



City of Biggs
Agenda Item for the
next regular City Council Meeting
Nov 13, 2012, 6:00pm

**To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council**

Date: Nov 7, 2012

From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

R/W and utility relocation work has begun with identifying R/W needs and ordering title reports. Leo Rubio presented the project to RD 833 board. They directed their staff to review the design documents and cooperate with the City in completing the project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Sewer Rate Committee: The Committee has met a couple of times over the past month, although not all members attended all meetings. The Committee is not yet ready to make a recommendation to Council. The discussion has been focused on three primary topics: the cost of the project and possible funding sources, an equitable distribution of the sewer system cost to the rate payers, and involving state and federal elected officeholders in supporting the City's need for grant assistance. They reviewed the Sacramento County method of cost distribution and recognized the effort the County had gone through to develop their use factors. The committee thought using the same factors would be useful for the City. The Committee identified some state and federal elected officials to contact and asked staff to develop some talking points for those discussions. The City Administrator has drafted a set of talking points and distributed them for comment.

Phase I Design: Bennett Engineering has started design of the Phase I improvements in anticipation of construction next season. The Phase I improvements include a new headworks pump station, with screening to remove non-treatable items. These non-treatable items are the ones plugging the aerators. Phase I also includes improvements to the rock filters, chlorination facilities, control systems and aeration basins. The first step is the preparation of a Technical Memo for each of the improvements and review of the Memos with maintenance staff.

Property acquisition: We have received appraisals for two properties that are suitable for Phase II needs. Each has challenges to be overcome. One property is in default on tax liens and Staff is preparing a letter to the County Tax Collector expressing our interest in using the property for the sewer project. Staff will review each and be ready to present a report in closed session at the next Council meeting.

Sunwest Phase 2

The improvements are complete and seem to be working as intended.

Street Repair Priorities

The Public Works Committee has recommended a workshop at 5pm prior to the regular December Council meeting. That date will give staff time to publicize the topic and hopefully generate useful discussion at the workshop.