



City of Biggs

Agenda Item for the
Next regular City Council Meeting
April 14, 2015 at 6:30pm

To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council

Date: April 3, 2015

From: Brian Martin, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

Funding for WWTP Project

SRF Phase 1: Reimbursement Request No. 3 in the amount of \$527,615 and No. 4 in the amount of \$171,236 have been sent to SRF. On April 1, 2015 the City received notice that Reimbursement Request No. 3 had been approved and that the City should be receiving a check for the above amount very soon.

SRF Phase 2: SRF is now offering land acquisition as part of their funding for the same interest rate and terms (significantly better than USDA). In addition, we are evaluating the potential of adding the water meter project funding in this application as well as consolidating (refinancing) previous loans into this one new loan.

USDA Phase 2: We have put the USDA funding application on hold while we determine if the City should consolidate the Phase 2 funding into one SRF application.

Sixth Street Bridge Project

On March 10, 2015 the Contractor submitted a request for Claim Arbitration to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the City is now preparing a response. The arbitration process is expected to proceed over the next few months.

The Final Payment was issued to the Contractor on January 14, 2015. A total of ten progress pay estimates (PPEs) and 12 Contract Change Orders (\$81,229.67) have been processed and paid (including payment for release of retention) for a total amount of \$704,182.90.

To date the total City expenditures on this project have been \$1,277,753.10. The Caltrans reimbursement to date is \$960,237.80. There is \$292,545.57 of expenditures that are pending reimbursement from Caltrans. To date there has been \$24,969.73 of non-reimbursable City costs.

ATP Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Project

A project review meeting was held with the City Public Works Committee on March 25, 2015. Preliminary engineering work is now underway, including confirming existing City right of way along proposed street improvements and identification of utility adjustments.

It should be noted that the construction of new sidewalk will impact some existing front yard fencing and landscaping that is within City right of way. City water meters that may be in conflict will also need to be relocated. We will be in contact with affected home owners in the near future for coordination of front yard impacts.

This project also includes funding to develop a City wide ATP/SRTS Plan to identify the City's pedestrian and bike facilities, SRTS priority routes, and future improvement needs. We will be scheduling public outreach meetings to obtain community input for this plan. Outreach will include the local school students and administration, the Public Health Department, the City Public Works Committee and City residents.

Project funds by phase:

1) Project Approval & ED (PA&ED):	\$40,000, allocated 1/22/15
2) Project Final Design (PS&E):	\$60,000, future allocation
3) Project Construction:	\$760,000, future allocation
TOTAL:	\$860,000

Phase 1 Wastewater Improvement Project

During the past month the primary construction activity in the Corp Yard has included pouring the Motor Control Center (MCC) slab and installing the MCC, installing the transformer, working on items related to the wet well, installing the above ground piping in the vicinity of the wet well, and connecting one of the two force mains to the new piping. Current work at the treatment plant site includes replacement of mud (drain) valves in the rock filter units, power and conduit work near the Lab building, and preparation for fencing.

There are a number of potential change order items that are being negotiated with the Contractor.

We are currently processing Progress Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$283,622.50. To date we have processed three contractor pay estimates and two Contract Change Orders. A summary of the fully processed pay estimates and change orders are shown below:

Progress Pay Estimate No. 1	\$265,287.50
Progress Pay Estimate No. 2	\$125,637.50
Progress Pay Estimate No. 3	<u>\$100,956.83</u>

Totals	\$491,881.83
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Change Order No. 1, Snake Barrier Fence	\$2820.35
Change Order No. 2, Gravity Sewer Revisions	(Pending)
Change Order No. 3, Reconnect Sewer Lateral To Corp Yard Building	<u>\$1795.91</u>

Totals	\$4616.26
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Utility System Mapping

We received AutoCAD files for the 2006 USDA Waterline Replacement Project from the previous City Engineer for use as base maps in this effort. Bennett staff members will continue combining utility information from several sources including the Biggs/Gridley Electrical Utility to produce wall maps for the Water, Sewer, Storm Drain, and Electrical utilities. It is anticipated that draft maps will be delivered to City staff by the middle of April for review and comment.

Water Rate Study

The California Rural Water Association (CRWA) has hired a new staff member that will be working on the City of Biggs Water Rate Study. To date we have forwarded the CRWA staff member a copy of the City's Water Rate Ordinance, the City's Master Plan, the City's water use and water production for the 2014 calendar year, and a copy of the City's current year budget. We will be meeting with the CRWA Executive Director on April 8, 2015 to discuss the water rate study project.