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Ten new signs in both Spanish and English were installed throughout the County. The Department hopes these help in curtailing some of the illegal dumping throughout the County.

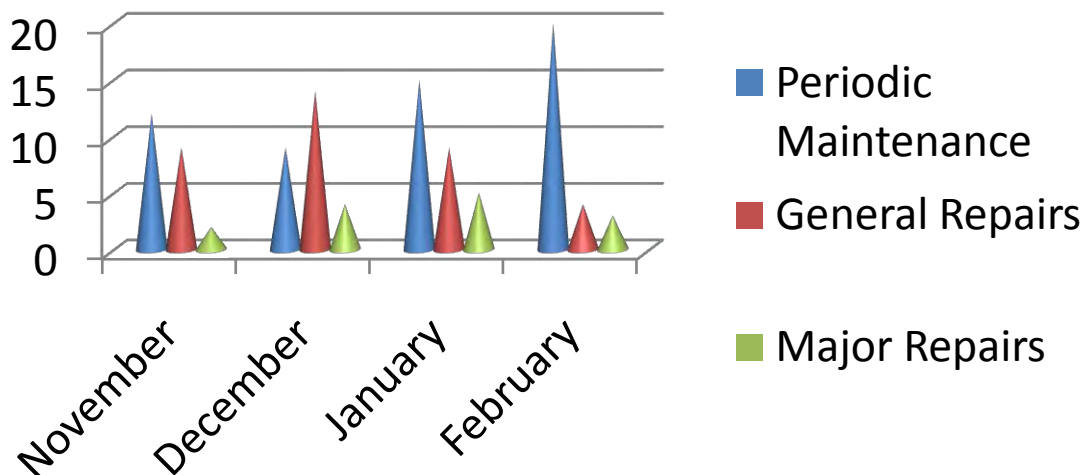
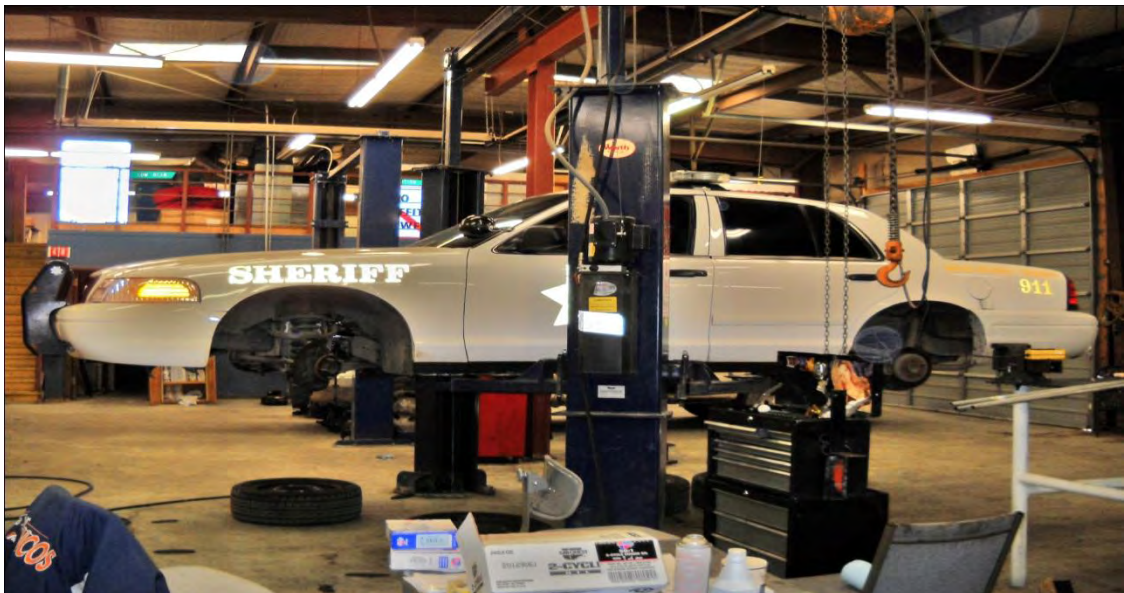
### WHAT IS UP AND COMING!

The Valencia County Solid Waste Ordinance is going through some modifications and changes. One major modification is going to be the addition of a mandatory curbside trash pick-up requirement. We continue to collect hundreds of tons of trash yearly from our Mesas and vacant lands. Most municipalities that have adopted a mandatory trash pick-up program have reduce their illegal dumps sites by approximately 73% within the first three years. We expect to have a version of the new ordinance for public review and comment within the next thirty days.



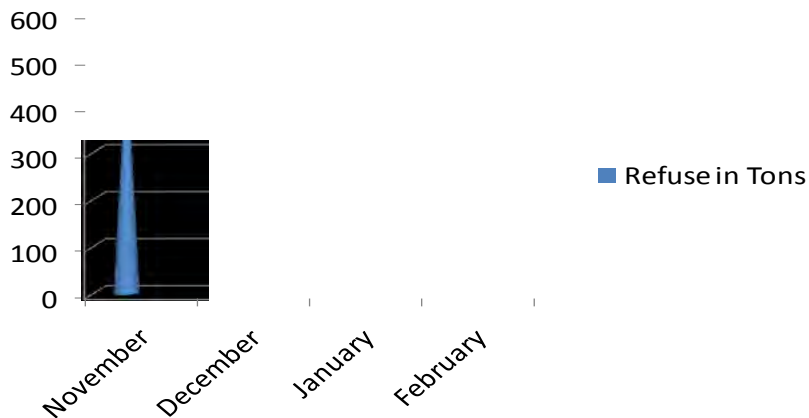
# FLEET

- The Fleet Maintenance program is supervised by long time Valencia County Employee Arnold Ortega. Mr. Ortega oversees all maintenance activities along with also serving as lead mechanic. Arnold with his crew of three maintain the vehicles for all County departments which include: Solid Waste, Road Maintenance, Fire Marshal, Older Americans, Adult Detention, Sheriffs, Code Enforcement, and Animal Control.

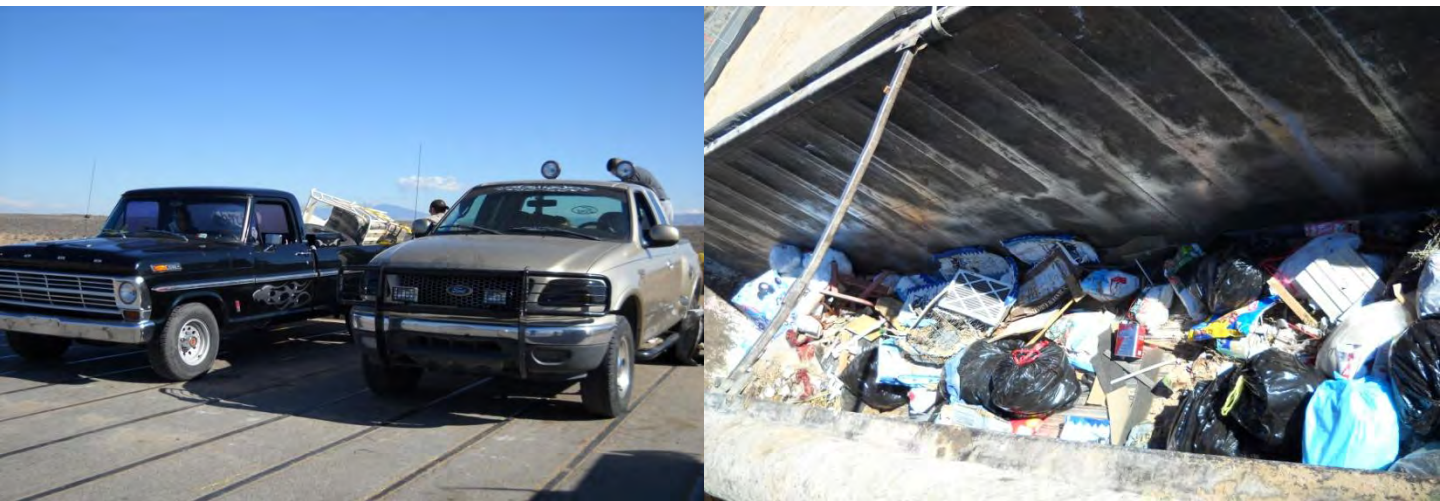


# Solid Waste

## Tons of Refuse Received



### Conejo Transfer Station



The Solid Waste Program went through operational changes during this quarter. The changes included updating operating plans and improvements to customer service. As a result the daily deposits increased by an average of 80%. Projections show that at the end of calendar 2010 Conejo Transfer should earn 25% over disposal fees paid annually.

During this quarter enough trash was processed through Conejo Transfer Station to fill seven football fields one foot deep.

# SOLID WASTE



The Solid Waste Department received final approval for the closure of the Valencia Regional Landfill. Under federal and state environmental regulations all landfills that have exhausted their capacity must be closed with an approved engineered cap. Also, several water monitoring wells have been installed and a methane gas monitoring plan was required as part of the overall closure requirements. In accordance with state and federal regulations stewardship and monitoring of the closed landfill will be the responsibility of Valencia County for the next thirty years.



## RECYCLING

Over the last year over 500 tons of scrap metal and white goods (refrigerators, stoves...) have been recycled earning approximately \$20,000 for the Department. This was a big change from two years ago when the Department was paying to dispose of scrap metal. As markets improve, other recyclables may be considered.

# POT HOLES

- What are pot holes?

## ROAD DIVISION

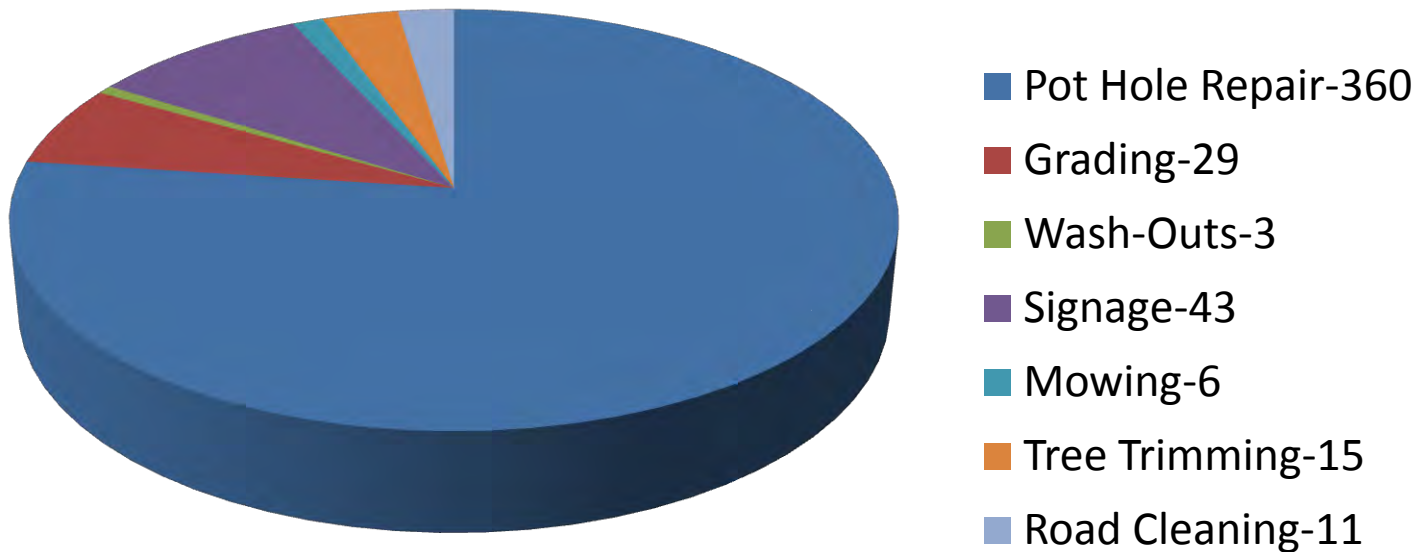
With over 490 miles of road to maintain the Road Division's tasks remains a large one. While pot hole repair takes the bulk of personnel resources other priorities include; grading, wash-out repair, signage, mowing, tree trimming and road cleaning.

Graders stay in operation basically non-stop forty hours per week. 245 miles of dirt roads are constantly maintained by four grader operators. Over the last four months approximately 612 miles equivalent have been graded. That is about enough grading to go from Albuquerque to El Paso and back.

Two new graders were leased for FY 2010. By changing leasing company's for the two new graders the Road Division was able to realize a \$24,000.00 per year savings.

# ROAD DIVISION

## Phone Service Requests Nov.2009-Feb. 2010



For FY 2010 572 tons of asphalt have been used in pot hole repair. This equates to 185,328 square feet of pot holes repaired through the end of February 2010. 185,328 square feet is the equivalent to 1.8 miles of two lane road.

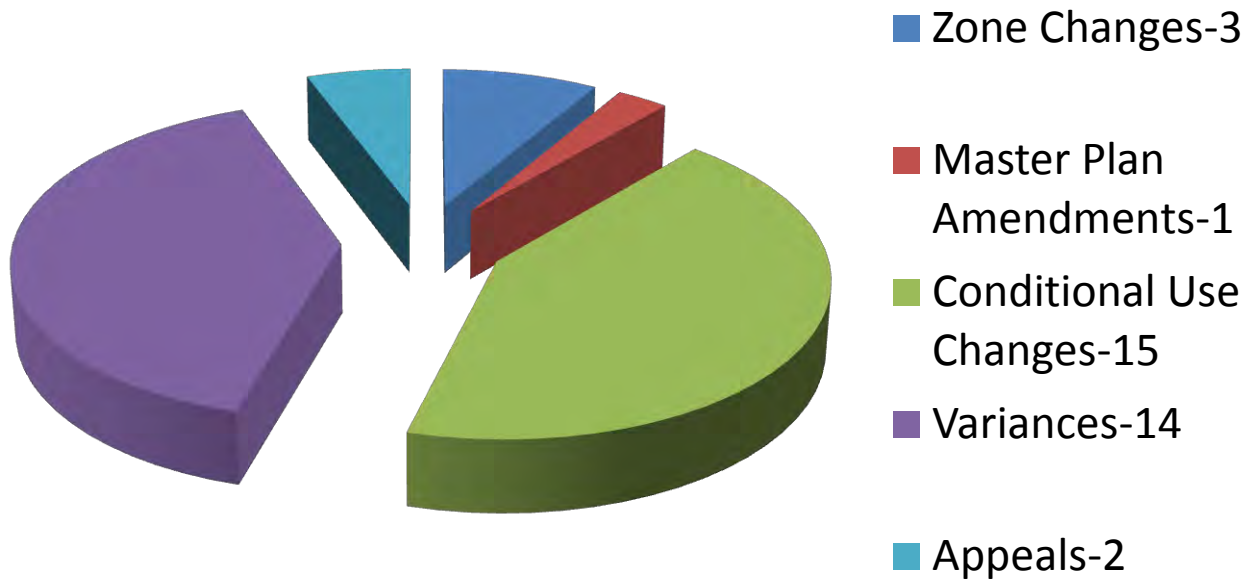
Through the end of calendar year 2009 the State of New Mexico has provided over 2 million dollars in funding for County Road Projects. The funding was utilized for:

- 9.708 Miles of Newly Paved Roads
- 9.829 Miles of Base Course Roads
- 9.697 Miles of Overplayed Roads



# PLANNING AND ZONING

Nov. 2009-Feb. 2010



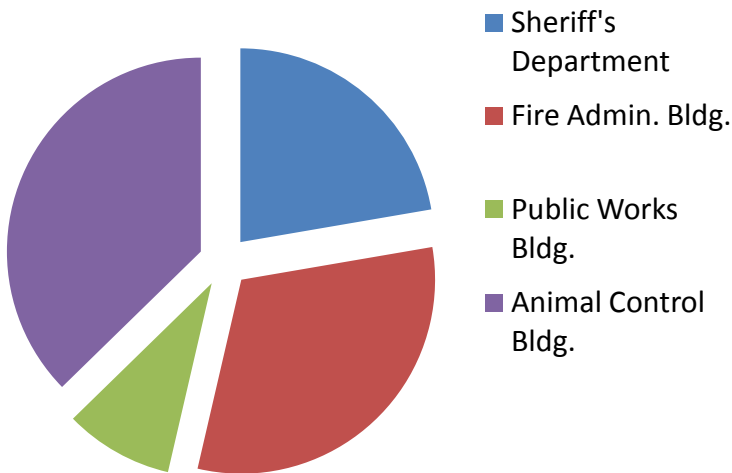
“The Planning and Zoning Department’s mission is to lead by example so that staff, residents, and elected officials are empowered to acquire knowledge of quality planning practice and are driven to create a vision of a future for Valencia County.”

The Planning and Zoning Department has undertaken several tasks to improve the planning and zoning process. These include development of a more efficient data management plan, which will provide quality information for all users, organize historic documents to help define a timeline of land use decisions that can be used as precedent. Also, editing current zoning maps so that they are precise and clear with limited mistakes providing valuable information to all County users.

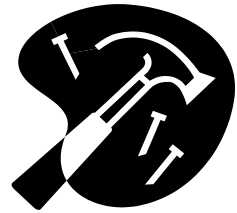
# Buildings and Parks

Building and Parks mission is to provide occupants and county employees with the safest, cleanest and most functional working environment possible, with a continued effort to address improvements to all buildings and grounds. This quarter highlights include:

## 8,141 SQUARE FEET OF REMODELING



Buildings and Parks maintains daily over 110,000 square feet of buildings and over 40 acres of grounds with one supervisor and four staff members. On a quarterly basis that is the equivalent of about sixty five average size homes on  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre lots.



Energy savings has become one of Buildings and Parks' primary objectives. As much lighting has been updated to achieve approximately 35% percent energy savings in lights. Also, fifteen outdated heating / cooling units have been replace with energy efficient units with a goal of achieving another approximate 32% in energy savings. Future plans are to audit most facilities to identify energy losses.



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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WASTE)  
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The Public Works Department's mission is simply to provide the best public service possible with the allocated resources.

Volunteer services within our community lead by Tierra Bonita helps us accomplish our service goal with a very small impact to our budget. Thus far our volunteer corps has collected over 55,000 pounds of litter; recycled over 6,000 pounds of material all accomplished by approximately 6,000 volunteer hours of community services.

As we continue to face funding cut-backs, both at the State and Federal levels, our goal is to manage the available resources as to allow us to serve the public's best interest. In calendar year 2010 we are confident that the graders will remain on the road , pot holes will be filled, citizen complaints handled and our refuse will be collected at our convenience center.

Public Works Director  
Eric Zamora

