



Public Works Report

Public Works crews continue to work with less than a full complement of employees due to a number of reasons. Four employees have sadly lost family members over the past week are ten days which include Two Moms, One Father, and one First Cousin. We support our employees as they travel to be with friends and family to attend services. Two employees are off for an extended period of time due to non-work related operations. On a lighter note we have one employee who is taking some time off to be with his wife and family as they became new parents recently.

We have offered a position to an applicant who has accepted the offer to fill a water/sewer collection/meter reader position. He is to begin during the first week of May. Filling this position will bring the water/sewer collection crew up to full crew status. We are advertising for a temporary/seasonal irrigation ditch position and have had limited interest to date. With the upcoming irrigation season approaching we are struggling with schedules and preparations to begin irrigation flows the first week of May. The snowy and wet weather along with short crews will most likely delay the turning on of irrigation ditches to the second week of May. We will advertise and post accordingly.

We continue to advertise for a refuse/recycle employee with very limited interest to date. Along with other employee conflicts our streets crew is working with a very short crew. For the time being we have two streets employees able to perform duties. In recent weeks the street crew was kept busy with trees and limbs brought down by the strong winds. They are scheduling the testing of other trees that are suspect with forest service personnel to determine if they need to be removed. Street sweeping and pothole repairs continue as personnel and schedules allow. Over the past two to three weeks a number of potholes have been taken care of. If you see or hear of potholes please notify Public Works at 970-641-8020 and we will take care of them as soon as possible.

The strong winds also caused issues with some power poles cracking or breaking. The electric crew has either replaced or made temporary repairs to keep things safe and operable.

Our contractor has been working on the trail extension from Hwy 50 to the county road used to access the I-Bar from Teller Street. There is a phone line near the Hwy 50 that needs to be spliced and lowered to allow for proper grade after crossing under Hwy 50. Century Link has been contacted and a tentative date has been set for mid-May for Century Link to lower the cable.