

# City of Biggs

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: G. Michael Vasquez, PE – Engineering Staff

DATE: February 28, 2011 Council Meeting, prepared February 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Activity Report & Project Updates

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### **Activity Report:**

- Staff continues to regularly prepare and submit reimbursement requests to the State and USDA for ongoing projects. (G. M. Vasquez, M. Powell)
- Staff has determined through CDBG website research that the City was not awarded 2010 CDBG funding as requested in an application submitted last year. CDBG did not send notifications to those municipalities that were not awarded, only sent contracts to those municipalities that were awarded. Staff has requested a de-brief as to why the City was not awarded any funding, and will include the City Administrator in a conference call with CDBG as soon as it is scheduled. (G. M. Vasquez)
- Telemetry at both wells has now been adjusted to increase water system pressure to 55 psi. Public Works Staff has taken pressure readings at 8 different strategic locations throughout the City with readings remaining constant at 55-56 psi. Public Works Staff continues to monitor the water system to assess proper functionality. Staff is meeting with the Public Works Committee on February 22, 2011 to discuss future pressure increases. (G. M. Vasquez)
- Staff worked with the City Administrator and City Planner in researching the City's Truck Routes. (G. M. Vasquez)
- Staff attended a City Staff meeting on February 9, 2011. (G. M. Vasquez)

**Project Updates:**

- **Project:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation – New Box Culvert

**Status:** As previously mentioned to the Council at the January 2011 Council Meeting, PMC received a list of environmental studies in December 2010 that will be required to be completed prior to beginning construction. Staff received a proposal from PMC to prepare the studies and has coordinated with Caltrans for the City to receive additional funding to prepare the studies. Caltrans has indicated that the grant the City received will be increased to allow for the additional study expenditures. Staff expects confirmation from Caltrans for the additional funding within the next week or two. This is on schedule with what Caltrans previously told staff. PMC will be authorized to proceed with their work once the additional funding is formally approved by Caltrans.

The project is on schedule pursuant to the schedule provided to the Council at the November 2010 Council Meeting.

Staff: G. M. Vasquez