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August 2009 Supervisor's Update

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The temperatures may be over 110, but nothing is slowing down in Pinal County.

As the month began I found myself in the cool pines of Williams, AZ at an environmental/energy conference. Tucson's Sonoran Alliance hosts an annual think tank to explore issues that affect all of Arizona. Multiple mayors, state officials and academic experts interact over three days. Pinal County's issues of growth, energy and water quickly became the focus. There is no doubt that the leadership of Arizona is starting to recognize Pinal County as the key to the state's growth.

On the environmental front, we are working towards establishing the Pinal County Green Advisory Committee. The committee will focus on environmental best practices and explore new green technologies available to the county. The goal is to provide cost effective energy saving measures where they make sense. Additionally, they will work to bring about economic drivers within the green community. Head of household income jobs for our citizens remain a priority.

The Superstition Wilderness Area is a true treasure of the state. Every year thousands of people enjoy hiking through some of the most beautiful landscape in America. Unfortunately, there is a level of danger associated with venturing out into our deserts; especially in the summer. Pinal County is blessed to have an all-volunteer organization that specializes in rescue and recovery. The Superstition Mountain Search and Rescue is the premier rescue agency in the state. This month I had the pleasure to meet with their leadership and Sheriff Babeu to explore how to maximize their effectiveness.

The town of Superior, home of the planet's second largest copper deposit, continues to be the focus of much attention in Washington, D.C. This month, I had the rare opportunity to meet with Senator McCain and Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, to discuss the merits of allowing Resolution Copper to begin the underground mining of the area. It was a great opportunity to showcase Pinal County and Superior and to demonstrate the dire need for jobs in the community.

This month new legislation has been signed into law that allows the exploration of public-private partnerships relating to transportation needs. This is a huge step forward as we in Pinal County recognize the desperate need for improved transportation. I recently met with a group out of Chicago which arranges financing for large transportation projects. This company has recently coordinated the financing for a 17 billion dollar project. The company itself is not important. The importance is the fact that Pinal County's transportation needs are being recognized outside of Arizona. Only with national attention can we gather the tools we need to effectively provide for the needs of today's citizens...and tomorrow's.

The American Legion has a proud history in America. San Tan Valley started Post 97 this month. Thanks to Larry Moore and Alan Pease for pulling it all together. The Legion provides opportunities not only for our veterans, but for the youth of the community. From American Legion Baseball, to oratory skill development, to leadership training in the form of Boy's State and Girl's State, the American Legion is a very welcome and much needed member of San Tan Valley.

The Peralta Trails community in Gold Canyon has popped up on the radar this month. The new traffic light should be operational by October. But, traffic remains an issue in the community. Our good friends at the Sheriff's Office have increased the patrol presence of the County's new motorcycle unit in the area. It's good to see our tax dollars at work keeping our citizens safe...be careful.

This month's employee in the spotlight is Clerk of the Court's own Dyane Ceal. Dyane demonstrates fantastic service to our public with professionalism and a smile. We've been lucky to have her with the county for almost ten years. Way to go, Dyane!

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