The proposal includes ten classrooms and a multipurpose room, with a maximum occupancy of 428 students.

Status:

The project is on hold pending the submittal of additional information by the applicant.