



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: November 21, 2011 6:00PM

DATE: November 16, 2011
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Steve Speights, P.E., City Engineer
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for City Council - Engineering (Informational)

6th Street Bridge

Environmental studies are continuing. Recent events relative to funding are positive for the City. Leo Rubio of Bennett Engineering has brokered an agreement with BCAG and Butte County to exchange funds in one program in which Biggs had a balance, but had no use for the funds because of program restrictions, with another program which has fewer restrictions. The new funds can be used for the City match. The funds available for exchange, \$10,600, will coincidentally cover the City share of current environmental and engineering expenditures.

The Caltrans Bridge Replacement Program is changing for new projects to 100% Federal funding rather than the current 88.5% Federal funding. Leo was able to convince Caltrans that since the 6th Street Bridge right-of-way and construction phases have not been officially authorized and funded yet that they should fall under the new rules and Caltrans agreed. This will save the City about \$60,000 in matching under the old program. Leo will shepherd the paperwork for both events.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Work continues on the studies and reports for the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQB). The draft Report of Waste Discharge and revised Facilities Plan should be ready to review with the Public Works Committee next week. We have not found a reason to not proceed with land disposal as previously discussed.

SunWest Phase II

We have discussed some design issues on Bannock Street with SunWest's engineers and should see an improvement plan submittal shortly.

The lot line adjustment is not ready for Council review as SunWest's engineer has not yet submitted all the required documents. The item should be ready for the December Council Meeting. Phase 1A and 1B are well underway with buildings.