



City of Biggs

Agenda Item for the
Next regular City Council Meeting
August 12, 2014 at 6:30pm

To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council

Date: August 5, 2014

From: Brian Martin, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

Funding for WWTP Project

SRF Phase 1: Reimbursement Request No. 2 has been submitted to SRF in the amount of \$29,284.31. We are still working on finalizing the Final Budget Approval which will modify our loan amount slightly to accommodate for the bid amount being over the estimate. The last thing we need for the Final Budget approval is a bond counsel opinion from Myers Nave. Myers Nave is working with USDA on that now. We should receive that soon.

USDA Phase 2: Our application was submitted. We were missing a few items that have now been submitted. We are working on the bond counsel opinion for the phase 2 work.

SRF Phase 2: Our application is missing the Environmental Questionnaire (“CEQA plus”). This has been requested from PMC. Much of the information they are looking for cannot be completed until the City owns the land. We are also working on the bond counsel opinion for the phase 2 work.

We have requested a couple of quotes from two reliable geotechnical firms to prepare a scope and fee for determining the appropriate locations and number of groundwater monitoring wells that will be needed to adequately monitor the groundwater for contaminants to comply with the Regional Board’s requirements.

We are also researching the process required for a “recycled water” project. SRF has told us to Check back at the beginning of October to see if there proposal to include land acquisition in their loan packages has received approval.

Regional Board Issues

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. In June we received notice from the RWQCB that the approval of the ACL in-lieu proposal was being reviewed by the high level staff.

On July 31, 2014 the City Administrator was verbally informed via a telephone call from Dan Warner at the Regional Water Quality Control Board that the ACL in-lieu arrangement has received final approval. Once we receive written confirmation, this should remove the \$462,000 cloud.

MUN Evaluation in Ag Dominated Water Bodies : In June of last year the City agreed to participate in a study to change the designation of receiving waters of the wastewater treatment plant effluent from Municipal (MUN) to Agricultural (Ag). This study is being conducted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) and is titled "*Evaluation of the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use in Ag Dominated Surface Water Bodies*". A stakeholder meeting is currently being scheduled by the Regional Board for mid to late September.

Sixth Street Bridge Project

Construction on the sixth street bridge project is well under way and estimated to be at 65 percent complete. The new Double Box Culvert and the north side wing walls have been completed. Reconstruction of the north side channel bank is currently underway and construction of the south side wing walls is planned for the following weeks. To date four progress pay estimates (PPEs) have been processed and paid.

- PPE No. 1: \$2,018.75
- PPE No. 2: \$124,877.50
- PPE No. 3: \$142,979.52
- PPE No. 4: \$129,679.11

Total PPE to date: \$399,554.88

To date, there have been seven Contract Change Orders (CCO) proposed and six have been approved.

- CCO#1, Hazmat survey of old bridge: \$1725.00
- CCO#2, Traffic Flagging: \$10,000.00
- CCO#3, Voided
- CCO#4, Unsuitable material R/R: \$6,889.25
- CCO#5, Box Culvert Realignment: \$24,100.00
- CCO#6, New Permit Requirements (GGS): \$20,000.00
- CCO#7, Temporary Shoring Power Pole: \$17,504.75

A request for an increase to the Federal Funds Authorization to cover the additional project costs has been submitted to Caltrans and is now being processed for approval. Completion of work in the channel is expected by mid-September. The Dakota Avenue intersection with 6th Street will be closed to through traffic during the months of August and September with traffic detour to Chatfield Avenue and SR 99. The project completion target is now October 2014.

Phase 1 Wastewater Improvement Project

On June 26, 2014 the City Council awarded the Phase 1 WWTP Improvements Project to Cal Electro, Inc. of Redding, California. Cal Electro, Inc. submitted the required Payment and Performance bonds, Certificates of Insurance, and an executed Construction Contract.

On July 25, 2014 a pre-construction meeting was held at the City's Corporation Yard for the project. The thirteen people that were in attendance included City Staff, Bennett Engineering Staff, Construction Inspection Staff, Contractor Staff and a representative from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Cal Electro, Inc. was given a Notice to Proceed on July 29, 2014 with a start date of August 4, 2014. The Contractor mobilized for construction on August 4th and is providing submittals for equipment, materials, permits, and a construction schedule. The construction contract is required to be completed within 180 working days, and the anticipated completion date is April 13th, 2015.

General Items

Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form : On July 3, 2014 the City received correspondence from a CalTrans Representative indicating that the City needed to submit Form 9-C , Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form prior to the end of July. This form is a requirement to continue to receive various sources of CalTrans funding.

On July 26, 1990, Congress enacted Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This Federal Law requires the City to provide disabled persons access to its services, programs, and activities. Regulations implementing the law set forth standards for what constitutes discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability, provide a definition of disability and qualified individual with a disability, and establish a complaint mechanism for resolving allegations of discrimination (28 CFR 35).

On July 31, 2009, Caltrans revised their requirements for annual reporting of ADA information and required local agencies receiving CalTrans funding to submit Form 9-C. Specific items included in the form include the following:

1. Designation of an ADA Compliance Coordinator. The City Engineer has been designated as this coordinator.
2. ADA Compliant Procedure: The City indicated that this would be adopted by July of 2015.
3. Self Evaluation Report: This report was identified to be completed by January of 2016.
4. Transition Plan: This report will be completed by January 2016.
5. Policies, Procedures and criteria for implementing ADA Compliance.

6. Utilization of State Architect Checklists to verify compliance with design packages, standard plans and field inspections to ensure compliance with both State and Federal accessibility standards.
7. Standard Plans are updated and reviewed on an ongoing basis for full ADA and California Accessibility compliance.

Form 9-C was submitted formally submitted to CalTrans on July 18, 2014. In the next year the City will need to prepare a complaint procedure and prepare a self evaluation report and a transition plan.

Second Street Well : The City contracted with Richard Sannar to perform a Record of Survey for the property where the Second Street Well is located. Mr. Sannar has completed the field work and found that the well house encroaches on the property to the north. It is the City's intent to construct an addition to the building to locate the chlorine storage and feed system in a separate room to reduce corrosion and deterioration to the pumps and control system. This will require the purchase of additional land to the north.