



City of Biggs
Agenda Item for the
next regular City Council Meeting
Dec 11, 2012, 6:30pm

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

Date: Dec 6, 2012

From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

Coordinating with RD833 and Caltrans on plans and specs.

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 recommends that we proceed with the Prop 218 process. There was insufficient time to prepare for the December meeting, so the item will be on the January meeting agenda.

As discussed at the last council meeting, the discussions have 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.

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.

Staff is meeting with Maxwell to tour their plant. Maxwell has recently converted their plant from discharge to ag drain to land disposal.

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.

A closed session regarding property acquisition is scheduled at the end of the regular agenda items.

Street Repair Priorities

A public workshop is scheduled at 5pm prior to the December 11 Council meeting. Information from the workshop will be used to present recommendations at the January council meeting.