



City of Biggs

Agenda Item for the
Next regular City Council Meeting
March 11, 2014, 6:30pm

To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council

Date: March 4, 2014

From: Brian Martin, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

Funding for WWTP Project

SRF Phase 1: The SRF loan agreement was signed and sent back to SRF. We are still waiting for the State to return the final executed agreement.

USDA Phase 2: We completed Addendum No. 2 and have reviewed it and have forwarded it to the USDA for their review.

SRF Phase 2: The SRF staff are reviewing all of the items submitted for the Phase 2 funding application.

Regional Board Issues

Requirements of Time Schedule Order (TSO): The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) was contacted about outstanding report items that relate to upgrading the existing wastewater plant to continue to discharge to Lateral K and the necessity for them. On February 27, 2014 we received correspondence from the RWQCB stating that the deliverable for a Method of Compliance Work Plan for Filtration and Turbidity, the Filtration and Turbidity Compliance Schedule Annual Report and the MDL/RL were still required. However, the two reports relating to Filtration and Turbidity will be a simple status report stating that the City is moving away from a surface water discharge to land disposal. The 25%, 50% and 100 % progress reports should give updates to the CVRWQCB regarding the City's progress towards that end. The MDLRL report is still required to be submitted per the current discharge permit.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Compliance Project: The City has been assessed fines in the amount of \$462,000 from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for effluent violations between Jan 2009 (new NPDES permit issued) to September 2012. We have requested to construct a compliance project in lieu of paying the fees. Subsequently, the Regional Board requested some information about the proposed project. The City provided that

information in November of last year and is still waiting for the Regional Water Quality Control Board's response. In a recent discussion with the RWQCB staff it was indicated that they are working on a response to the City and it should be provided within the next few weeks.

General Issues

Casey Parcel Map: The City received the draft final map for the Rufus Casey Parcel Map Project. The draft final map has been reviewed and a letter requesting changes has been sent to the surveyor that prepared the map.

Funding Opportunities: There are some potential grant funding opportunities that may be available for the City to pursue. Potential funding sources are as follows:

1. One of the sources is Cycle 1 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). This funding source is sponsored by CalTrans. Projects that are deemed high priority are Safe Routes to School Projects, and improvements to existing bikeways and walkways which improve mobility, access or safety for non-motorized users.
2. USDA loan and grant programs for drought related projects.
3. State of California Drought Relief Grant Program. There is money in this program for conservation efforts, for improving groundwater management, water for communities running out of drinking water and food and housing assistance for farmworkers whose fields have been laid fallow.

Sixth Street Bridge Project: The AT&T utility pole relocation is now expected in March 2014 rather than February as AT&T as previously reported.