



## CITY OF BIGGS Planning Staff Report

**TO:** CITY OF BIGGS CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Scott Friend, AICP – City Planner

**MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2016; 6:30 p.m.  
Biggs City Hall, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA 95917

**SUBJECT:** Funding Request: Supplemental Funding for the City of Biggs Wastewater Land Application Project

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### REQUEST

Staff requests that the City Council consider authorizing funding and authorizing the City Administrator to sign a task order / contract with Michael Baker International for continued professional services supporting the City's pursuit of permits and State and Federal agency approvals to construct the proposed Wastewater Land Application project in an amount not to exceed \$6,800.00 dollars.

### DISCUSSION

For the past four (4)-plus years, the City of Biggs has been working to plan and construct a project to address the Time Schedule Order issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board relating to the City's disposal of treated effluent from its Wastewater Treatment Plant. To this end, the City has expended a substantial amount of time and money and dedicated a tremendous amount of resources toward the project. However, not all of the environmental clearances required to construct the project have been secured and additional effort is needed to complete work on this phase of the project. Specifically, additional work effort is required to secure approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) related to consultation for, and receipt of, a Section 7 Endangered Species Act permit for the project.

Up to this point, funding for staff time for City Planning staff necessary to work on this project has come from either the City's annual professional services contract with Michael Baker International or from the budget remaining on the City's contact with Michael Baker (formerly PMC) for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) supporting the project. However, all available funds for this purpose have been expended and additional funding has become necessary to allow staff to complete the work effort to secure necessary permits and approvals for the project.

Based upon discussions with the State Water Board and experience in working on similar Section 7 consultation efforts, planning staff (Michael Baker) believes that supplemental funding in the amount of \$6,800 should be sufficient to allow City staff to complete the work effort necessary to secure Section 7 approval from the USFWS.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment has been sought on this matter and none has been received.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Professional Services: \$6,800.00

Funds have not been allocated in the Department's approved FY 15-16 budget for this purpose and neither the existing Department FY operating budget or the approved environmental impact report budget, which has now been fully expended, can accommodate this request.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council consider the request and approve funding for this task in the amount of up to \$6,800.00 and requests authorization allowing for the City Administrator to pursue the completion of the contract for this service.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- None