



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## March 2014 Report

The Community Development Department is responsible for planning, building and safety, animal control, code compliance and housing services.



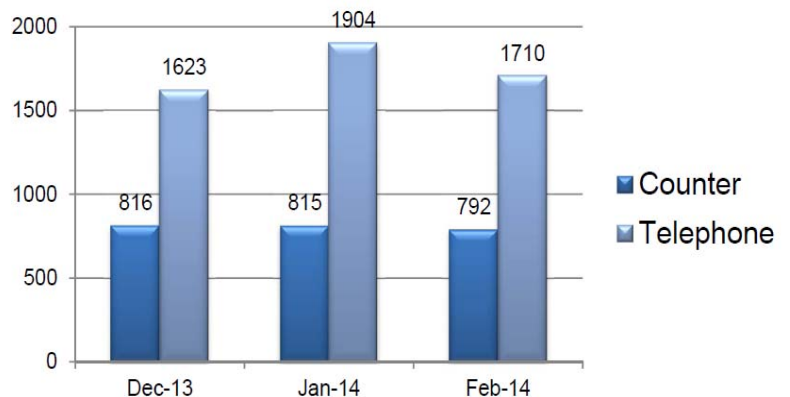
### Department Highlights

- The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) notifies City staff that the adopted Housing Element for the 2014-2021 planning period is in full compliance with State Housing Element law.
- City Staff tests new permit tracking software (CRW).

### PERMIT CENTER/ CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Permit Center assists the public by providing permits development activities, special events, housing assistance and resolution of animal control or code compliance activities.

Permit Center Contacts



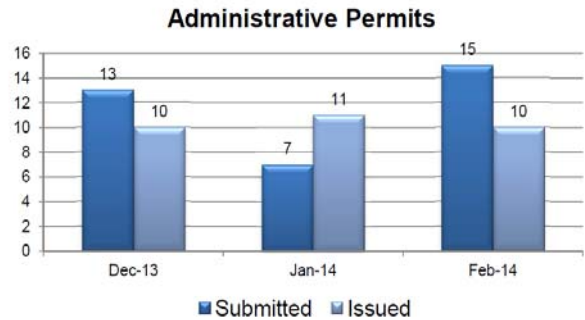
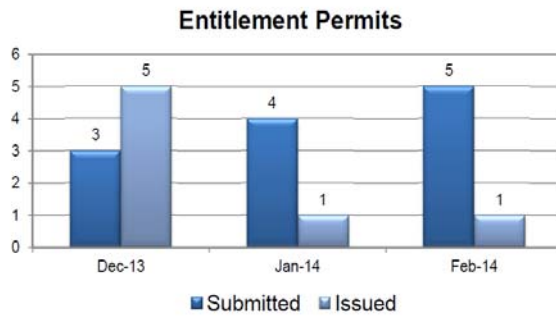
# PLANNING

The Planning Division works with residential and commercial property/business owners and developers to ensure development in the City is constructed consistent with the City's goals and policies.

## Permit Activity

**Entitlement Permits**—Includes site development permits, conditional use permits, subdivision maps, etc.

**Administrative Permits** –Includes sign applications, temporary use permits, minor use permits, final landscaping plans, etc.



# HOUSING

The City of La Quinta provides housing ranging from apartments to large single-family homes. In addition, the City's development standards provide for affordable sale and rental housing for lower income households.

## Home Rental Program

The La Quinta Housing Authority currently owns 28 single-family dwellings located in the La Quinta Cove. The homes are part of the City of La Quinta's Affordable Housing inventory.

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| Occupied                                      | 28 |
| Vacant  | 0  |
| Section 8 Assisted                            | 21 |
| La Quinta Affordable Housing Program Assisted | 7  |

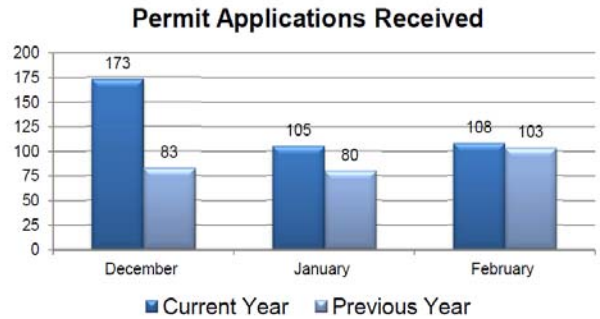
## Monthly Housing Activity

The La Quinta Housing Authority currently administers 413 silent second trust deeds and 73 sewer subsidy loans. The Housing Department serves as a point of contact for homeowners who wish to refinance, sell, or pay off their existing debt owed to the Authority.

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| Resale Transactions    | 2 |
| Refinance Transactions | 1 |
| Payoff Transactions    | 1 |

# BUILDING

The Building Division administers all building permit applications and plans for compliance with requirements established in the entitlement process, La Quinta Municipal Code, and all currently applicable California Building Standards Codes.



# EMERGENCY SERVICES

The primary function of Emergency Services is to maintain and develop the City's capabilities for all phases of emergency and disaster management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.



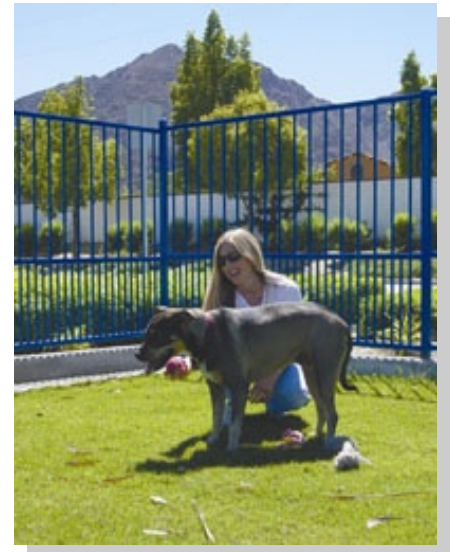
On February 25<sup>th</sup>, members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) attended training to maintain their skills. Evening training included setting up and fueling a generator and lighting an imaginary disaster scene to provide a safe work environment. The exercise was a success and provided an opportunity to verify that the equipment worked properly.



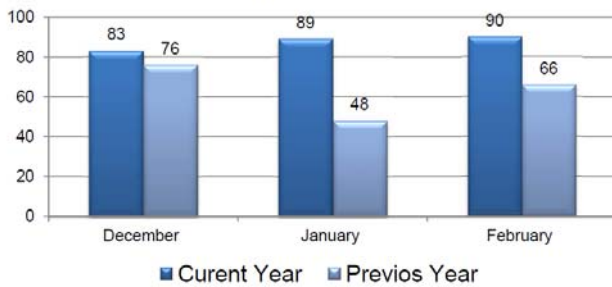
The La Quinta Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

**Animal Control**

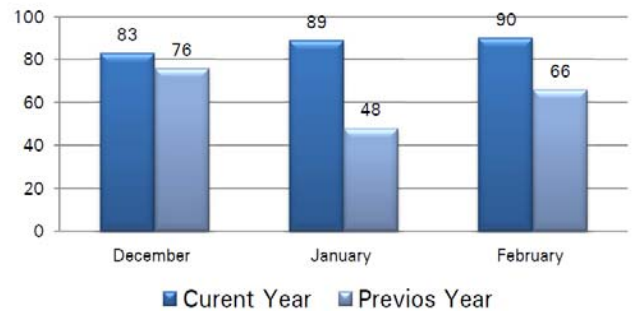
The Animal Control Division provides field services responding to reports of stray, lost/found, and injured animals in distress and transports them for medical treatment and shelter when needed, seven days a week.



**Open Cases**



**Closed Cases**



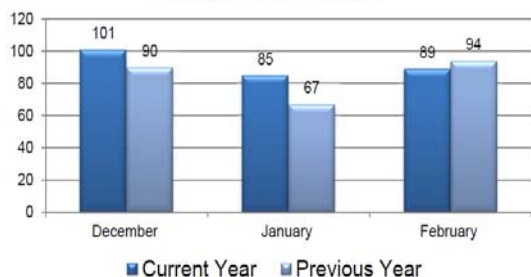
**Code Compliance**

The Code Compliance Division addresses numerous issues including abandoned vehicles, property maintenance, health & safety, building code compliance, zoning, substandard housing, and other topics that can have an adverse impact on residential and commercial neighborhoods in the City.

**Open Requests**



**Garage Sale Permits**



**Closed Requests**

