



# CITY OF BIGGS

AGENDA ITEM FOR THE  
NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2012, 6:00PM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 4, 2012

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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## **6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

Waiting for Caltrans to authorize the next phase, R/W and utility relocation.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

A progress report and request for Council direction on property acquisition will be presented in closed session. Council Authorization for the Phase 1 design and Phase 2 preliminary design proposal is subject of a separate agenda item. We have not heard from the Regional Board on the schedule or conditions for permit renewal. The existing permit expires in June this year.

As part of the RWQCB study on Municipal Designation of ag drains, I met with Board staff, RD 833 and Biggs Gridley Water Agency at RD 833 offices. The purpose of the meeting was for Board staff to become familiar with the ag drain system we currently discharge into and the operation of system by 833 and the Water Agency. It was clear from the meeting that the system is operated as an ag water supply network for delivery of water from the Water Agency to the farmers. The system also acts as a conveyance facility for runoff from both ag uses and general stormwater runoff, that discharges into Butte Creek to the west. To their knowledge, there is no one using the water in the canal for domestic purposes. The Board staff also visited the WWTP discharge point and other locations downstream to become familiar with the condition of the drains.

## **Sunwest Phase 2**

Sunwest contractors have started work this week despite not having any permits issued. I met with the contractors Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> along with Galo to discuss the premature start and how we could accommodate their desire to work without approved plans or permits. We agreed to inspect using unapproved plans with their understanding that they would correct any work not in compliance with approved plans and permits once issued.

## **Safe Route to School Cycle 10 Funding Application**

After meetings with school personnel, city staff, councilperson Thompson and police, we submitted an application for a \$500,000 project under the Caltrans Safe Route to Schools program. We should know officially by July 1st if we are selected. Caltrans expects to select 10 projects out of the 20 applications submitted, based on the funding available. The area selected for adding sidewalks is generally between B St and Trent St, and from 2<sup>th</sup> St to 4<sup>th</sup> St. The purpose being to close the gaps in existing sidewalks on both sides of that area. A copy of the application is available at City Hall.

## **CDBG Community Hall Grant Application**

Staff submitted a grant application to USDA under their Community Facilities Grant and Loan program. The application was for \$62,000 of which USDA would fund \$30,000. The proposed project is to replace the old, inefficient HVAC units with new, and provide handicap access from the street to the front door along with some paved handicap parking spaces.

This is just a start. There is a lot of work necessary to bring the building up to compliance and make it more suitable for large events. Other needed improvements include handicap accessible bathrooms, additional fixtures in the bathrooms, emergency lighting, etc., plus the modifications to convert the building to an efficient City Hall.

We received a request from USDA for additional information, certifications and assurances, which were provided the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the application is available for review at City Hall.