

The Story Behind the New ECS Logo

The department's new logo is structured around four (4) key design elements:

- The traditional house (**Olas Ki:** in O'odham or **Va** in Piipash) represents a traditional round, one-room dwelling and reflects the department's important role in residential and housing services within the Community.
- The saguaro cactus (**Ha:sañ** in O'odham or **'a** in Piipash) symbolizes resilience as both an honored ancestor and a vital resource to the Community. Its arms represent the department's core values of Service, Integrity, and Respect.
- The basket (**Hua** in O'odham or **Kwnxo** in Piipash) pattern symbolizes the technical nature of the department. It is shown rotating counterclockwise in alignment with the natural, cyclical flow of the universe; representing harmony with the sun, the earth's movement, and the seasons that bring rain and growth.
- The pathway (**Vo:g** in O'odham or **Uunye** in Piipash) represents more than just a physical route; it signifies the path of life and the community's values. It also reflects the department's responsibility for planning and developing sustainable infrastructure; linking tradition while navigating a modern world.

The department officially celebrated its 30th year in existence on March 28, 2026. The special 30-year variation of the new logo (shown above) will be used just through the end of the calendar year.

O'odham / Piipash Pronunciations:

English	O'odham (pronunciation)	Piipash (pronunciation)
Traditional House (any house)	Olas Ki: (OLAS key)	'Va (VAH)
Saguaro Cactus	Ha:sañ (HA shan)	'A (AH)
Basket	Hua (HU ah)	Kwnxo (kwin-HOE)
Pathway	Vo:g (singular) (VO ag)	Uunye (hoo-NYEH)