



City of Biggs

Agenda Item for the
Next regular City Council Meeting
December 9, 2014 at 6:30pm

To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council

Date: December 2, 2014

From: Brian Martin, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

Funding for WWTP Project

SRF Phase 1: We have received the Final Budget approval from SRF. We were under the impression that the SRF would release a check for the \$12,256 they were holding from Reimbursement Request No. 2 (total was \$29,284), however we have been notified by the SRF that we will need to request reimbursement again for this amount. The SRF has also determined that there was \$3,818 of ineligible costs withheld from Request No. 2 because these costs are considered Phase 2 costs and will be reimbursed after the Phase 2 project financing is approved.

SRF Phase 2: We have submitted all of the environmental documents that we can and the SRF is reviewing them. We are looking into possibly converting our application from a "wastewater" loan to a "recycled water" loan through SRF. The "recycled water" loan has a better interest rate now because of the drought but may require some additional effort to complete the application and/or different requirements. On Monday, Nov. 3, 2014 we met with the City's Public Works Committee to discuss this potential funding opportunity. We are still talking with the RWQCB to get more information regarding permitting requirements. SRF has still not made a decision on including land acquisition in their loans.

USDA Phase 2: On November 20, 2014 we met with USDA and our new project manager. We discussed a project overview, status of property acquisition, environmental status and funding status. The new project manager with USDA had reviewed all of the documents and provided a list of the items that are still outstanding. We are working on obtaining those items now. To assist in coordination between the SRF and USDA a high level staff member with USDA agreed to coordinate directly with the staff of SRF. It is believed that this will assist greatly in moving the funding forward.

Regional Board Issues

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 was held on September 26, 2014. At that meeting the Regional Board Staff did not have the final calendar for the 2015 Central Valley Water Board meetings available. The Board's final calendar has now been adopted and the MUN evaluation project timeline has been updated as follows:

Sacramento POTW (cities of Biggs, Colusa, Live Oak and Willows) Basin Plan Amendment:

Board meeting for a hearing – February (5/6) 2015 in Rancho Cordova
Board meeting for adoption – April (9/10) 2015 in Fresno

Region-wide MUN Evaluation Process Basin Plan Amendment:

Board workshop – April (9/10) 2015 in Fresno

Because of this new schedule, the Regional Board Staff have decided to postpone the next stakeholder meeting until January 2015. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on the Sacramento POTW Basin Plan Amendment. A completed draft Staff Report is supposed to be available to the public by that time.

The Regional Board Staff is also planning on conducting another stakeholder meeting after the February board meeting to discuss the Region-wide MUN evaluation process amendment in preparation for the workshop in April.

Sixth Street Bridge Project

The Construction Contract Acceptance and the Proposed Final Pay Estimate was issued to the Contractor on November 4, 2014. To date, eight progress pay estimates (PPEs) have been processed and paid (including payment for release of retention). The Contractor submitted a response on November 12, 2014 with exceptions to the Proposed Final Pay Estimate. The City is now reviewing the Contractor's exception claims and will prepare a final response.

Attached below is a summary of the Progress Pay Estimates (PPE) to date.

- PPE No. 1: \$2,018.75
- PPE No. 2: \$124,877.50
- PPE No. 3: \$142,979.52
- PPE No. 4: \$129,679.11
- PPE No. 5: \$64,864.23
- PPE No. 6: \$160,240.87

- PPE No. 7: \$1,132.87
- PPE No. 8: \$37,081.20

Total PPE to date: \$662,874.06

The following Contract Change Orders (CCO) were approved and included in the progress payments to Contractor.

- CCO#1, Hazmat survey of old bridge: \$1725.00
- CCO#2, Traffic Flagging: \$4,652.40
- CCO#3, Voided
- CCO#4, Unsuitable material R/R: \$6,889.25
- CCO#5, Box Culvert Realignment: \$24,727.09
- CCO#6, New Permit Requirements (GGS): \$18,270.42
- CCO#7, Temporary Shoring Power Pole: \$14,454.18
- CCO#8, Tree Removal \$1,000.00
- CCO#9, Revised Traffic Control \$1,865.00
- CCO#10, Adjust Utilities \$1,549.93
- CCO#11, Modify Concrete Barrier \$483.07
- CCO#12, Protect PG&E Gas Line \$1,754.72
- CCO#13, Remove and Replace Curb
And Gutter \$800.00

To date the total City expenditures on this project have been \$1,235,869.25. The Caltrans reimbursement to date is \$960,237.80. There is \$250,661.72 of expenditures that are pending reimbursement from Caltrans. To date there has been \$24,969.73 of non-reimbursable City costs.

Phase 1 Wastewater Improvement Project

Field construction continued through November at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Corporation Yard sites. November work included: Deep excavation, site preparation, placement of new lift station wet well and screen structure, and initial demolition of the old de-chlorination basin. November included periods of wet weather, which made deep excavation and dewatering a challenge. Next items of construction include: excavation and placement of the new gravity sewer main in the Corporation Yard once the Contractor submits a revised plan for excavation, shoring, and dewatering. We have also halted demolition and backfilling of the de-chlorination basin due to the potential to convert and use this basin in the Phase 2 Improvements. The project is currently on-schedule.

We are setting up the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) for the Phase 1 Wastewater Improvement Project. SMARTS is an online data base that allows regulating entities to view reports and information on water quality control efforts with storm water.