

Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency Newsletter

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Largest Olive Mill In North America Under Construction In Glenn County

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The California Olive Ranch (COR) was founded in 1998 and is headquartered in Oroville, CA. They operate two state of the art mills. The first is located in Oroville on 770 acres and the second is located on 1700 acres in Artois which is currently under construction. In 2006 the COR made a nine million dollar investment in land and improvements in Glenn County. In 2007 COR completed an additional eight million dollar investment in land and improvements to create the largest contiguous olive orchard in North America for the production of olive oil.

To process the large volume of olives that will be produced from these orchards, COR is currently building, when fully equipped, what will be the largest single olive oil mill in the Americas. Following completion of the proposed mill COR will have more than thirty million dollars invested in Glenn County. COR has submitted plans to build an 80-ton per hour olive oil processing facility. The company plans to increase capacity from 10-tons per hour in 2008 to 80-tons per hour in 2015.

This will be accomplished by installing one 10-tons per hour processing line each year within the facility. The processing season for olives occurs during the months of October and November and is a 24-hours per day, seven days per week operation for approximately 30 days. The processing facility will be idle for the remainder of the year. Due to the high level of automation, a maximum of five employees per shift can operate the processing facility. To satisfy 24-hours per day operation, two shifts will be required.

The production of olive oil involves four primary steps. First,

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Meetings now available for Listening Live Online

Continuing its commitment to public meeting accessibility and transparency in government, the Planning & Public Works Agency has added another of its functions to the Glenn County website. In addition to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors meetings, the Planning & Public Works Agency streams Planning Commission; Local Agency Formation Commission; and now the Glenn County Transportation Commission (GTC) and Regional Transit Committee (RTC) meetings. Glenn County residents can now listen to the GTC and

the RTC. GTC and RTC meetings are available with meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documentation. Archived meetings will be fully indexed, allowing residents to jump to portions of the meeting to hear a particular subject. Additionally, citizens can click on hyperlinked text within the meeting minutes of archived meetings to jump to that segment of the meeting.

Glenn County has been audio streaming Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Local Agency Formation Commission meetings through its partnership with

Granicus since 2006. This addition to its streaming media library reflects the County's commitment to increasing public meeting access and government transparency for its residents.

While we cannot broadcast all of our meetings in real-time, we hope that by making our meetings more accessible we will draw more people into our discussions regarding transit services and transportation in Glenn County. This will also give us an additional opportunity

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ROAD DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

The storms of 2010 proved to be very damaging to Glenn County roads. Significant volumes of debris and water washed out shoulders, popped out road patches and undermined some of the low water crossing areas on many local roads. It could take months for the damages caused by this year's flooding to be completely repaired. Road crews continue to clean up the mess left behind by the storms. The

road crews have also taken advantage of low water levels in the Glenn Colusa Irrigation System canals to complete the underground portion of repairs on two bridges; the first on County Road 62, and the second on County Road 48. The final steps for these repairs, the asphalt paving, will be scheduled later this year when temperatures are warmer.

Crews also continue to take

care of regular road maintenance items like patching potholes, street-tree pruning, cleaning drains and shoulder repairs. To report areas requiring attention, please contact the road department online anytime or call 530-934-6530 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.



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to make the public aware of the services available to them and involve them in planning for future services.” said John Linhart, Director, Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency. The go live date for Granicus for the GCTC/RTC is set for May 20, 2010.



About Granicus

Granicus, Inc. is the leading provider of government solutions for improving transparency, citizen participation, and community awareness over the web. The Granicus platform helps public agencies create, manage and distribute live and on-demand streaming media content. Granicus hosts the world's largest government exclusive webcasting network, streaming over 22 million webcasts and serving over 600 clients spanning all 50 states.

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Do you need a ride to work and Glenn Ride's schedule does not coordinate with your work hours? Do you need a ride to and from school or a doctor's appointment and public transportation is unavailable in your neighborhood? Do several of your neighbors have the same problem? These could be unmet transit needs. The Glenn County Transportation Commission (GCTC) annually con-

ducts a series of public hearings to obtain information on perceived unmet transit needs. The gathered information is analyzed to ensure that all "unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet" are met before funds are used for non-transit uses such as streets and roads.

Glenn County Transportation Commission Public Hearing Dates for Unmet Needs:

4/27/10, 7 p.m. at the Willows City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

5/3/10, 7:30 p.m. at the Orland City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

5/4/10, Glenn County BOS, Chambers, time not yet determined

5/20/10, 10 a.m. Transportation Commission, BOS Chambers

(See Circulator Bus Routes on page 4 for related story)

NEW GIS SYSTEM TO TRACK TRAFFIC CRASHES

A new Geographic Information System (GIS) for tracking traffic incidences is the result of a \$35,000 grant obtained by Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency from the California Office of Traffic Safety. GIS is a computerized system which collects, analyzes, and presents data that is linked to specific locations. "The addition of a GIS based collision database system solution to the County's exist-

ing GIS will provide better information to allow the efficient use of resources to enhance the safety of our roads," said John Linhart, Director of the Planning & Public Works Agency.

"Now Glenn County will have the information necessary to better understand why and where traffic crashes occur, said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the State Office of Traffic Safety. "This is a case where technol-

ogy will be at work saving lives far into the future."

The addition of this system will allow the Engineering Division of the Planning & Public Works Agency the ability to pinpoint Glenn County's high-incident collision locations and analyze the traffic patterns in these areas. These studies will be the groundwork for new traffic safety measures and improvements.

FAIR TIME!

STATE FAIR

GLENN COUNTY CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

The Counties Exhibit program was first introduced at the California State Fair in the 1870's and is the only competition of its kind in the country to showcase all of the counties within a state. For more information regarding the Counties Exhibits program, please visit www.bigfun.org.

Glenn County first participated in the Counties Exhibit Program in 1907. Glenn County Board of Supervisors Minutes (Book 5, Page 21, 29 and 72) indicate that on October 8, 1907 the Supervisors approved \$827.53 to be paid to the Chamber of Commerce from the common fund to maintain the Glenn County Exhibit at the California State Fair.

To date it's unclear whether or not Glenn County has participated each year from 1907, however staff does know that in 1986 Glenn County was one of only 18 counties to participate and won a first place award and has participated consistently from 1990 to date. Since 1990 Glenn County has won the following awards:

1990- Gold	1991- Gold	1992- Gold	1993- Gold	1994- Silver
1995- Silver	1996- Bronze	1997- Bronze	1998- Bronze	1999- Silver
2000- Silver	2001- Silver	2002- Silver	2003- Gold	2004- Bronze
2005-Silver	2006- Silver	2007- Silver	2008-Silver	2009- Gold



2005 State Fair Exhibit

The 2010 exhibit is being designed and constructed by John Queirolo. The exhibits focus will be on agriculture and the County's history. Mr. Queirolo has designed and constructed many exhibits for Humboldt, Modoc and Mono Counties, winning various awards and most recently winning the "Best Content" award for Modoc County.

GLENN COUNTY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND COMMODITIES FOR COUNTY EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Glenn County is seeking volunteers to staff the Glenn County Exhibit at the 2010 California State Fair in Sacramento. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, reside or be employed in Glenn County, reliable, prompt, friendly and willing to converse with the public. Volunteers will be provided with entrance and parking passes to the fair. Various



California State Fair
Jul. 14 - Aug. 1

commodities made or packaged in Glenn County (samples of honey, olives, rice, almonds, dried fruit, dairy, etc.); packing labels or empty containers are also needed. The Commodities will be displayed in the 2010 Exhibit in Sacramento.

GLENN COUNTY FAIR



COWBOY BOOTS AND COUNTRY ROOTS... The Glenn County Fair is just around the corner, the fair will run four days, May 20-23. Stop by the Glenn County Planning and Public Works booth to meet our staff, learn about our agency's operations, program's and projects as well as the various recycling programs in Glenn County. Free prizes awarded when you pledge to recycle your used oil and filters. For more information about the fair, visit www.glenncountyfair.org.

See you at the fair!

Fair opening times: Thursday at 5:00pm

Friday at Noon

Saturday at 11:00am

Sunday at Noon.





CalRecycle announced Monday, March 29, 2010 that with the recent passage of AB7 (8X), the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department) is required to pay in full, subject to the availability of funds, any payments that have been proportionally reduced during the period of January 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010. That will restore \$20,000 in recycling funding in Glenn County. Each of the cities will receive \$5,000 with the County receiving \$10,000.



For more information on [CalRecycle](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/) and how you can make a difference, go to www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/. By reducing, reusing, recycling, and buying recycled-content products, every Californian can make a vital contribution to the fragile environment and help protect public health and safety at the same time.

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receiving. The olives are delivered to the mill in hopper trailers like those used in the rice and nut industries. Second, washing. The olives are de-leaved with air and washed with filtered water supplied by an onsite well. Third, milling. Using a hammer-mill, the whole olive is crushed into a paste, allowed to relax, and decanted using two types of centrifuges to extract the oil. Fourth, oil grading and centralization. During the production process' personnel periodically sample the oil to test for product quality. The oil is pumped into temporary above-ground storage tanks before being trucked to the warehouse and logistics facility.

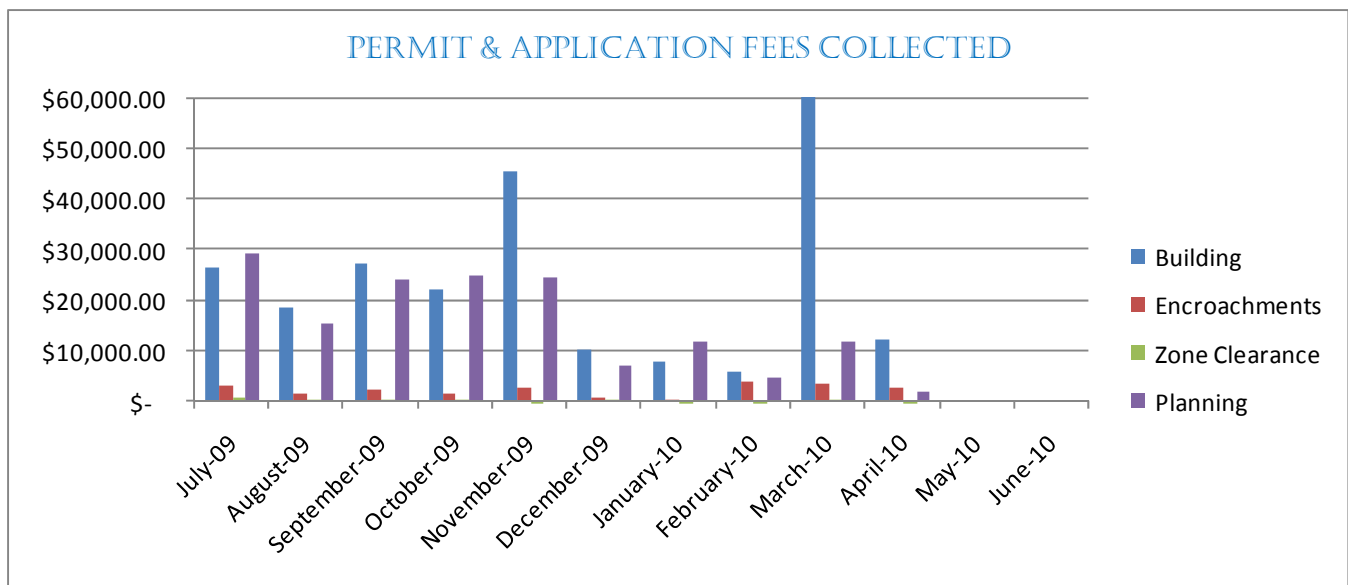
The processing of extra virgin olive oil prohibits the use of any chemicals, detergents, or additives. Outside of olives, the only inputs to the process are electrical energy and pure water. Electricity is used to power the equipment. Process outputs include wastewater, olive oil and olive pomace.

Circulator Bus Routes to begin in Willows & Orland

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One of the needs identified was circulator bus routes within Willows and Orland. The New Circulator program will begin its trial period May 17 – May 31. During the week of May 17 – May 23 all rides will be free. Fare collection will begin on May 24. The official start date will be June 1, 2010.

PERMIT CENTER Statistics—Fiscal Year 2009-2010



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