



City of Biggs
Agenda Item for the
next regular City Council Meeting
March 12 , 6:30pm

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

Date: March 7, 2013

From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

Adjacent property owners have been presented with offers to purchase the needed right of way and temporary construction easements. We have received one signed document and are awaiting the other two who have agreed, but not yet returned signed documents. Escrows have been opened to handle the transactions. The utilities are planning their relocations and operations during construction. PG&E needs to provide a temporary relocation to keep a couple of customers in service. Their permanent relocation will occur during the construction period. The construction contractor needs to do some work before the permanent location is available.

PMC is waiting agency responses on recently submitted permit applications.

We have a meeting scheduled with RD 833 to work through the details of the maintenance agreement. We will present this to City Council when ready.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Design

Design is proceeding on the Phase 1 Upgrade Project. Topographic and boundary surveys were performed on Tuesday 3/5/13 at the Corp Yard for the new piping and pump station. The survey resolved a question about the location of the south property line and whether one of the existing forcemains is on City property. That is no longer an issue. In researching the forcemain location, we found additional as-built information on the existing plant. This is much better than finding it during construction.

An email from a resident that lives near the Corp Yard expressed concern for odors that may emanate from the new pump station and mechanical screen. Bennett staff has previously identified this as a design issue to be addressed, but hasn't finalized the solution. Possibilities for odor control include putting the screen equipment

inside a building with odor scrubbers in the ventilation, or chemical injection upstream from the mechanical screen to control odor formation. We will have more information at the Council meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Funding

We are continuing to provide documents to the SRF to supplement our Phase 1 application. The City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Planner have all been very helpful and prompt with our requests for help.

PMC is working on the environmental studies for Phase 2 and because of their contact with both SRF and USDA, we think it is timely to submit our funding application for Phase 2. It will be easier for agency staff to evaluate our requests with the additional information that will be included in the Phase 2 applications.

The protest hearing on the rate increase is scheduled for the April council meeting. We are available to help answer questions the council members may get from the public over the next month.

We are having an independent review of the property appraisals prepared for the properties of interest. When that is complete, we will request a closed session with the Council to get instructions on proceeding with offers.